



COUNCIL POLICY C-AGO2

Clubroot Management

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Alberta Clubroot Management Plan,
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Function: Agricultural Services

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a management plan to prevent and minimize the spread and impact of clubroot in Parkland County.

POLICY STATEMENT

Parkland County shall carry out the requirements of the *Agricultural Pests Act*, and whereas clubroot was named as a declared pest under the *Act* in 2007, municipalities may take active measures to prevent the establishment of, control, or destroy clubroot in the municipality.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Cruciferous" plants include canola/rapeseed and mustard as well as the cabbage family (broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, kale, kohlrabi, radish, rutabaga and turnip).

SCOPE

This policy applies to all landowners in Parkland County.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Manager of Agricultural Services is responsible for the implementing, monitoring, and evaluating of this policy.

STANDARDS

1. Canola crops in Parkland County will be inspected for the presence of clubroot each growing season.
2. Inspections will be conducted by inspectors appointed by County Council.
3. Inspections, sampling techniques, and protocols for entering land, will be established by Agricultural Services.

4. When land is verified positive for clubroot, the landowner will be notified in writing and requested to follow the Best Management Guidelines in the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan.
5. For research purposes only, canola and other cruciferous crops may be permitted to be grown on lands where a clubroot notice has been issued upon them, after pre-approval has been granted by the Manager of Agricultural Services.
6. The owner or occupants of the land who are disturbing the soil will have the responsibility to follow the Best Management Guidelines that are laid out in the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan that is set out by Alberta Agriculture and Food to reduce the spread of the disease with the movement of soil and equipment.
7. Parkland County Agricultural Services will provide information and education to landowners regarding the spread of this disease.
8. Parkland County shall, as soon as practical, serve a demand for payment of the expenses incurred by the municipality on the owner of the land, along with any applicable administrative fees as set out in the Fees and Charges Schedule approved by Council.