

Policy statement

As a requirement under the Province of Alberta *Weed Control Act* Part 2, Section 7(1): “A local authority shall appoint inspectors to enforce and monitor compliance with this Act within the municipality.”

Definitions

Control means to inhibit the growth or spread or destroy.

Destroy means to kill all growing parts or to render reproductive mechanisms non-viable.

Inspector means a person who has been appointed as a municipal weed inspector by the local authority under the Province of Alberta *Weed Control Act*.

Regulations means *Weed Control Regulation 19/2010*, Province of Alberta *Weed Control Act*.

Noxious weed means a plant designated in accordance with the regulations as a noxious weed and includes the plant’s seeds.

Prohibited noxious weed means a plant designated in accordance with the regulations as a prohibited noxious weed and includes the plant’s seeds.

Property owner as defined by the Province of Alberta *Weed Control Act* means

- (i) in respect of land, subject to section 26, the person who is registered as an owner of the land under the *Land Titles Act*, or
- (ii) in respect of personal property, the person who
 - (A) is the legal owner of it,
 - (B) has lawful possession of it, or
 - (C) has the right to exercise control over it;

Policy authority

Legislative implications:

- Province of Alberta *Weed Control Act and Weed Control Regulation*
- *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

Bylaw implications:

- Leduc County Fees and Charges Bylaw

Policy standards

1. Conduct regular inspections on all properties within the municipality.
2. Transfer information to property owners on an ongoing basis.
3. When necessary, issue notices and undertake enforcement procedures as specified by the Province of Alberta *Weed Control Act*.

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Policy responsibilities*Council responsibilities:*

Council will,

- Approve the Weed Control Enforcement Obligations Policy.
- Appoint an independent Committee annually to hear and determine appeals received by the municipality against notices issued by an inspector under the Province of Alberta *Weed Control Act*.
- Appoint inspectors under the Province of Alberta *Weed Control Act* as required to conduct weed inspections within the municipality.

Administration responsibilities:

Administration will,

- Ensure compliance with all current legislated requirements and municipal policies.
- Implement and maintain inspection and enforcement procedures in reference to prohibited noxious and/or noxious weeds.
- Provide training and support for inspectors.

Inspectors will,

- Adhere to enforcement procedures as specified by the Province of Alberta *Weed Control Act*.
- Deliver services and documentation in the inspection of private and public lands for the presence of prohibited noxious and/or noxious weeds.
- Provide recommendations to residents and property owners for effective destruction of prohibited noxious weeds and control of noxious weeds.
- Issue a weed notice when non-compliance in accordance with the Province of Alberta *Weed Control Act* is determined.

Monitoring and updating

- This policy will be posted on Leduc County's website.
- This policy will be reviewed at least once every four years.