



COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

BALANCING RURAL HERITAGE WITH A DIVERSE ECONOMY

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

To prevent the establishment of and to limit the spread of clubroot on lands within the County of St. Paul and to enforce the Agricultural Pest Act thus fulfilling the duties of the legislation enacted on lands in the County.

The County is committed to fulfilling its duties under the Agricultural Pest Act 10(1) "The local authority of a municipality shall appoint a sufficient number of inspectors to carry out this Act and the regulations within the municipality.

DEFINITIONS:

"Clubroot of Canola or *Plasamodiophora brassicae*" means a pathogen that infects the roots of canola and causes galls to form, that then restrict the flow of water and nutrients to the plant.

POLICY STATEMENT:

- 1) Random inspections will be conducted by inspectors appointed by County of St. Paul. Fields will be inspected with practices to avoid the spread of clubroot. The County's 'Clubroot Code of Practice' will be followed when conducting field inspections.
- 2) If inspectors suspect clubroot is present in a field, it will be confirmed by an approved laboratory test.
- 3) If a field is verified to have clubroot by a laboratory test the landowner will be notified in person or by telephone by an Agricultural Service Board employee. A Clubroot Pest Notice will be issued to the landowner of that field.
- 4) The Clubroot Pest Notice will include the following directions:
 - No seeding of canola or other cruciferous crops including but not limited to mustard, cabbage, kale, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussel sprouts,

turnips, or radishes for the next three (3) years, and only a clubroot resistant variety of canola may be seeded in the fourth year.

- Control all volunteer canola
- Clean dirt off of tillage equipment when exiting each land location
- Property owners who rent this land to other producers must share this information with them

- 5) If these directions are not followed and a cruciferous crop is seeded, it may be destroyed at the owner's expense as pursuant to the Agricultural Pest Act.
- 6) Landowners and/or occupants adjacent to the affected land will be notified in writing that clubroot has been found. The eight (8) quarters surrounding the clubroot-positive quarter will be notified through writing that clubroot has been found. Any other parties that the ASB staff deems relevant may also be given the location of a clubroot-positive location.
- 7) Landowners and occupants of clubroot positive land will be responsible for following the best practices set out in the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan (ACMP).
- 8) Landowners and industry are responsible for negotiating their own access and sanitation agreements with each other and the municipality will not involve itself in private negotiations unless it is an enforcement issue regarding a positive clubroot location.
- 9) All equipment belonging to the County of St. Paul will be thoroughly pressure-washed before renting it out to the next landowner or occupant.