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Policy Title CLUBROOT OF CANOLA	Date: December 10, 2020	Resolution No. C/619/20

Policy Statement:

Lacombe County recognizes that Clubroot of Canola is a serious problem and supports actions to control the spread of this disease, which is considered a pest under Alberta's *Agricultural Pests Act*.

Lacombe County recognizes the importance of canola as an economic crop for grain and oilseed producers and is aware of the implications that clubroot of canola has on County landowners.

Guidelines/Procedures:

1. Clubroot inspections will be conducted by the Manager of Agriculture & Environmental Services or by Inspectors appointed by the County.
2. The minimum annual inspection level shall be:
 - a) One field per township randomly selected,
 - b) Fields showing symptoms of clubroot of canola.
3. Inspectors will follow procedures established by the County with respect to proper sampling techniques and protocols for entering upon land.
4. Positive identification of clubroot of canola shall be confirmed by certified laboratory testing.
5. When land is confirmed positive for clubroot of canola a "Notice to Control Pests" shall be issued pursuant to the *Agricultural Pests Act*, by the County Manager, or designate, to any landowner or tenant of land infested with clubroot of canola.
6. The "Notice to Control Pests" may include any or all of the following conditions:
 - a) The growing of canola, mustard and cruciferous crops shall be prohibited for a period of two years,
 - b) If clubroot is discovered in an area less than 40 acres in size, the restriction for growing canola, mustard and cruciferous crops may be limited to one legal subdivision (LSD); this area could be further reduced if the landowner/tenant enters into a Management Plan drafted and agreed upon by both the landowner/tenant and Manager of Agriculture & Environmental Services,
 - c) If clubroot is found in the field in an area over 40 acres in size, the restriction for growing canola, mustard and cruciferous crops will pertain to the entire field,

- d) After two years the following canola crop must be a registered a clubroot resistant variety of canola, and the landowner/tenant must notify the Manager of Agriculture & Environmental Services, in writing, of his intent to grow a clubroot resistant canola variety,
 - e) The landowner/tenant disturbing the soil shall be responsible for following best management guidelines set out by the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan to reduce the spread of disease through the movement of soil and equipment.
7. Fields with a "Notice to Control Pests" issued under the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act, shall be inspected on an annual basis for the presence of prohibited crops.
 8. Prohibited crops grown within a two-year period will be destroyed using any appropriate means. Landowner or occupant will not be compensated for loss of crop.
 9. All owners and tenants of land surrounding the lands infested with clubroot of canola shall be notified of the pest.

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