



**ORGANIZED HAMLET WEED CONTROL ON PUBLIC LAND**

Policy Objective	To ensure that weed control operations in Organized Hamlets are conducted in an appropriate fashion
Authority	Resolution # 217/2018
Supporting Bylaw	
Related Policy(s)	

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

*The Pest Control Products (Saskatchewan) Act*

**Prohibition against selling or applying pesticide without licence**

- 10 Except as otherwise provided in the regulations but subject to section 39 of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act*, no person, unless the person holds a subsisting licence to do so issued pursuant to the Act, shall:
- (a) carry on a business involving the sale, use or application of a pesticide; or
  - (b) for hire or reward, apply, sell or offer to apply or sell a pesticide.

**OBJECTIVE**

This weed control on public land policy is implemented in order to support the desire to present well-groomed and aesthetically pleasing communities and considering the hazards of chemical application in the control of weeds and other invasive flora.

This policy is adopted as an affirmation of Council’s commitment to accountability and transparency to the ratepayers of the Municipality by ensuring that all information that may be legally distributed is available to the ratepayers. Council also recognizes its responsibility and accountability to all ratepayers. By implementing this policy, Council seeks to reconcile these two objectives.



## SCOPE

Establishment of a framework for the management of weed growth within the boundaries of all Organized Hamlets within the RM boundaries.

## DEFINITIONS

- a) "Council" means the Council of the Rural Municipality of McKillop No. 220
- b) "RM" means the Rural Municipality of McKillop No. 220

## POLICY

### 1. Weed Management Plan

- 1.1. All weed management operations within the boundaries of an Organized Hamlet must fall within the parameters of the Weed Management Plan implemented by the RM as Policy #EH-004.

### 2. Chemical Applicator

- 2.1. No chemical may be applied on or near public land within the RM unless the individual completing the chemical application is in possession of a valid current chemical applicator's license.
- 2.2. The valid current chemical applicator's license must indicate, at minimum, training modules that include Industrial Vegetation and Landscape.
- 2.3. The individual must provide a copy of his/her chemical applicator's license to the RM administration office prior to any chemical application activities occurring.
- 2.4. No purchases of chemical to be used on public lands within the RM may be made by any individual who is not in possession of a valid chemical applicator's licence that has been filed with the RM administration office.



### **3. Chemical Application Plan**

- 3.1. The Hamlet Board of an Organized Hamlet must provide a plan indicating:
  - 3.1.1. A detailed plan identifying all areas that will be sprayed;
  - 3.1.2. The chemical that will be used; and
  - 3.1.3. The anticipated frequency of chemical application.
- 3.2. All proposed spraying plans must be provided to the RM administration office no later than April 1 annually.

### **4. Permits**

- 4.1. Based on the plan submitted by a Hamlet Board, the necessary permits relating to the proposed spraying operations will be obtained by the RM administration office from the appropriate provincial and/or federal government agency.

### **5. Natural Weed Control**

- 5.1. Where natural weed control methods are available as an alternative to chemical control, the natural weed control methods are encouraged for implementation.