#### Weed Control Act

Changes to Boards and Committees



#### **Current Process**

- 1. Weeds are found, and need to be removed
- 2. Communication with the owner
- 3. Weed notice issued
- 4. Appeal period \*\*
- 5. Council approves destruction (if required) \*\*
- 6. Weeds are destroyed
- 7. Debt notice
- 8. Appeal period \*\*



## **Authorities (Current)**

 The Agricultural Services Board hears appeals of Weed Control Notices and Debt Notices

If more than 20 acres of crops will be destroyed,
Council must approve the destruction



### Proposal 1

 Move the appeal function from the Agricultural Services Board to the General Appeals and Review Committee

 The General Appeals and Review Committee has expertise in appeals

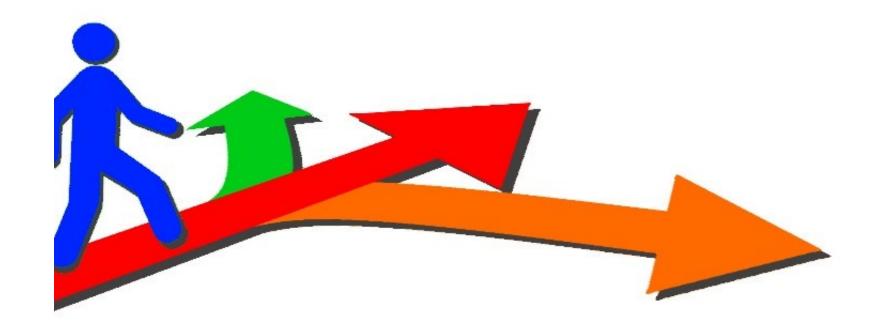
 This includes knowledge of procedural fairness and rules of evidence



#### **Proposal 2**

- Delegate the authority to approve destruction of crops to the Agricultural Services Board
- The process to convene the Agricultural Services Board for a special meeting is generally quicker than for a regular or special Council meeting
- The Agricultural Services Board has expertise in agricultural matters and decisions
- There has been 1 request for this decision in the last 14 years





# Questions?

