

**Policy statement**

As a requirement under the Province of Alberta *Soil Conservation Act*, November 1, 2010 Section 15(1), “~~The~~**The** local authority of a rural municipality shall appoint at least one soil conservation officer to enforce the *Soil Conservation Act*.”

**Definitions**

*Owner* as defined by the Province of Alberta *Soil Conservation Act* means with respect to land, the person registered under the *Land Titles Act* as the owner of the land.

*Soil Conservation Officer* as defined by the Province of Alberta *Soil Conservation Act* means

- (i) is an agricultural fieldman appointed under Section 8 of the Province of Alberta *Agricultural Service Board Act*, or
- (ii) a soil conservation officer appointed under the Province of Alberta *Soil Conservation Act*

~~Municipal officers means an officer appointed by the local authority of a rural municipality (Council).~~

**Policy authority**

*Legislative implications:*

- Province of Alberta *Soil Conservation Act*
- **Province of Alberta** *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

**Policy standards**

1. Inspections will be conducted in accordance with relevant legislation.
2. Recommendations for appropriate measures will be provided to property owners to prevent or stop soil loss or deterioration from taking place or from continuing.
3. When necessary, issue notices and undertake enforcement procedures as specified by the Province of Alberta *Soil Conservation Act*.

**Policy responsibilities**

*Council responsibilities:*

Council will,

- Approve the Soil Conservation Enforcement Obligations Policy.

*Administration responsibilities:*

Administration will,

- Ensure compliance with all current legislated requirements and municipal policies.
- Implement and maintain inspection and enforcement procedures in reference to soil loss or deterioration.
- Provide training and support for a soil conservation officer, as may be required.

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Soil conservation officer will,

- Adhere to inspection and enforcement procedures as specified by the Province of Alberta *Soil Conservation Act*.
- Deliver services and documentation relating to the inspection of both public and private property when necessary.
- Provide information and recommendations to residents and property owners for appropriate measures to prevent or stop soil loss or deterioration from taking place or continuing.
- Serve a notice directing remedial measures in accordance with the Province of Alberta *Soil Conservation Act*, when required.

**Monitoring and updating**

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

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