

# POLICY



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Agricultural Pest and Nuisance Species	October 13, 2020	396/20

## Purpose:

To establish a policy in accordance with the Alberta Agricultural Pest Act and Regulations in the management and control of designated agricultural pests.

## Policy Statement:

Council recognizes that management and control of agricultural pests are vital to the success of the agricultural producers in Kneehill County.

## Policy Guidelines:

1. The ASB staff will assist Kneehill County agricultural producers as required in the management and control of declared agricultural pests using an integrated pest management approach.
2. Kneehill County shall appoint designated "Inspectors" as required under the Alberta Agricultural Pest Act, who are trained and authorized by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.
3. The appointed Inspector/s shall have all the duties, rights and powers conferred by the Alberta Agricultural Pest Act.
4. The ASB will budget for pest inspector training and certification as set out by Alberta Agriculture.
5. The ASB staff will have available information on best management practices for the control of declared pest and nuisance pest as designated under the Agricultural Pest Act and Regulations.
6. The ASB staff may participate in the distribution of pest control products recommended by Alberta Agriculture and approved by the ASB and Council.
7. If declared pest/s are found, that at the discretion of the Inspector in accordance with the Act and regulations requires control action, the Inspector shall make reasonable attempt to work with the owner/occupant in creating a plan for control, using accepted integrated pest management practices.
8. In cases of non-compliance by the owner/occupant, a Notice shall be issued pursuant to the Alberta Agricultural Pest Act.
9. Kneehill County Council shall annually appoint an Agricultural Appeal Board to hear and determine appeals received by the municipality against notices issued by an Inspector under Agricultural Pest Act.
10. Kneehill County may offer pest inspection services to all Urban Municipalities within its boundary.

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