

Transportation and Agriculture Services Weed and Pest Control Policies for Approval and Rescission**Report Purpose**

To provide Council with a report on policies to be approved and rescinded.

Recommendation

1. THAT the SER-001-034 Weed and Pest Control Policy, as set out in Enclosure 1 of the September 11, 2018, Transportation and Agriculture Services Council report, be approved.
2. THAT the following policies be rescinded:
 - SER-001-001 Spraying for Pests on Rural County-owned Land
 - SER-001-004 Weed Control Enforcement Program
 - SER-001-028 Nuisance and Pest Control

Council History

May 23, 2009 – Council approved SER-001-001 Spraying for Pests on Rural County-owned Land

November 21, 2006 – Council approved SER-001-028 Nuisance and Pest Control

July 3, 1990 – Council approved SER-001-004 Weed Control Enforcement Program

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: Ensuring that policies are updated and relevant is connected to a sound governance process and supports effective decision-making and increases public confidence.

Social: n/a

Culture: n/a

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts

Policy: GOV-002-021 Mandatory Review of Bylaws and Policies require that policies are reviewed on a three-year cycle.

Legislative/Legal: The *Municipal Government Act* s.5 sets out that a municipality has the duties that are imposed on it by enactments and those that the municipality imposes on itself as a matter of policy.

Interdepartmental: The policy review initiative involves all County departments.

Summary

Legislative and Legal Services has been working with all Strathcona County departments to conduct a thorough policy review. The goals of the review include updating policies that are no longer current, identifying potential policy gaps, and eliminating or rescinding policies that are no longer required.

Work on this initiative is progressing and as part of this work, Administration recommends that a number of policies be rescinded. The chart below details which policies will be rescinded and provides the reason for rescinding the policy.

Policy Name	Reason for Rescinding
SER-001-001 Spraying for Pests on Rural County-owned Land	Purpose and guidelines will be addressed through Procedures for the Weed and Pest Control Policy.
SER-001-004 Weed Control Enforcement Program	Purpose and guidelines will be addressed through the Weed and Pest Control Policy.
SER-001-028 Nuisance and Pest Control	Purpose and guidelines will be addressed through the Weed and Pest Control Policy.

Communication Plan

Legislative and Legal Services documents all policies and works with the various departments to ensure that the Municipal Policy Handbook is updated and that any webpage or external reference to the policy are updated appropriately.

Enclosures

- 1 SER-001-034 Weed and Pest Control Policy
- 2 SER-001-001 Spraying for Pests on Rural County-owned Land Policy
- 3 SER-001-004 Weed Control Enforcement Program Policy
- 4 SER-001-028 Nuisance and Pest Control Policy