



AGENDA ITEM

Agriculture and Environmental Services Department

Policy Review

February 25, 2021

BACKGROUND

The Agriculture and Environmental Services Department undertook a comprehensive policy review to ensure that policies are kept current. Many of the changes are for clarification and to correct name changes, spelling, and formatting issues.

ANALYSIS

The following is a summary of the proposed changes to the policies. Proposed changes are also shown in the attached policies.

Number	Administration Policy Name	Recommended Change
AD (32)	Environmental Policy	No Changes
AD (33)	Environmental Community Engagement	No Changes
Number	Agriculture Policy Name	Recommended Change
AG (2)	Weed and Brush Control	Updated to correspond with Legislation, Department Name Change, Title Change
AG (3)	Sprayer Rental Program	Department Name Change
AG (4)	Coyote Control Devices and Chemicals	Department Name Change, Title Change
AG (5)	Beaver Flood Control	Department Name Change, Title Change
AG (6)	Virulent Blackleg of Canola	Department Name Change, Title Change
AG (7)	No Spray Requests	Department Name Change, Title Change
AG (8)	Weed Notice Work	Department Name Change, Title Change
AG (9)	Skunk Traps	Department Name Change
AG (10)	Maintenance of Land Reclamation & Drainage Projects	Department Name Change, Title Change



Number	Agriculture Policy Name	Recommended Change
AG (11)	Clubroot of Canola	No Changes
AG (12)	Spraying Services	Department Name Change, Title Change
AG (13)	Alternative Land Use Services Program	Administrative recommends rescinding this Policy.
AG (14)	Financial Support for Local 4-H Clubs	Department Name Change, Title Change
AG (15)	Temporary Grazing of Livestock Along Roadsides	Department Name Change

ALTERNATIVES

1. Amend the policies as presented,
2. Make no change,
3. Other action(s) as determined by Council

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The policy changes as presented have no budget implications.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Municipal Government Act: Section 3 – The purpose of a municipality are

- (a) to provide good government,
- (b) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary for all or a part of the municipality, and
- (c) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities

Section 153(b) of the MGA states that one of the duties of councillors is to: participate generally in developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the municipality.



STRATEGIC PLAN

The following elements of the County’s Strategic Plan are relevant to this issue:

Key Principles:

- “Fair and Objective in our decisions and in how we treat individuals”
- “Accountability for our decisions and for our actions”.

Key Success Measures:

- Council Satisfaction: “Policy development, implementation and evaluation”,
- Process and Systems Improvement: “Delegating decisions making to most appropriate level”

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lacombe County sees the value in engaging and informing the public/stakeholders through a variety of mediums as outlined in the *Policy AD(40): Public Participation Policy*. The appropriate level of engagement for each public participation opportunity is selected on a project-to-project basis. For this item the following engagement will take place:

- *Inform: To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities, and/or solutions*

Highlights of all County Council meetings are published on the County Website and in the County News. Additionally, all policies are publicly available on the County Website.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the following resolution:

That Council adopts policies AD (32), AD (33), AG (2), AG(3), AG(4), AG(5), AG(6), AG (7), AG (8), AG (9), AG(10), AG (11), AG (12), AG (13), AG (14), AG (15) as amended.

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