LEAFY SPURGE PREVENTION PROGRAM POLICY 2019-02

The Council of the R.M. of Deer Forks No. 232 is taking a more proactive approach to prevent and control leafy spurge throughout the municipality. This RM is developing this program to encourage land owners to control this noxious weed on their own lands by cost sharing on chemical control technologies. The cost share helps reduce the economic impact of weeds on the property owner and guides control activities toward the most effective techniques.

The Program works as follows:

- 1. The land owner advises the municipal office of the location of the leafy spurge infestation and the administrator has the weed inspector complete an on-site inspection of the area if needed.
- 2. The land owner obtains approval from the administrator of the municipality which includes filling out an application form for cost sharing assistance which is based on 50% cost of the chemical up to the maximum of \$2,000.00 per ratepayer per year.
 - Example Land owner must purchase \$4000.00 of chemical to receive reimbursement of \$2000.00 from the municipality.
- 3. The only chemical covered by this program, if land owner is eligible, is Tordon 22K.
- 4. The land owner purchases the chemical and sprays the leafy spurge. The land owner then forwards a copy of chemical receipts by October 1 of each year for reimbursement.
- 5. All applications are on a first-come, first-serve basis and once the budgeted funds are expended, the program ends for the current year.
- 6. The noxious weed "Leafy Spurge" is the only noxious weed covered by this program.

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF DEER FORKS NO. 232

COST SHARING ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FORM

Land Owner:
Land Location:
Date and Time of Weed Inspection:
Type of Noxious Weed: <u>Leafy Spurge</u>
Chemical Used: <u>Tordon 22K</u> , Number of Liters
Estimated Cost of Chemical:
Sketch of Area to be Sprayed:
GPS Coordinates/Land Locations:
1
2
3
4
Approved this day of, 20
Administrator