

Title: ANIMAL HEALTH

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Purpose: Greenview recognizes that the *Agricultural Service Board Act* imposes obligation upon municipalities under the *Animal Health Act* including any amendments or successor legislation thereto, and that it is beneficial to livestock producers and the general public to actively support and assist the activities of the Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian and Officers of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency in their efforts to enact a rapid response in the event of an animal disease outbreak.

DEFINITIONS

Biosecurity measures means actions taken to minimize the spread of a disease or a disease-causing agent.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) means a regulatory agency that is dedicated to the safeguarding of food, animals, and plants, which enhance the health and well-being of Canada's people, environment and economy.

Chief Provincial Veterinarian means the chief provincial veterinarian appointed under Section 5 of the *Animal Health Act*.

Notifiable disease means a notifiable disease within the meaning of Section 4 of the *Animal Health Act*.

Reportable disease means a disease within the meaning of Section 3 of the *Animal Health Act*.

POLICY

1. The Manager of Agricultural Services or their designate shall, as required by law, report known or suspected cases of reportable and/or notifiable diseases to the Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian within 24 hours.
2. The Manager of Agricultural Services or their designate shall serve as an Inspector under the *Animal Health Act*, when requested and under appointment by the Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian or Officers of the CFIA.
3. Agricultural Services will provide information based on local knowledge to the Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian

PROCEDURE

1. Agricultural Services personnel shall provide information and technical assistance to producers, residents, and members of the public in appropriate animal disease prevention practices, and shall conduct activities to encourage the adoption of farm biosecurity measures.
2. Agricultural Services shall provide Logistical assistance when an outbreak has occurred which requires immediate containment or control; such assistance may include, but not limited to,
 - 2.1 Conducting animal health inspections
 - 2.2 Arranging facilities and public information sessions
 - 2.3 Arranging subsistence and accommodations for bio-containment officers
 - 2.4 Arranging equipment necessary for incineration and burial of diseased animal
3. The Manager of Agricultural Services or their designate shall provide information to the Minister of Agriculture, and disseminate information on disease outbreaks as authorized by the Minister's Office.