



COUNCIL POLICY C-AG12

Undeveloped Municipal Reserves

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the standards by which Parkland County will maintain, and make accessible, undeveloped municipal reserves in Parkland County.

DEFINITIONS

14. "Municipal Reserve" shall mean land owned by the County and designated as Municipal Reserve (MR) as defined under the *Act*. It also includes Undesignated Reserve land that, based on an assessment of reserve as completed by the County, is equivalent to MR relative to the criteria outlined in the *Act*. Municipal Reserve land does not include Environmental Reserve (ER) or School Reserve (SR) as defined under the *Act*.

POLICY STATEMENT

Parkland County shall endeavor to make undeveloped municipal reserves accessible to all residents of the County, and keep undeveloped municipal reserves reasonably free of noxious weeds by retaining or allowing the area to go back to its natural state.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all of Parkland County's undeveloped municipal reserves that are not otherwise leased for agricultural purposes (i.e. haying) or developed by an agreement with Parkland County.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Agricultural Services is responsible for the development, approval, implementation, monitoring and evaluating of this policy.

STANDARDS

1. Access shall be allowed to the public for recreational purposes unless prohibited by County bylaw or provincial statute.
2. There shall be no clearing of trees for site lines, beautification, or any other purpose without first receiving permission from the Agricultural Services Department.
3. The Agricultural Services Department will control prohibited noxious and noxious weeds (as described by the *Alberta Weed Control Act*) on a spot-spraying basis only.

4. The County's Agricultural Services Department may assist in forest tent caterpillar spraying on undeveloped municipal reserves only when the subdivision is sprayed in its entirety, subject to funds being allocated in the budget.
5. County operations (e.g. borrow pits) affecting undeveloped municipal reserves shall be referred to Parks, Recreation and Culture Services and Agricultural Services Department.