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1.0 Purpose

To administer, direct and enforce the Tall Buttercup / Ox eye Daisy Control Program in an equitable, consistent and effective manner within the financial and human constraints of the municipality by employing public relations, extension and cooperation as the first step in Tall Buttercup / Ox eye Daisy control with enforcement measures being the second in order to stop the spread of Tall Buttercup / Ox eye Daisy onto non-infested land and to reduce the level of Tall Buttercup / Ox Eye Daisy infestations on already infested land.

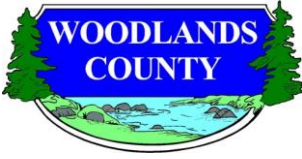
2.0 Policy Details

Woodlands County has initiated a Tall Buttercup / Ox eye Daisy Control Program which sets in place an action plan that details the budgets, resources, responsibilities, guidelines, inspection, enforcement, rebates, incentives and procedures required to carry out the program.

3.0 Procedures

3.1 Inspections

- 3.1.1 All inspections and enforcement will be in accordance of the Alberta Weed Control Act (WCA).
- 3.1.2 Tall Buttercup / Ox eye Daisy inspection, control and enforcement for non-compliance will be directed to and prioritized in the following order:
 - **Priority 1:** Municipal road allowances and other municipally owned land.
 - **Priority 2:** Privately owned lands (Agricultural land, subdivisions, and hamlets).
 - **Priority 3:** Public lands (Crownland and forested lands) and industrial properties.



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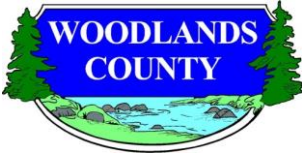
- 3.1.3 Any landholder that receives a “Notice to Remedy Weed Problem” for Tall Buttercup / Ox eye Daisy and performs the weed control within the time specified will be eligible for the applicable rebate.
- 3.1.4 Any landholder that receives a “Notice to Remedy Weed Problem” for Tall Buttercup / Ox eye Daisy and does not perform the weed control work within the specified time will not be eligible for any rebate even though the control work will still be done.
- 3.1.5 Non-compliance and enforcement of a Notice to Remedy Weed Problem will result in a \$150 administrative penalty

3.2 Responsibility

- 3.2.1 Agriculture Services Board will annually review the Tall Buttercup / Ox eye Daisy Control Program and set a budget for the Tall Buttercup / Ox eye Daisy Control Program and forward the budget to Council for approval.
- 3.2.2 Manager of Agriculture Services
 - 3.2.2.1 Will administer, supervise, direct and monitor the Tall Buttercup / Ox eye Daisy Control Program.
 - 3.2.2.2 Will act in accordance of this policy and the Weed Control Act.
 - 3.2.2.3 Will supervise, direct and be responsible for other appointed Weed Inspectors.
 - 3.2.2.4 Is solely responsible for the issuance of weed notices and the enforcement of them

3.3 Rebate

- 3.3.1 The rebate/incentive program budget will be capped at \$20,000 annually and will be on a first controlled first paid basis.
- 3.3.2 Private landholders are eligible for a rebate up to \$15/acre for the control of Tall Buttercup /Ox Eye Daisy on their land. The rebate/incentive is capped at \$1,200 per landholder per year
- 3.3.3 The rebate program is based on control of Tall Buttercup / Ox eye Daisy employing one or more of the following control options.



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- 3.3.3.1 The application of a registered residual herbicide at label rates will provide two to three-year control of Tall Buttercup / Ox eye Daisy and would be eligible for a \$15/acre rebate once per two-year period.
- 3.3.3.2 The application of a registered non-residual herbicide at recommended label rates will provide a one-year level of Tall Buttercup / Ox eye Daisy control and would be eligible for a \$5/acre rebate per year.
- 3.3.3.3 The application of a registered non-residual herbicide at label rates along with the application of a nitrogen based fertilizer (minimum of 50 lbs/acre of product) would be eligible for a \$10/acre rebate per year.
- 3.3.3.4 Cultural control (tillage) will provide a one-year (as long as the Tall Buttercup / Ox eye Daisy is prevented from re-growing throughout the season) level of control and would be eligible for a \$5/acre rebate per year.
- 3.3.3.5 For small patches/areas and few plants, hand pulling and digging will be considered one-year level of control and would be eligible for a \$5/acre rebate per year.
- 3.3.3.6 Mowing, cutting, swathing, burning and grazing will not be considered control options and will not be eligible for the rebate