

Title: Weed Control Policy

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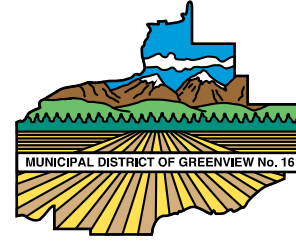
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Legal References:

Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. E-12.

Weed Control Act, S.A. 2008, c. W-5.1.

Weed Control Regulation 19/2010

Cross References:

Bylaw 22-895 "Unlegislated Agricultural Pest Bylaw"

Bylaw 22-894 "Designated Noxious Weeds Bylaw"

Policy 6316 "Pest Control"

Policy 6317 "Spray Exemptions"

Policy 6309 "Agricultural Improvement"

Policy 6302 "Roadside Vegetation Management"

Purpose: Greenview believes that it is beneficial for the municipality to implement measures to prevent the establishment of and control the spread of invasive plant species on public and privately held lands.

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **Authorized Agent** means the person or persons to whom the registered landowner has authorized to act on their behalf through a contractual agreement.
- 1.2. **Control** means that the plant population and potential propagation has been lessened.
- 1.3. **Designated** means a plant that has been elevated to Noxious status by Greenview Bylaw No. 22-894
- 1.4. **Eradicate** means all propagative structures of the plant have been destroyed.
- 1.5. **Greenview** means the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16.
- 1.6. **Noxious means** a plant species listed on the Weed Control Regulation 19/2010 as requiring control under the Weed Control Act, S.A. 2008 (Chapter W-5.1).
- 1.7. **Prohibited Noxious** means a plant listed on the Weed Control Regulation 19/2010 as requiring destruction under the Weed Control Act, S.A. 2008 (Chapter W-5.1).
- 1.8. **Registered Landowner** means the Person or Persons to whom the land title is registered to.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.1. Greenview believes that it is beneficial to implement measures to prevent the establishment of, and to control the spread of, legislated noxious and prohibited noxious plant species as established in Bylaw No. 22-894 Designated Noxious Weeds Bylaw, Weed Control Act 2008 Chapter W-5.1, and the Weed Control Regulation 19/2010 on all public and private lands within the boundaries of Greenview to protect agricultural production, the environment and the local aesthetic.

3. PROCEDURE

- 3.1. Greenview Agricultural Services shall inspect, where reasonably practicable, private, and publicly held lands within Greenview on an annual basis to monitor for Designated, Prohibited Noxious or Noxious plants.
- 3.2. All Prohibited Noxious weeds observed on Greenview properties during inspections shall be eradicated (destruction of all parts of the plant).
- 3.3. All Noxious weeds observed on Greenview properties during inspections shall be controlled as to prevent their spread.
- 3.4. All Prohibited Noxious weeds observed on private or public lands within Greenview during inspections shall, through cooperation or enforcement, be eradicated by the registered landowner (destruction of all parts of the plant).
- 3.5. All Designated and Noxious weeds observed on private or public lands within Greenview during inspections shall, through cooperation or enforcement, be controlled by the registered landowner to prevent their spread.

4. COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1. Council shall approve a budget that is adequate to fund inspection, monitoring, and enforcement activities on an annual basis.
- 4.2. Council shall annually appoint an adequate number of municipal weed inspectors to facilitate inspections.
- 4.3. Council shall appoint an independent appeal committee annually to hear any appeals resultant from issued Weed Notices.
- 4.4. Should the need arise, Council may elevate a plant of concern to Noxious or Prohibited Noxious within Greenview through bylaw and permission of the appropriate Provincial Ministry.

5. ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1. Greenview shall ensure that the relevant legislation pertaining to herbicide applications and weed control are followed; Weed Control Act of Alberta R.S.A. 2008 (Chapter W-5.1), Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act R.S.A. 2000 (Chapter E-12), and any successor legislation.

- 5.2. Greenview's weed control program will strive to undertake such actions as required and as often as resources allow, to eradicate legislated weeds within municipal controlled lands.
- 5.3. Annually, Greenview will advertise the municipality's intention, location and approximate timeline to conduct weed control activities on municipal properties. These measures may include but are not limited to mechanical, cultural or chemical control.
- 5.4. Measures used to control and eradicate weeds under this policy shall minimize the potential for negative impacts on the natural environment and strive to be cost-effective.
- 5.5. Greenview shall train, employ, and appoint sufficient staff to conduct control measures.
- 5.6. Human Resources shall provide identification to duly appointed Greenview Weed Inspectors as specified in Section 10 of the Weed Control Act 2008 Chapter W-5.1.

6. PRIVATE LAND HERBICIDE APPLICATION

- 6.1. To prevent legislated weed species spread into adjacent lands, Greenview Agricultural Services will offer a 2-acre annual maximum Private Land spray program.
- 6.2. Greenview Agricultural Services is authorized to enter into hold harmless agreements with registered landowners, or their authorized agent, to provide herbicide applications to control designated weeds on private land, at no charge to the landowner.
- 6.3. Private land herbicide application will only be permitted if service does not negatively impact the roadside vegetation management programs of Greenview and will be conducted at the discretion of the Manager of Agriculture Services or their designate.
- 6.4. If, at any time it is determined by Agriculture Services personnel that roadsides under a Spray Exemption Agreement require remedial vegetation control measures due to the proliferation of Noxious Weeds, Prohibited Noxious Weeds, or Brush, the terms of the agreement will be deemed to have been breached and the agreement will become null and void for that calendar year. Greenview Agriculture Services will take immediate action to rectify the situation, which may include herbicide applications. In the event of a default of the Spray Exemption Agreement, no exemption will be granted for that property in the subsequent calendar year.

SCHEDULE 'A'

As of the passing of this policy, the following weeds are designated as prohibited noxious as per Alberta Weed Control Regulation 19/2010:

- autumn olive — *Elaeagnus umbellata* Thunb.
- balsam, Himalayan — *Impatiens glandulifera* Royle
- barberry, common — *Berberis vulgaris* L.
- bartsia, red — *Odontites vernus* (Bellardi) Dumort
- buckthorn, common — *Rhamnus cathartica* L.
- cinquefoil, sulphur — *Potentilla recta* L.
- crupina, common — *Crupina vulgaris* Pers. ex Cass.
- dyer's woad — *Isatis tinctoria* L.
- Eurasian water milfoil — *Myriophyllum spicatum* L.
- flowering rush — *Butomus umbellatus* L.
- garlic mustard — *Alliaria petiolata* (M. Bieb.) Cavara & Grande
- goatgrass, jointed — *Aegilops cylindrica* Host
- hawkweed, meadow — *Pilosella caespitosa* Dumort.
- hawkweed, mouse-ear — *Pilosella officinarum* L.
- hawkweed, orange — *Pilosella aurantiaca* L.
- hoary alyssum — *Berteroa incana* (L.) DC.
- hogweed, giant — *Heracleum mantegazzianum* Sommier & Levier
- iris, pale yellow — *Iris pseudacorus* L.
- knapweed, bighead — *Centaurea macrocephala* Puschk. ex Willd.
- knapweed, black — *Centaurea nigra* L.
- knapweed, brown — *Centaurea jacea* L.
- knapweed, diffuse — *Centaurea diffusa* Lam.
- knapweed, hybrid — *Centaurea × psammogena* Gáyér
- knapweed, meadow — *Centaurea × moncktonii* C. E. Britton
- knapweed, Russian — *Rhaponticum repens* (L.) Hidalgo
- knapweed, spotted — *Centaurea stoebe* L. ssp. *micranthos* (Gugler) Hayek
- knapweed, squarrose — *Centaurea virgata* Lam. ssp. *squarrosa* (Willd.) Gugler
- knapweed, Tyrol — *Centaurea nigrescens* Willd.
- knotweed, giant — *Fallopia sachalinensis* (F. Schmidt Petrop.)
 Ronse Decr.
- knotweed, hybrid Japanese — *Fallopia × bohémica* (Chrték & Chrtková) J. P. Bailey
- knotweed, Japanese — *Fallopia japonica* (Houtt.) Ronse Decr.
- loosestrife, purple — *Lythrum salicaria* L.
- medusahead — *Taeniatherum caput-medusae* (L.) Nevski
- nutsedge, yellow — *Cyperus esculentus* L.
- puncturevine — *Tribulus terrestris* L.
- ragwort, tansy — *Jacobaea vulgaris* Gaertn.
- rush skeletonweed — *Chondrilla juncea* L.
- saltcedar — *Tamarix ramosissima* Ledeb.
- saltlover — *Halogeton glomeratus* (M. Bieb.) C.A. Mey.
- St John's-wort, common — *Hypericum perforatum* L.
- starthistle, yellow — *Centaurea solstitialis* L.
- tamarisk, Chinese — *Tamarix chinensis* Lour.
- tamarisk, smallflower — *Tamarix parviflora* DC.
- thistle, marsh — *Cirsium palustre* (L.) Scop.
- thistle, nodding — *Carduus nutans* L.
- thistle, plumeless — *Carduus acanthoides* L.

SCHEDULE 'B'

As of the passing of this policy, the following weeds are designated as noxious as per Alberta Weed Control Regulation 19/2010:

- baby's-breath, common — *Gypsophila paniculata* L.
- bellflower, creeping — *Campanula rapunculoides* L.
- bindweed, field — *Convolvulus arvensis* L.
- blueweed — *Echium vulgare* L.
- brome, downy — *Bromus tectorum* L.
- brome, Japanese — *Bromus japonicus* Thunb.
- burdock, great — *Arctium lappa* L.
- burdock, lesser — *Arctium minus* (Hill) Bernh.
- burdock, woolly — *Arctium tomentosum* Mill.
- buttercup, tall — *Ranunculus acris* L.
- chamomile, scentless — *Tripleurospermum inodorum* (L.) Sch. Bip.
- clematis, yellow — *Clematis tangutica* (Maxim.) Korsh.
- cockle, white — *Silene latifolia* Poir. ssp. *alba* (Miller) Greuter & Burdet
- daisy, oxeye — *Leucanthemum vulgare* Lam.
- dame's rocket — *Hesperis matronalis* L.
- henbane, black — *Hyoscyamus niger* L.
- hoary cress, globe-podded — *Lepidium appelianum* Al-Shehbaz
- hoary cress, heart-podded — *Lepidium draba* L.
- hoary cress, lens-podded — *Lepidium chalepense* L.
- hound's-tongue — *Cynoglossum officinale* L.
- mullein, common — *Verbascum thapsus* L.
- pepper-grass, broad-leaved — *Lepidium latifolium* L.
- scabious, field — *Knautia arvensis* (L.) Coult.
- sow thistle, perennial — *Sonchus arvensis* L.
- spurge, leafy — *Euphorbia esula* L.
- tansy, common — *Tanacetum vulgare* L.
- thistle, Canada — *Cirsium arvense* (L.) Scop.
- toadflax, Dalmatian — *Linaria dalmatica* (L.) Mill.
- toadflax, yellow — *Linaria vulgaris* Mill.