



COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

BALANCING RURAL HERITAGE WITH A DIVERSE ECONOMY

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

To ~~prevent the establishment of and to~~ limit ~~and prevent~~ the spread of clubroot on lands within the County of St. Paul and to enforce the Agricultural Pest Act thus fulfilling the duties of the legislation enacted on lands in the County.

The County is committed to fulfilling its duties and providing enforcement under the Agricultural Pest Act Section 10(1), which states, "The local authority of a municipality shall appoint a sufficient number of inspectors to carry out this Act and the regulations within the municipality."

DEFINITIONS:

"Clubroot of Canola or *Plasamodiophora brassicae*" means a pathogen that infects the roots of canola and causes galls to form, that then restrict the flow of water and nutrients to the plant.

POLICY STATEMENT:

- 1) Random inspections shall be conducted within the County of St. Paul by County-appointed inspectors. Fields will be inspected with practices to avoid the spread of clubroot. The County's 'Clubroot Code of Practice' will be followed when conducting field inspections.
- 2) If inspectors suspect clubroot is present in a field, findings shall be confirmed by an approved laboratory test.
- 3) If a laboratory test comes back positive, an "Incidence Test" shall be completed on the field to determine what rotation restrictions will be applied to the field. The field shall receive a one-in-three year rotation restriction if found to have a low incidence of Clubroot and a one-in-four restriction if found to have a high incidence of Clubroot. The County's 'Clubroot Code of Practice' will be followed when handling field tests.

- 4) If a field is verified to have Clubroot by a laboratory test the landowner shall be notified in person or by telephone by an Agricultural Service Board employee. A Clubroot Pest Notice (Form 2 – Section 6(1) Agricultural Pests Act – Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation) shall be issued to the landowner of that field.
- 5) The Clubroot Pest Notice will include the following directions:
 - No seeding of canola or other cruciferous crops including but not limited to mustard, cabbage, kale, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, turnips, or radishes for the next **two (2) or** three (3) years, and only a Clubroot resistant variety of canola may be seeded in the **third or** fourth year.
 - Control all volunteer canola
 - Clean dirt off of tillage equipment when exiting each land location
 - Property owners **must share this information with renters, custom applicators, or anyone else who may need to access their land.**
- 6) If these directions are not followed and a cruciferous crop is seeded, it may be destroyed at the owner's expense pursuant to the Agricultural Pest Act.
- 7) ~~All landowners and/or occupants adjacent to the affected land will be notified in writing that clubroot has been found.~~ **All positive fields shall be listed on the County of St. Paul's website.**
- 8) Landowners and occupants of Clubroot positive land shall be responsible for following the best practices set out in the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan (ACMP).
- 9) Private landowners and industry are responsible for negotiating their own access and sanitation agreements with each other and the municipality will not involve itself in private negotiations unless it is an enforcement issue regarding a positive clubroot location.
- 10) The County of St. Paul shall thoroughly pressure-wash all rental equipment before renting it out to the next landowner or occupant.