
REPORT NAME

Agricultural Services department policy review

RECOMMENDATION

That the Municipal Policy Review Committee support the following Agricultural Services department policies and refer them to Leduc County Council for approval:

AP-05 Sustainable Agriculture

EO-01 Weed Enforcement Obligations

EO-02 Agricultural Pests Enforcement Obligations

EO-03 Soil Conservation Enforcement Obligations

VM-01 Vegetation Management in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands

VM-02 Mowing in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands

VM-03 Fenceline Spraying

VM-04 High-Risk Invasive Weed Species Prevention and Control

IMPLICATIONS

Reason: Policies scheduled for review

Authority: (MGA section/bylaw/policy number): Leduc County Municipal Policy

Amount of funding required: N/A

Funding source: N/A

BACKGROUND

Agricultural Services has the following eight policies scheduled for review:

- AP-05 Sustainable Agriculture
- EO-01 Weed Enforcement Obligations
- EO-02 Agricultural Pests Enforcement Obligations
- EO-03 Soil Conservation Enforcement Obligations
- VM-01 Vegetation Management in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands
- VM-02 Mowing in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands
- VM-03 Fenceline Spraying
- VM-04 High-Risk Invasive Weed Species Prevention and Control

Administration has reviewed all eight policies and has only minor edits to recommend to the Committee:

- All eight policies have minor amendments to the naming of provincial acts that are referred to within the policies to provide consistency across policies.
- AP-05 Sustainable Agriculture
 - Name change update for the West Central Forage Association to Farming Forward.

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Date: 03/27/25

- EO-03 Soil Conservation Enforcement Obligations
 - Removed the definition of municipal officer as an officer is defined within the context of the soil conservation officer
- VM-01, Vegetation Management in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands
 - Simplified the definitions of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds to provide more clarity.
- VM-02 Mowing in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands
 - Simplified the definitions of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds to provide more clarity.
 - Removed the mention of an administrative directive until an administrative directive is developed and approved.
- VM-03 Fenceline Spraying
 - Simplified the definitions of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds to provide more clarity.
- VM-04 High-Risk Invasive Weed Species Prevention and Control
 - Simplified the definitions of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds to provide more clarity.
 - Provided additional clarification within the policy statement to identify when a weed would be considered for the program.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed AP-05 Sustainable Agriculture
2. AP-05 Sustainable Agriculture, with tracked changes
3. EO-01 Weed Enforcement Obligations
4. EO-01 Weed Enforcement Obligations, with tracked changes
5. EO-02 Agricultural Pests Enforcement Obligations
6. EO-02 Agricultural Pests Enforcement Obligations, with tracked changes
7. EO-03 Soil Conservation Enforcement Obligations
8. EO-03 Soil Conservation Enforcement Obligations, with tracked changes
9. VM-01 Vegetation Management in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands
10. VM-01 Vegetation Management in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands, with tracked changes
11. VM-02 Mowing in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands
12. VM-02 Mowing in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands, with tracked changes
13. VM-03 Fenceline Spraying
14. VM-03 Fenceline Spraying, with tracked changes
15. VM-04 High-Risk Invasive Weed Species Prevention and Control
16. VM-04 High-Risk Invasive Weed Species Prevention and Control, with tracked changes