

AGRICULTURAL PEST POLICY

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The County of Northern Lights believes in protecting the environment and the local economy from the threat of pests and nuisances under the Agricultural Pests Act and Regulation.

PURPOSE

- 1.1 To administer, recognize, and minimize/eradicate the impacts caused by pests and nuisances under the Agricultural Pests Act (APA).
- 1.2 To bring education, awareness and outreach to businesses and residents within the County to minimize these impacts.
- 1.3 To identify and prevent the establishment of these pests and nuisances.
- 1.4 To act in agreement with the APA, operate within the Provincial legislation and collaborate with our Provincial colleagues.

AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 Provide direction, supervision and resources to the Agricultural Fieldman for this providing this policy.
- 2.2 Provide a fleet of equipment and staff to adequately inspect the County. The County will employ an Agricultural Fieldman and adequate summer staff to inspect the County and provide control measures.
- 2.3 Appointed onto the Intermunicipal Weed and Pest Appeal Board.
- 2.4 Participate in the Provincial Surveys for pests and nuisances, as well as other diseases, pathogens and insects of concern.

AGRICULTURE FIELDMAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Act as an Inspector under Section 9 of the Agricultural Pests Act and will be responsible for administering policies and program pertinent to the Agriculture Service Board.
- 3.2 Will supervise, direct and be responsible for other Council appointed municipal Pest Inspectors.
- 3.3 Will be solely responsible for the issuance and enforcement of a Notice to Control Pests.
- 3.4 Put forth a best effort to understand each situation of its entirety as a unique situation and work with producers to generate a practical and equitable solution.

ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

4.1 Operate within the parameters of the Agricultural Pests Act and Regulation in a lawful manner and follow any pest or nuisance specific policies.

ATTACHMENTS/SCHEDULES/APPENDIX

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REFERENCES

Legal Authorities	Municipal Government Act Agricultural Service Board Act Agricultural Pests Act and Regulations
Related Policies	
Other	Intermunicipal Weed and Pest Appeal Board

REVISION HISTORY

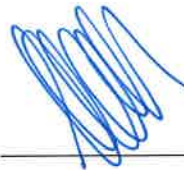
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