



COUNCIL POLICY C-AG14

Weed Inspectors

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PURPOSE

To identify areas with infestations of prohibited noxious and noxious weeds within Parkland County.

POLICY STATEMENT

Parkland County's Agricultural Services Department Weed Inspectors may serve notice on parcels of land which are infested with prohibited noxious and noxious weeds in accordance with the Weed Control Act.

If the said notice is not complied with within the time specified on the notice, the weed control work shall be carried out at the expense of the landowner. Where payment is not received within thirty (30) days of the date on the billing, the costs shall be added to the tax roll. The landowner has the right to appeal the weed notice under Section 28 of the Weed Control Act.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all landowners within Parkland County.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Agricultural Services is responsible for the development, approval, implementation, monitoring and evaluating of this policy.

STANDARDSDuties of Weed Inspectors

1. Weed Inspectors shall be appointed by Council to carry out duties under the Weed Control Act as follows:
 - a. To conduct field inspections and serve appropriate notices for prohibited noxious and noxious weeds.
 - b. To investigate weed complaints by the general public.
 - c. To evoke action to control and/or destroy weeds where justified in compliance with the Weed Control Act.

Appeal Provisions

1. Appeals must be made to the local authority in which land is located.
2. The notice of appeal shall be in writing defining location and why the appeal is being made.
3. The notice shall be delivered to the County prior to the action taking place or within 10 days whichever is less.
4. The notice of appeal shall be accompanied by a deposit in the amount set out in the Weed Control Act, which is refundable if the appeal is successful.
5. The County Appeal Committee – Weed Control Act shall hear and determine appeal within 15 days.