

<p><b>MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL</b></p> <p><b>NOXIOUS &amp; PROHIBITIVE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL ENFORCEMENT</b></p>	<p><b>Function: Policy No. Effective Date: Supercedes:  Amends:</b></p>	<p><b>Agriculture Services ASB.06 December 16, 2010 April 4, 2002</b></p>
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### **Policy Statement**

The Agricultural Service Board (A.S.B.) shall enforce the Weed Control Act Statutes of Alberta, 2008, and municipal bylaws related to weed control within the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133.

### **Procedure**

1. Inspections are conducted in a timely manner to identify new problems that have developed over the growing season.
2. Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 A.S.B. and Council shall be made aware of all "Letters and Notices" sent out.
3. Where a problem exists, a weed inspection report is prepared and the occupant, which is defined in the Weed Control Act as a person occupying or exercising control or having the right to occupy or exercise control over land, is verbally contacted to discuss options to remedy the weed problem.
4. All contact with the occupant must be recorded in the weed inspection report and consist of time and date of contact plus what was discussed. Weed inspection reports are to include a written report, a picture of the site including time and date taken, the legal land location and the identified weed problem.
5. If no contact can be established during the first attempt, the weed inspector needs attempt to contact the occupant a second time. If after all reasonable efforts to contact the occupant have been unsuccessful, a letter regarding the weed problem will be sent to the occupant with a copy being forwarded to the landowner.
6. The weed problems will be identified and a control program developed with the occupant. A tentative schedule for dealing with the weed problem should be agreed upon by the occupant / owner and the weed inspector.
7. The weed inspector shall advise the Agricultural Fieldman of the occupant / owner and of the weed problem in question.
8. If no action is taken by the occupant / owner within a reasonable amount of time, the weed inspector shall make contact with the occupant / owner to review and determine why no action has taken place. The occupant / owner shall also be responsible to notify the Agricultural Fieldman or the weed inspector of any

change of plans or strategies that occupant / owner may decide on in dealing with this problem.

9. In the case that the occupant / owner has taken no action to control the weeds and / or indicated that he has no intension of controlling the weeds, the Agricultural Fieldman may issue an “Inspectors Notice” pursuant to the Weed Control Act.
10. At the time that a “Inspectors Notice” is issued to the occupant / owner, the Councillor of the Ward where the weed problem exists shall be notified by the Agricultural Fieldman and requested to assist in contacting the occupant / owner in hopes of eliminating the need to take enforcement action.
11. Enforcement work shall be carried out as directed in the “Inspectors Notice ” and in accordance with the Weed Control Act.
12. If no control work has been completed by the expiration of the notice, the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 will conduct enforcement measures. The cost of control work must either be paid or it will be collected as described in Part 5 of the Weed Control Act, Recovery of Inspector’s Expenses.
13. Owners or occupants of land identified with weed problems during the previous season may be sent a letter requesting a control program be developed with the occupant. A tentative schedule for dealing with the weed problem should be agreed upon by the occupant / owner and the Weed Inspector /Agricultural Fieldman.