

# LAC LA BICHE COUNTY POLICY

TITLE: GRASSHOPPER CONTROL	POLICY NO: PI-63-008
RESOLUTION: 19.566	EFFECTIVE DATE: June 25, 2019
LEAD ROLE: MANAGER, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	NEXT REVIEW DATE: June 25, 2023
SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS REFERENCE:	AMENDMENT DATE:

## **POLICY STATEMENT:**

Lac La Biche County recognizes that grasshopper control is an obligation under the Alberta Pest Control Act and that landholders willing to perform grasshopper control on County road allowance right of ways shall be eligible to receive compensation for their application costs.

<u>"Original Signed"</u> Chief Administrative Officer June 27, 2019 Date

"Original Signed" Mayor July 2, 2019 Date



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## **PROCEDURE:**

- 1. Lac La Biche County (thereafter referred to as County) will permit landholders (landowner or lessee) to perform grasshopper control on County road allowance right of ways running adjacent to their lands.
- 2. The County will compensate landholders for the application of commercial grasshopper control bran bait (control product) or registered insecticide on the County road allowance provided it is performed in accordance to label directions.
- 3. The landholder will be eligible for compensation at rate of \$25 per half mile (800 meters) on the County road allowance ditch directly adjacent to their lands. The opposite side road allowance ditch can also be treated and is eligible for compensation provided he obtains written permission from the neighboring landholder.
- 4. Landholders will be eligible for compensation provided the control product application period falls between May 15th and August 15th of the current calendar year.
- 5. Landholders individually will be limited to a compensation amount that will not exceed \$1,000 for any calendar year.
- 6. Compensation will be paid to the landholder between August 15<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> in the same calendar year to which the control product was applied.
- 7. The County requires proof of purchase of the control product and a map showing the road application areas before the landholder is eligible for compensation.
- 8. The County reserves the right to perform an inspection to verify that the landholder has met the conditions for compensation.
- 9. Failure to meet the above conditions may result in the landholder being disqualified from receiving compensation.
- 10. No compensation will be awarded if the compensation amount is less than \$20. This may eliminate certain properties from receiving compensation, based on the size of area receiving control application. No grasshopper control is to be performed within town limits.

### Multiple Applications and Compensation

The County recognizes that due to the biology of grasshoppers and weather-related occurrences that additional grasshopper control product applications may be required on the same road allowance sections during the same growing season. Additional compensation will be paid at the same rate as the first application with the combined compensation limited to a maximum of \$50 per half mile.

### Rental Equipment Compensation

The County will also compensate the landholder for their rental application equipment costs in the amount equivalent to one day's rental. Payment to be forwarded as per the same compensation conditions outlined previously in this policy.

#### Requests for Service - County Public Lands

The County will accept written requests to perform grasshopper control on County road allowance ditches adjacent to landholder that has submitted a written request. The expense for this control work will be at the County's expense. Requests will be honored under the following conditions:

- a) The grasshopper count exceeds 25 per square meter.
- b) Suitable weather exists.
- c) The written request is received between May 15 and August 15 of the current calendar year.

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