

Bylaw # 3146

"Weed and Pest Appeal Committee Bylaw"



Bylaw Statement:

A Bylaw of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, in the Province of Alberta for the purpose of establishing a weed and pest appeal committee.

WHEREAS: Section 19(1) of the Weed Control Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2008, Chapter W-5.1, authorizes a Council to establish an independent appeal panel to determine appeals of inspector's notices, local authority's notices and debt recover notices.

WHEREAS: Section 14(5) of the Agricultural Pests Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter A-8, authorizes a Council to establish, at the beginning of each calendar year, a committee to hear and determine appeals received upon receipt of a notice of appeal.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled hereby enacts as follows:

INTERPRETATION

1. This Bylaw shall be cited as the "Weed and Pest Appeal Committee Bylaw".
2. Headings in this Bylaw are for reference purposes only.
3. Words in the masculine gender will include the feminine gender whenever the context so requires and vice versa.
4. Words in the singular shall include the plural or visa versa whenever the context so requires.

DEFINITIONS

"*Act*" shall mean the *Weed Control Act* Revised Statutes of Alberta 2008, Chapter W-5.1 and the *Agricultural Pests Act* Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter A-8, as amended from time to time.

"*CAO*" shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer or Designate.

"*Committee*" shall mean agricultural appeal members appointed by the municipality of the County of Grande Prairie County.

"*Council*" shall mean County of Grande Prairie Council.

"*County*" shall mean County of Grande Prairie.

5. A Weed and Pest Appeal Committee is hereby established.
6. County of Grande Prairie may appoint one Councillor at the Organizational Meeting for a term of one year, subject that Councillor is not appointed to the Agricultural Service Board for the County of Grande Prairie for the same term.
7. County of Grande Prairie may appoint up to five (5) public members at large by resolution who will hold a term of four years, to coincide with the Council term of office, following their appointments unless terminated or otherwise vacated.



8. Remuneration shall be paid to the appointed members, as per Policies established by Council.
9. Meetings shall be conducted as per the Council, Board and Committee Meeting Procedure Bylaw.
10. The CAO is authorized to select agricultural appeal committee members to be appointed by the County of Grande Prairie to assure unbiased process.
11. A minimum of three and a maximum of five appointed members are required to hear an appeal, with a quorum of three members.

SEVERABILITY

Each Section of this Bylaw shall be read and construed as being separate and severable from each other Section. Furthermore, should any Section or Part of this Bylaw be found to have been improperly enacted for any reason, then such Section or Part shall be regarded as being severable from the rest of the Bylaw and the Bylaw remaining after such severance shall be effective and enforceable.

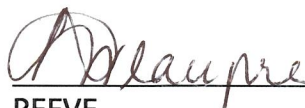
EFFECTIVE DATE

This Bylaw shall come into force and effect on the third and final reading thereof.

Read a FIRST time this 27 Day of August 2020.

Read a SECOND time this 17 Day of September 2020.

Read a THIRD and FINAL time this 14 Day of September 2020.


REEVE


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER