
Rural Roadside Vegetation Control

References: *Weed Control Act*, SA 2008, c.W-5

Policy Statement

In accordance with the provisions of the *Weed Control Act*, as amended or replaced from time to time, Strathcona County shall meet its obligations to control Weeds and Brush on Rural County Road Right-of-Ways.

Vegetation is also controlled in Rural County Road Right-of-Ways to:

- maintain lines of sight at intersections;
- increase visibility of wildlife;
- provide a safe egress for motorists;
- improve drainage; and
- accommodate snow load in winter.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines to control Brush and noxious Weeds on Rural County Road Right-of-Ways.

Definitions

Action Thresholds – the point at which control measures should be employed to prevent weeds and brush from reaching unacceptable levels

Brush – all woody vegetation two metres or less in height.

Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) – a systematic decision making process that aims to prevent weeds and brush from becoming problems and to determine what actions to take if problems do occur

Rural County Road Right-of-Ways – all range and township roads within the County, including internal road systems within country residential subdivisions.

Weeds – all species identified as noxious or prohibited noxious in the *Weed Control Act*

Guidelines

The County will apply Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) principles for all control measures on Rural County Road Right-of-Ways employing the following:

- Preventative measures
- Proper identification of Weeds and Brush as well as beneficial, native, and at risk species

- Regular monitoring of vegetation
- The use of Action Thresholds for control of Weeds and Brush
- Understanding the biology of the vegetation being controlled
- Selecting the most effective control method for the vegetation being controlled, taking into consideration environmental, social and economic cost
- Annual evaluation of the program, making improvements as required
- Advertising herbicide application programs annually prior to commencing work.

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