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Clubroot of Brassicaceae	Approved By: RES 905-10-28-08 RES 226-25-06-13 RES 254-10-09-18
Subject Area:	
Agricultural Services	Date(s) Revised: June 25, 2013 October 9, 2018

Policy Statement:

Yellowhead County Council understands and supports the importance of pest control and shall take active measures to prevent the establishment of, or control or destroy Clubroot of Brassicaceae in the municipality within the County and as such shall carry out the requirements of the Agricultural Pest Act of Alberta and its supplemental regulations.

Definitions:

Agricultural Pest Act – means the Agricultural Pest Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta as amended from time to time.

Council – means the municipal officials elected to represent the ratepayers of Yellowhead County.

Notice Appeal Committee – means the independent panel established by Yellowhead County to determine appeal's of inspector notices, Yellowhead County notices and debt recovery notices issued pursuant to the Agricultural Pest Act.

Council Guidelines:

1. Council, through the Chief Administrative Officer shall appoint inspectors to enforce and monitor compliance with the Agricultural Pest Act.
2. Council shall establish a Notice Appeal Committee.

Managerial Guidelines:

1. Yellowhead County within its operational and fiscal capacity shall conduct inspections of randomly as may be necessary to determine the presence of Clubroot of Brassicaceae.
2. The designated inspectors shall have all the duties, rights and powers conferred by the Agricultural Pest Act.
3. Designated inspectors will inspect properties utilizing both computer assisted inspection and/or physical inspection while on site.



4. Yellowhead County Agricultural Services staff will increase the awareness of Clubroot and provide information to its employees, residents and all other stakeholders who may potentially spread this disease.
5. Inspectors will follow a standardized procedure set out by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan for inspections.
6. The owner or occupants of the land for which a notice is issued, and whom 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 Rural Development to reduce the spread of the disease with the movement of soil and equipment.
7. When land is verified positive for Clubroot the landowner will be notified in writing with a notice under the Agricultural Pests Act.
8. The landowner of the infected lands is responsible for notifying any occupant, new owner or any person with an interest in the land of the presence of Clubroot.
9. The notice will prohibit the growth of Brassicaceae crop for 3 years of a 4 year rotation as recommended by the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan.
10. Yellowhead County requires producers to manage Clubroot fields on land previously verified positive. These restrictions will include; purchasing Clubroot resistant varieties and using appropriate rotation as recommended by the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan. If the landowner/occupant can manage the land under these restrictions no notice will be issued
11. Any land for which the notice is issued then sown to such a crop within the 3 growing seasons will be destroyed by the County. Brassicaceae Crop is permitted to be grown in the 4th growing season.
12. A person who has an interest in land as an owner or occupant and feels personally aggrieved by a notice issued by an inspector under Section 12 of the Agricultural Pests Act may appeal to the local authority of Yellowhead County within ten days of the Notice.
13. The Inspector shall immediately notify the Director of Community Services of any and all costs incurred by the municipality associated with the enforcement of a lawful order or notice.
14. The Director of Community Services shall as soon as practical serve a demand for payment of the expenses incurred by the municipality on the owner of the land in the manner prescribed in the Agricultural Pests Act. An additional 10% administration fee to a maximum of \$1,000.00 will be levied against the landowner in addition to the cost of the enforcement.
15. Yellowhead County Director of Community Services will recover inspector's expenses as per the Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta S.A 2000.



Jack Ramme, Chief Administrative Officer

October 9, 2018
Date