

Title: Pest Control

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Purpose: Greenview recognizes that a number of organisms including but not limited to insects, mammals, birds, diseases, viruses, bacterium, fungi, and nematodes have been declared as pests and/or nuisances under the Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta (RSA 2000 A-8 s2) and these organisms represent a potential threat to agricultural operations within the municipality. Greenview further recognizes that it is beneficial to the municipality to implement measures to prevent the establishment of and/or to control agricultural pests, and to encourage the control of problematic nuisance species.

DEFINITIONS

Agricultural Appeals Committee means an independent committee made of Council appointed public members to hear appeals for both the Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pests Act.

Agricultural Pests Act R.S.A 2000, Chapter A-8 means the Act which enables the Minister’s authority to declare an animal, bird, insect, plant, or disease as a pest or nuisance if it is destroying, harming, or is likely to destroy or harm any land, livestock, or property in all or part of Alberta. The Act outlines the duties of individuals and local authorities related to the prevention and destruction of pests and the appointment and powers of inspectors to enforce the Act, including their authority to enter and conduct inspections on private property. Offences related to, and penalties for, contravention of the Act are described. The appeal process for issued notices and the recovery of inspector’s expenses are also described.

Inspector means a person appointed as an inspector, including an inspector by virtue of office under section 9 of the Agricultural Pests Act.

POLICY

1. Greenview Council will ensure that appropriate resources and personnel will be utilized to fulfill obligations that are a part of the Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta (RSA 2000 A-8 s2).
2. Agriculture Services personnel will provide information to residents, ratepayers, and stakeholders in appropriate pest prevention and management practices, and will conduct activities to limit the spread of established pest organisms.

PROCEDURE

1. Greenview Council will appoint an independent Agricultural Appeal Committee at the fall organizational meeting, to review and render decisions upon appeals submitted.

2. Greenview Council will appoint the Assistant Manager of Agriculture Services, and other staff, as Inspectors under the Agricultural Pests Act. The Manager of Agriculture Services is, by virtue of title under the Agricultural Service Board Act, automatically appointed as an Inspector under the Agricultural Pests Act (APA).
3. Greenview will provide appropriate identification to appointed Pest Inspectors.
4. The Manager of Agriculture Services and others appointed, will serve as Inspectors under the APA, and will, as authorized by the Act, conduct pest inspections and surveillance and will monitor and accurately record pest outbreaks.
5. Inspectors appointed under the APA will encourage voluntary compliance with the requirements of the Act and will, as a last resort, take action and/or impose penalties as required by the Act, upon the landowner in the event that declared pests infest public or private lands unabated.
6. An appointed Inspector will issue and enforce such notices as required by the APA when the Inspector is of the opinion that the land, property, or livestock contains, or is likely to contain a pest, or should be protected against a declared pest.

APPENDIX

1. Schedule "A" Declared Pests under the Pest and Nuisance Regulation AR 184/2001
2. Schedule "B" Declared Nuisances under the Pest and Nuisance Regulation AR 184/2001

Schedule A:

Schedule 1 AR 184/2001

Part 1

**Animals, birds, insects, plants and diseases
declared to be pests throughout Alberta**

Africanized bee — *Apis mellifera adansonii*
 Bacterial ring rot — *Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *sepedonicus*
 Blackleg of canola — *Leptosphaeria maculans*
 Chalkbrood — *Ascosphaera aggregata*
 Clubroot — *Plasmodiophora brassicae*
 Columbia River root knot nematode — *Meloidogyne chitwoodi*
 Dutch elm disease — *Ophiostoma ulmi* and *Ophiostoma nova-ulmi*
 Dwarf bunt — *Tilletia controversa*
 European elm bark beetle — *Scolytus multistriatus*
 Fireblight and the causal bacterium — *Erwinia amylovora*
 Flag smut of cereals — *Urocystis agropyri*
 Fusarium head blight — *Fusarium graminearum*
 Golden nematode — *Globodera rostochiensis*
 Grasshopper (Locustidae)
 Gypsy moth — *Lymantria dispar*
 Head smut of corn — *Spacelothecia reiliana*
 Karnal bunt — *Tilletia indica*
 Lesser grain borer — *Rhyzopertha dominica*
 Native elm bark beetle — *Hylurgopinus rufipes*
 Norway rat and any other rat species or strain derived from the genus *Rattus*
 Potato wart — *Synchytrium endobioticum*
 Rabies — *Rhabdoviruses*
 Stem and bulb nematode — *Ditylenchus dipsaci*
 Warble fly — *Hypoderma*
 White rot of onions — *Sclerotium cepivorum*

Pests

2(1) The animals, birds, insects, plants and diseases set out in Part 1 of Schedule 1 are declared to be pests throughout Alberta.

(2) Wild boar (*Sus scrofa*) is declared to be a pest where it is at large in Alberta.

Schedule B:**Schedule 1 AR 184/2001****Part 2****Animals, birds, insects, plants and diseases
declared to be nuisances throughout Alberta**

Bushy-tailed wood rat — *Neotoma cinerea*
 Columbian ground squirrel — *Spermophilus columbianus*
 Coyote — *Canis latrans*
 Deer mouse — *Peromyscus maniculatus*
 English sparrow — *Passer domesticus*
 European starling — *Sturnus vulgaris*
 Franklin's ground squirrel — *Spermophilus franklinii*
 House mouse — *Mus musculus*
 Magpie — *Pica pica*
 Meadow vole — *Microtus pennsylvanicus*
 Northern pocket gopher — *Thomomys talpoides*
 Richardson's ground squirrel — *Spermophilus richardsonii*
 Rock dove — *Columba livia*
 Skunk — *Mephitis mephitis*
 Thirteen-lined ground squirrel — *Spermophilus tridecemlineatus*

Nuisances

3(1) The animals, birds, insects, plants and diseases set out in Part 2 of Schedule 1 are declared to be nuisances throughout Alberta.

(2) A horse (*Equus caballus*) is declared to be a nuisance where it is at large in any of the following wildlife management units, as described in Schedule 9 to the *Wildlife Regulation* (AR 143/97):

Wolf River Wildlife Management Unit (340);
 McLeod River Wildlife Management Unit (342);
 Wildhay Wildlife Management Unit (344);
 Shiningbank Wildlife Management Unit (346);
 Coalspur Wildlife Management Unit (438);
 Solomon Wildlife Management Unit (439);
 Adams Creek Wildlife Management Unit (440).