



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PEACE NO.135 POLICY

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TITLE: Clubroot of Canola Policy	DATE: April 15, 2008, Revised April 28, 2014	

PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY:

To keep the Municipal District of Peace No.135 Clubroot free

POLICY STATEMENT:

Objective:

- To provide direction for the Municipal District of Peace No.135 to prevent the introduction of Clubroot to the Region.
- To specify what steps will be taken if Clubroot is discovered in the Municipal District of Peace No.135
- To minimize the impact of Clubroot on the primary producers of the Municipal District of Peace No.135

Authority:

Clubroot was declared a pest under the Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta in 2007.

The Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta requires a municipality to "take active measures to prevent the establishment of, or control or destroy pests in the municipality" (Sec.6)

The municipality must appoint Inspectors under the Act who are authorized to:

- enter onto land and inspect for pests; any may
- issue notice specifying measures required to control the pest or prevent the pest from establishing.

Action:

The M.D. of Peace No.135 will employ an appointed Agricultural Fieldman who will act as Inspector under the Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta (APA). Other personnel may also be appointed as Inspectors.

Any equipment brought into the municipality from known infected municipalities must be steam washed and sterilized with 1 - 2 cups of bleach before said equipment enters municipality limits.

Inspectors will check a minimum of 25 Canola fields for Clubroot in their Municipality each year. An attempt will be made to ensure these fields are generally spread out throughout the Municipality. Priority of inspection will be given to fields where:

- the producer is known or believed to be involved in farming land outside the M.D. of Peace No.135
- the producer has recently purchased farm or earth moving equipment from outside the M.D. of Peace No.135

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- earth moving equipment i.e. pipeline, drilling or service rigs or road construction type equipment from outside the M.D. of Peace No.135 has been on the land
- Inspectors notice Canola which appears to be showing symptoms of Clubroot (wilting, stunting, yellowing and early maturity).

Inspectors will wear disposable boot covers over their footwear when inspecting suspect fields for Clubroot. No vehicles will be permitted to enter onto the field. If an Inspector finds Canola with Clubroot type symptoms, that Inspector is not to enter onto any other lands in the Municipality until his footwear and any tools used can be sterilized using a 1-2% bleach solution.

If Clubroot is found within the boundaries of the M.D. of Peace No.135, in addition to requirements under the Act, **the landowner will be encouraged to adopt the following measures:**

- harvest the crop with the canola seed being sold to be crushed, but **not** sold as feed or kept for seed; straw from the crop is to be chopped and spread back onto the field, it is not to be baled or removed.
- tarp any loads being transported from the infested field.
- clean any crop residue and soil from all equipment and implements before leaving the infested land, and sterilize implements or the parts of the implement which come directly in contact with the soil using a 1-2% bleach solution, for the next 4 years.
- seed a non-host crop and/or perform chemical-fallow, ensuring susceptible mustard family weeds are controlled for 4 or more consecutive years from initial infestation.
- no crops of any kind harvested from the field for the next 4 years will be kept or sold for seed; it is recommended that straw from the crop is to be chopped and spread back onto the field, it is not to be baled or removed.

The Agricultural Fieldman in the Municipality will implement the following:

- inform the A.S.B. of any Clubroot infections found, and any enforcement actions will be as directed by the A.S.B.
- all Canola fields which the farmer is known to be involved with shall be inspected (including his own and custom seeding, custom harvest, etc.).



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- a notice shall be placed in a local paper advising landowners that Clubroot has been found in the Municipality.
- the Municipality's Agricultural Fieldman shall inform the other Peace Region Fieldmen that Clubroot has been found.
- per Section 10 of the APA, Pest & Nuisance Control Regulation, landowners and occupants with fields adjacent to the infected field shall be notified that Clubroot has been found, the specific legal description of the field will be given.
- in order to better understand how the disease is introduced and spread, the Municipality will endeavor to gather as much information about the Clubroot infected field as possible, including type and variety of the crop, seed retailer, equipment movement, custom operators used, soil type (especially pH) and drainage patterns.

Inspection:

In order to inspect for Clubroot, the Agricultural Fieldman shall:

- keep staff informed of the symptoms
- supervise surveys (if any) according to Alberta Agriculture guidelines
- inform farmers of symptoms and garner their assistance for inspection and sampling purposes.

Awareness:

In order to raise awareness of the potential problem

- use available information as handouts, post bulletins at local agricultural businesses
- cooperate with other rural Municipalities and with local industry to hold or be a part of Clubroot information meetings.
- contact industry/oilfield operators.