



BIG LAKES COUNTY POLICY



TITLE: Aphanomyces of Peas	
POLICY NUMBER: ASB Policy 18	
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Big Lakes County Bylaw 10-2021	
APPROVED BY COUNCIL: June 9, 2021	
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Policy Statement

The Council of the Big Lakes County recognizes that Aphanomyces of Peas is a concern to agricultural operations within the municipality. Council further recognizes that it is beneficial to the County to establish measures to prevent and/or control Aphanomyces of Peas.

Policy

Prevention

Agricultural Services staff shall

- a. Encourage all seed and feed grains transported into the Big Lakes County from outside the municipal boundaries be tested for the presence of Aphanomyces and seed be treated with a fungicide registered for control of Aphanomyces;
- b. Ensure current Aphanomyces awareness resource material is available to the public;
- c. The County will continue to educate the public on Aphanomyces and encourage producer compliance with any and all provincial Aphanomyces Management Plan;
- d. In the event of disease detection, provide additional producer awareness extension activities (informational meetings / workshops, with displays, publications and/or specialist speakers).

Surveillance

- 1. Upon the recommendation of the Agricultural Fieldman, Council shall appoint individuals to serve as "inspectors" for the purposes of this policy and as stipulated in Big Lakes County Bylaw 10-2021
- 2. The Agricultural Fieldman shall schedule annual inspection of Pea fields within the County.
- 3. The Agricultural Fieldman shall establish biosecurity protocols to be followed by inspectors while conducting inspections. Protocols shall be designed to minimize disease transferal between fields by inspectors and shall follow current Best Management Practices for the detection of Aphanomyces.
- 4. Positive field totals shall be recorded and reported to the township level to Pulse Growers of Alberta, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and the public through public meetings and map generation.



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Control

1. Positive Fields
 - a. The owner of lands lab-confirmed positive for Aphanomyces shall be encouraged to adopt the current best management practices for the control of Aphanomyces and outlined by Pulse Growers of Alberta.
 - b. Should the producer refuse to follow these guidelines voluntarily, a Notice to Remedy for the infested land, including a destruction of crop order as per Control 3(c), may be issued by Big Lakes County Council as per the Big Lakes County Bylaw 10-2021.
 - c. If a producer fails to abide by the Notice to Remedy, the Agricultural Fieldman may, upon resolution of Council:
 - i. Destroy the planted crop through chemical means, to prevent soil disturbance and movement, if the producer does not do so themselves.
 - ii. Should the municipality destroy the crop, an invoice shall be issued to the producer for the labour, chemical and equipment costs of the crop's destruction.
2. After the period of restriction has expired, peas may be seeded. The land(s) in question will be sampled with each planting of peas indefinitely. Should levels be detected, a new Notice to Remedy may be issued.

ASB Policy No. 18 shall be reviewed annually to ensure it reflects the latest scientific advancements and knowledge regarding the Aphanomyces pathogen.



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Chief Administrative Officer

June 9, 2021

Date of Final Signature