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Policy Title WEED SPRAYING SERVICES	Date: February 25, 2021	Resolution No. C/76/21

Policy Statement:

Landowners are responsible for weed control pursuant to the Alberta *Weed Control Act*. Weed control is carried out to prevent the establishment of prohibited noxious weeds and to prevent and control the spread of noxious weeds, protecting farmland as well as native ecological systems.

Lacombe County recognizes that weeds listed under Alberta's *Weed Control Act*, typically are hard to control species requiring specialized equipment, registered herbicides, and certified applicators.

Guidelines/Procedures:

- a) Lacombe County will, subject to budget allocations, identify, purchase and maintain specialized herbicide application equipment, capable of providing weed control in range and pasture lands, County reserve lands, and non-crop areas.
- b) Request for spraying services will be prioritized by County Manager, or designate in the following order:
 - i. Weed Notice Enforcement
 - ii. County Reserve Lands
 - iii. Lacombe County residents request for spraying services
 - iv. Nonresidents – request for services by cities, towns, villages, and other government agencies.
- c) Fees for service as outlined in Lacombe County Bylaw No. 1322/20.

Herbicide Application Operations:

- a) All herbicide applications are to be carried out in a safe and responsible manner and only when weather conditions are favorable.
- b) Sprayer operator shall be licensed and the operator shall record all the necessary information required by Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development and the County.
- c) Safety equipment such as respirators, extra cartridges, aprons, potable water, rubber gloves, etc. must be available on spray unit for the operators' use.
- d) All herbicide applications will be carried out in accordance with label recommendations.