



## Legislation Text

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### Agricultural Policies Rescindment Presentation

#### **Proposed Motion**

That the Agricultural Policies Rescindment presentation be received for information, as presented.

#### **Administration Recommendation**

Administration supports the motion.

#### **Purpose**

Council approved Agricultural Services Policy C- AG001 in 2020 and existing agriculture policies require rescinding.

#### **Summary**

Council adopted Agricultural Services Policy C-AG001 in May, 2020. There are a number of dated policies that are being recommended to Council to rescind. The policies are being presented to Committee for information and consideration prior to requesting a decision from Council in May. These policies are publicly available and cause confusion for residents as the policies do not align with operational practice or current program offerings. Agriculture Services has consulted with the Agricultural Service Board on rescinding these policies and there were no concerns raised by the Board.

The following actions are being recommended for the Agriculture Policies:

Policy C-AG01 Agricultural Rental Equipment - rescind Policy. Develop Procedures to reflect current operational practice.

Policy C - AG02 Clubroot Management - rescind Policy. Develop a Pest Surveillance and Management Directive and Procedures to reflect current operational practice.

Policy C-AG03 Shelterbelt Trees - rescind Policy. No further action required as programs referred to in policy no longer exist.

Policy C-AG04 Roadside Seeding - rescind Policy. No further action required as roadside seeding standards are included in engineer design standards.

Policy C-AG06 Coyote Control - Private Land and/or Grazing Reserves - rescind Policy. No further action required as policy is redundant to the Agricultural Pest Act.

Policy C-AG07 Ground Squirrel and Gopher Control - County/Private Land - rescind Policy. No further action required as policy is redundant to the Agricultural Pest Act.

Policy C-AG08 Vegetation Control - rescind Policy. Update Procedures to reflect current operational practice.

Policy C-AG13 Topsoil Removal - rescind Policy - No further action required as standards are included in Land Use By-Law.

Policy C-Ag 14 Weed Inspectors - rescind Policy - No further action is required as policy is redundant to the Weed Control Act.

Policy C- AG20 Seed Cleaning Plant Assistance - rescind Policy. No further action required as inspection requirements are included in Provincial standards.

Policy C-AG21 Soil Conservation - rescind Policy. No further action required as policy is redundant to the Soil Conservation Act.

#### **Strategic Plan/Policy/Legal/Staff Implications:**

Rescinding of dated policies will provide clarity to residents.  
Aligns with Council Strategic Vision of Leadership and Service.

**Financial Impact:**

Cost: n/a

Source of Funding: n/a