



POLICY NO. 11.08

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

TITLE: ROADSIDE GRASS SEEDING

POLICY STATEMENT:

In an effort to control soil erosion and reduce noxious and prohibited noxious weeds, the Westlock County shall seed ditches after road construction. The ASB will cooperate with the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure to provide a consistent and effective Grass Seeding Program within the County.

PURPOSE:

For the control of erosion and weed infestations

DEFINITIONS:

noxious weeds means noxious weeds that have been declared as such in Alberta's *Weed Control Act* and its regulations, or declared as such by a Westlock County bylaw. Noxious weeds are required to be controlled.

prohibited noxious weeds means prohibited noxious weeds that have been declared as such in Alberta's *Weed Control Act* and its regulations, or declared as such by a Westlock County bylaw. Prohibited noxious weeds are required to be destroyed.

road construction means

- road widening projects,
- road rebuild projects, and
- any other road work performed by Westlock County

that requires, in the opinion of the Manager of Agricultural Services, grass seeding of the ditches after the road work is complete. However, this definition excludes construction of a new road by a landowner on a road allowance where no road built to County standards previously existed. Such road construction will

be seeded according to the road construction agreement between Westlock County and the landowner that constructed the new road.

Westlock County means the municipal corporation, Westlock County.

1. AUTHORIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1.1. Director of Transportation and Infrastructure

- (a) It is the responsibility of the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure to submit annual maps to the Manager of Agricultural Services or the Agricultural Fieldman indicating the road allowances that require grass seeding within one year of road construction.

1.2. Manager of Agricultural Services and / or Agricultural Fieldman

- (a) It is the responsibility of the Manager of Agricultural Services to direct grass seeding operations within the annual seeding program specified in this policy.
- (b) The Manager of Agricultural Services will inspect the ditches along recent road construction to ensure grass seeding operations are being carried out to Westlock County standards. .

1.3. Other areas not specified in this policy may be seeded, at the discretion of the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Manager of Agricultural Services.

2. GRASS SEED:

- 2.1. The seed that Westlock County obtains for the purposes set out in this policy shall be Canada No. 1 or better. Westlock County must obtain a Weed Seed Analysis for each seed lot that it procures.**

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DATE: February 9, 2016



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