



M.D. OF RANCHLAND NO. 66

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



POLICY NAME: **Weed Control Policy**

Section: **Agriculture & Environment**

Policy No.: # **6320-04**

Effective Date: **March 26, 2024**

Resolution #: 24/03/26/095

Replaces Polic: **“Weed Control” and “Roadside Weed Control” enacted on September 6, 2005**

POLICY PURPOSE:

To prevent establishment and control the spread of Noxious and Prohibited Noxious species through enforcement of the Alberta Weed Control Act and the Alberta Weed Control Regulation.

DEFINITIONS:

“Act” means the Alberta Weed Control Act and its regulations;

“Appeal Committee” means an independent appeal panel as outlined in the Act 19(1), established annually by the local authority;

“ASB” means council appointed members of the Agricultural Service Board;

“Notice” means a notice referred to in section 13 through 16 of the Alberta Weed Control Act;

“Municipality” means the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66;

POLICY STATEMENTS:

The Agricultural Fieldman and appointed Weed Inspectors will conduct inspections and initiatives to prevent the establishment and the spread of Noxious and Prohibited Noxious species on all lands within Municipality jurisdiction.

The Agriculture Fieldman and appointed Weed Inspectors will conduct inspections and enforcement procedures as outlined in the Act.

Voluntary compliance with the Act will be encouraged through professional communication with landowners, occupants, industry stakeholders and members of the general public.

Species will be managed based on the management plans outlined in the most recent version of the Municipality’s Integrated Weed Management Plan.

In the instance of non-compliance with a Notice, the Municipality will charge a surcharge as per Schedule of ASB Rates and Fees.

As outlined in the Act, notices of appeal will be conveyed to the Appeal Committee.

RECINDING CLAUSE:

Upon adoption of this policy, the policies titled, “Weed Control” and “Roadside Weed Control” enacted on September 6, 2005 are hereby rescinded.

