

<p>MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133</p> <p>POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL</p> <p>GE Alfalfa</p>	<p>Function:</p> <p>Policy No.</p> <p>Effective Date:</p> <p>Supercedes:</p> <p>Amends:</p>	<p>Agriculture Services</p> <p>ASB.29</p> <p>January, 2019</p> <p>New</p>
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PURPOSE

- 1.1 To specify steps which will be taken by the M.D. of Spirit River No. 133 (M.D.) to comply with and enforce the GE Alfalfa Bylaw.
- 1.2 Bring education and awareness to businesses and residents within the M.D. to minimize the negative impacts caused by GE Alfalfa.
- 1.3 To identify and prevent the establishment of GE Alfalfa within the M.D.
- 1.4 Provide proper, safe and effective control of GE Alfalfa.

2.0 M.D. OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 COMMITMENT

- 2.1 Provide direction, supervision and resources to the Agricultural Fieldman for carrying out this policy and enforcing the GE Alfalfa Bylaw.
- 2.2 Maintain a fleet of equipment and staff to adequately inspect the M.D. The M.D. will employ a full time Agricultural Fieldman to inspect and provide control measures.
- 2.3 Provide the necessary budget to carry out confirmation testing.

3.0 AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Act as the Inspector and carry out the required duties under the GE Alfalfa Bylaw and this Policy.
- 3.2 Carry out inspections per the GE Alfalfa Bylaw, and in accordance with section 542 of the Municipal Government Act.
- 3.3 Act as liaison between the M.D. and ratepayers to coordinate control of confirmed GE Alfalfa infestations.
- 3.4 Inspect for GE Alfalfa within the M.D. in fields, on private & public property, right of ways, industrial areas, railways & rail yards. Areas with

known previous infestations and owners with negative history's will be prioritized.

- 3.5 Ensure any instance of GE Alfalfa found within the M.D. is destroyed.
- 3.6 Determine the need for enforcement of any breach of the GE Alfalfa Bylaw, and to issue or assist with issuing and enforcing an Order to remedy on any contraventions of the bylaw pursuant to section 545 of the Municipal Government Act using the procedures set out below.

4.0 ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

- 4.1 Action will be taken to immediately address the breach of the GE Alfalfa Bylaw on any property identified as containing GE Alfalfa.
- 4.2 The Owner of the Property (as defined in the GE Alfalfa Bylaw) will be notified of the presence of GE Alfalfa and offered recommendations for control. The Inspector may issue a written warning with recommendations or may immediately issue an Order to Remedy pursuant to section 545 of the Municipal Government Act.
- 4.3 An Order to Remedy issued to destroy any crop of GE Alfalfa will be as directed by Council.
- 4.4 The Inspector may also determine whether to impose any fines or penalties pursuant to the GE Alfalfa Bylaw.