

Policy statement

Leduc County will maintain an integrated vegetation management program to control the growth of noxious weeds and other unwanted vegetation on county owned right-of-ways and on county controlled lands. This will be undertaken to enhance visibility and driver safety along high-use roads that are the responsibility of Leduc County and to improve aesthetics of county controlled lands on and around subdivisions and hamlets.

Definitions

Noxious weed means a plant designated in accordance with the Province of Alberta *Weed Control Act* and *Weed Control Regulations* as a noxious weed and includes its seeds. ~~A plant designated as a noxious weed may be present within Alberta but not in abundant numbers and has the potential to cause significant yield losses to agricultural crops.~~

Prohibited noxious weed means a plant designated in accordance with the Province of Alberta *Weed Control Act* and *Weed Control Regulation* as a prohibited noxious weed and includes its seeds. ~~A plant designated as a prohibited noxious weed is generally not found in Alberta, or is found in small numbers but has a high potential threat of invasion or is potentially harmful in some fashion to livestock or people.~~

Integrated vegetation management means a systematic decision-making process that uses multiple methods of control to prevent unwanted plant species from becoming a problem.

Policy authority

Legislative implications:

- Province of Alberta *Weed Control Act* and *Weed Control Regulations*
- **Province of Alberta** *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA 2000*

Policy standards

1. All hard surfaced roads that are county controlled will have their right-of-ways and reserves rough-cut mowed.
2. Municipal reserve lands may be rough-cut mowed, for the control of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds. Municipal reserve lands which have been leased are exempt from this mowing, provided the reserves are maintained in accordance to the terms of the lease agreement.
3. Road right-of-ways and County controlled lands may be rough-cut mowed on an as-needed basis. ~~The determination and scheduling of these mowing activities will be as outlined in the **Administrative Directive**.~~

Policy responsibilities

Council responsibilities:

Council will,

- Approve the Mowing in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands Policy.
- Approve budget annually.

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Administration responsibilities:

Administration will,

- Ensure compliance with all current legislated requirements and municipal policies.
- Implement and maintain procedures to ensure that all mowing operations will be undertaken in accordance with an integrated vegetation management program and established safe work practices.
- Provide training and support for employees.

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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