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Policy Title "NO SPRAY" REQUESTS	Date: February 25, 2021	Resolution No. C/76/21

## Policy Statement:

Lacombe County recognizes that some landowners/tenants may not be in favour of the County using herbicide to control vegetation (weeds and brush) on County roads, trails and right-of-ways adjacent to their property. Accordingly, to accommodate these landowners/tenants Lacombe County may agree to allow them to carry-out vegetation control on County roads, trails and right-of-ways adjacent to their property.

## **Guidelines/Procedures:**

- 1. The County will provide notice through local newspapers, the County News and the County website of its intent to carry-out vegetation control on roads, trails and right-of-ways prior to the spray season. The notices will make reference to a "No Spray" request form.
- 2. Landowners/tenants wishing to request that the County not use herbicides for vegetation control adjacent to their land must complete and submit a "No Spray" request form to the County's Manager of Agriculture & Environmental Services prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> of the "No Spray" year. "No Spray" requests can be made for a one-year or three-year period.
- 3. Should the County agree to the "No Spray" request, the landowner/tenant shall be responsible for controlling all noxious and restricted weeds designated under the *Weed Control Act*, prior to July 15<sup>th</sup> of each year of the "No Spray" agreement, or as otherwise deemed necessary by the County Manager or designate.
- 4. In the event that the landowner/tenant does not control all noxious and restricted weeds pursuant to Section 3 of this policy, the County will carry-out the control by any means necessary.
- 5. All "No Spray" agreements shall be automatically terminated if control of the noxious and restricted weeds by the landowner/tenant is not carried out to the satisfaction of the County Commissioner, or designate.
- 6. The County reserves the right to cancel any "No Spray" agreement at any time and carry-out weed control as deemed necessary.
- 7. The County will, to the best of its ability, avoid applying herbicides to any land that has a current "No Spray" agreement in effect, provided that all requirements of this policy are met by the landowner/tenant to the satisfaction of the County Manager, or designate. Notwithstanding, the County will not guarantee that no herbicides will be applied to any of its roads, trails and right-of-ways.

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