

## **Agricultural Rental Equipment Policy**

**5A.004**

**Section: 5.0 Environmental and Protective Services**  
**- A. Agricultural Services**

**Authority: General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services**

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### **Statement**

The Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) Agricultural Service Board (ASB) will rent to M.D. ratepayers specialized farm equipment not readily available for rent from other rental agencies.

### **Purpose**

To make available for rent specialized farm equipment that will assist M.D. ratepayers in improving their farming operation.

### **Policy**

All equipment will be rented on a first come, first serve basis to M.D. ratepayers.

- (1) Ratepayers must agree to the following conditions:
  - (a) A rental agreement must be signed by the renter prior to taking the equipment;
  - (b) The rental fee and damage deposit must be paid in advance before taking the equipment;
  - (c) The renter assumes all liability for damages, losses or accidents that may occur while the equipment is in his/her possession;
  - (d) Renters will be responsible for damages incurred that exceed the amount of the damage deposit;
  - (e) Equipment will be maintained by the ASB staff and/or Infrastructure Services staff;
  - (f) All cheques are to be made payable to the Municipal District of Bonnyville;
  - (g) Refunds of damage deposits will be at the discretion of the ASB, Infrastructure Services Assistant, or Agricultural Fieldman;
  - (h) The M.D. Agricultural Fieldman may refuse to rent any piece of equipment to a ratepayer who is known to have the following:
    - (i) prohibited or noxious weeds on his/her land;
    - (ii) contagious diseases in the soil;
    - (iii) any arrears from previous equipment rentals.
- (2) The ASB will set the rental rates to be ratified by Council. The rental rates are to be reviewed annually.
- (3) Any community group wishing the use of ASB equipment will be requested to pay the regular damage deposit prior to using the equipment. No daily rental fee will be charged. If the equipment is returned in good condition, the damage deposit will be refunded.
- (4) The ASB may locate certain pieces of rental equipment at ratepayers' farms.
  - (a) These M.D. ratepayers will then be responsible for renting and collecting the rent on behalf of the ASB.

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- (b) The rental fees collected will be remitted to the M.D. Corporate Service Department periodically along with copies of receipts issued.
- (c) The ratepayers who perform this service on behalf of the ASB will receive as compensation a portion of the rental fees collected. The amount of the compensation will be determined by the ASB.

## Review Period

Within five (5) years from date adopted / amended / reviewed.

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<b>Previous Policy Number:</b> (prior to July 24, 2019)	60.63.07
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