



Committee of the Whole

April 14, 2026

Staff Report: #RDS-2026-28

REPORT BY: Kathryn Maton, Manager of Public Works

REPORT SUBJECT: Noxious Weed Control Update – March 2026

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

RECOMMENDATION(S):

“THAT, Council receive Staff Report #RDS-2026-28 as information regarding the control of noxious weeds within the Township of Lanark Highlands.

AND THAT, Council approve the proposed application of ClearView™ for the 2026 spray program, as recommended by the County.

AND FURTHER THAT, Council accept the proposed list of roads for noxious weed inspection and control (mowing, pulling, and spraying) as presented within Staff Report #RDS-2026-28.

AND FURTHER THAT, Council accept the proposed No Spray Agreement templates appended to this report for the 2026 weed control program.”

1. BACKGROUND

Staff Report No. RDS-2026-23, passed by Council on 18 February 2026, had the following recommendations:

“THAT, Council receive Staff Report #RDS-2026-23 as information regarding the control of noxious weeds within the Township of Lanark Highlands.

AND THAT, Council approve the proposed methods of noxious weed control within the Township, which includes a combination of hand-pulling, roadside mowing and spraying adjacent to agricultural/horticultural areas and to the discretion of Township staff on a case-by-case basis.

AND FURTHER THAT, Council directs the Manager of Public Works to report back regarding procurement results for the application of herbicides/pesticides for Lanark County’s noxious weed spraying program.

AND FURTHER THAT, Council directs the Manager of Public Works to report back to Council with a finalized map for proposed spraying of noxious weeds for the 2026 season and proposed templates for no-spray requests.”

2. DISCUSSION

Lanark County 2026 Weed Spraying Tender

Lanark County (County) released Request for Proposal (RFP) Number PW-M-40-2026-26-E1 on 18 February 2026 on the County’s Bids & Tenders online portal (<https://lanarkcounty.bidsandtenders.ca/>). The RFP closed on 5 March 2026 at 1:30 PM (EST).

The RFP requested the application of ClearView™ herbicide, with the request that the successful proponent provide two alternative treatment options, including Navius® Flex, which is an alternative treatment option for broadleaf weed control.

The RFP specified that the contractor shall commence work on or about 25 May 2026 (subject to growth and weather conditions), and that the first application shall be complete before Monday, 6 July 2026 (subject to conditions).

As specified in the RFP, the contractor is responsible for:

- Dealing with inquiries from the general public
- Proving a daily report of the spraying operations, quantity of product used, wind speed, temperature recordings, and GPS locations of areas sprayed
- Coordinating work to avoid spraying on routes scheduled for garbage/recycling pickup or refuse collection activities
- Notifying the County of the proposed spray dates for legislative advertising purposes, and providing all necessary chemical product information for public advertisement purposes
- Identifying areas that do not have appropriate signage in place
- Ensuring that the spraying crew is accessible at all times for communication
- Ensuring that all handling, application, and buffer zones are adhered to as specified on the product label
- Adhering to all ‘no spray’ locations as identified by the County and the Township

Bids were evaluated based on the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Points
Total Price of Schedules “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, “E” & “F”	40
Overall Contractor Experience and Team Qualifications	40
Contractor Experience with Lanark County	10
Treatment Information and Trial Recommendations	10
Total Points	100

The contract was recommended to be awarded to Wagar & Corput Weed Control Inc. for the spraying of ClearView™ herbicide.

Proposed Spray Area for Noxious Weeds

A review of aerial imagery within the Township of Lanark Highlands was completed, and the following roads were interpreted as having, or having had, agricultural and/or horticultural land use. The roads identified with this land use are presented below in **Table 1**.

Table 1 – Proposed Noxious Weed Inspection and Potential Spray Areas

Road Name	Estimated Length of Township Roadside Frontage on Agricultural / Horticultural Property
10th Con B Lanark	2.1
10th Con D Lanark	0.7
11th Con A Lanark	0.2
11th Con B Lanark	0.7
11th Con Dalhousie	0.3
12th Con B Lanark	0.4
12th Con C Lanark	3.0
12th Con Dalhousie	0.7
1st Con B Dalhousie	0.9
2nd Con Dalhousie	2.1
2nd Con North Sherbrooke	2.4
3rd Con Dalhousie	2.1
4th Con A Dalhousie	2.4
4th Con North Sherbrooke	0.2
5th Con A Lanark	1.5
6th Con A Lanark	1.5
6th Con C Lanark	0.4
7th Con A Lanark	0.6
9th Con A Dalhousie	0.1
9th Con A Lanark	1.2
Balfour Ln	0.4
Boyds Rd	0.1
Crampton Rd	0.8
Dobbie Rd	5.4
Floating Bridge Rd	1.6
Forbes Rd	1.0
Foster Dr	0.4
Galbraith Rd	45.6
Gemills Rd	2.2
Gibson Rd	0.8
Highland Line	0.3
Iron Mine Rd	0.5

Road Name	Estimated Length of Township Roadside Frontage on Agricultural / Horticultural Property
Lavant Mill Rd	0.9
Miller Rd	3.8
Mitchell Rd	1.7
Munro Line	1.1
Pretty Dr	1.7
Rodger Rd	2.7
Rosetta Rd	12.7
Sheridan Rapids Rd	3.6
Storie Rd	0.8
Thompson Rd	1.1
Upper Perth Rd	11.9
Total Distance (km)	124.8

Note(s):

1. Properties located within a 20 km radius of the Flower Station area for an existing extenuating circumstance request were not included in the aerial property search.

No Spray Agreements

Township staff prepared three draft no-spray agreements, appended to this report.

- Draft No Spray Agreement Template
- Draft Adopt-A-Road Program Agreement Template
- Draft Request for No Spraying Due to Extenuating Circumstances Template

The draft agreements are consistent with the agreements offered by the County.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The RFP indicated approximately 13 hours of manual spot spraying directed application, which is consistent with the spray program completed in 2025. The cost quoted by the contractor for the scope was \$2,587.00 (not including HST). This amount fits into the Township 2026 budget of \$5,000.00

4. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Option 1

Council receives Staff Report #RDS-2026-28 as information regarding the control of noxious weeds within the Township of Lanark Highlands, and approves the proposed application of ClearView™ for the 2026 spray program, as recommended by the County. As well, Council accepts the proposed list of roads for noxious weed inspection and control (mowing, pulling and spraying) as presented and accepts the proposed No Spray Agreement templates appended to this report for the 2026 weed control program.

Option 2

Council may decide to only spray areas on a case-by-case and complaint basis.

Option 3

Council may decide to opt-out of spraying noxious weeds, and to only conduct roadside mowing and hand pulling to address noxious weeds within the Township.

Option 4

Do nothing.

5. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

None.

6. RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND POLICIES

- The Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990
- Pesticide Act, R.S.O. 1990
- CVI IPM Services, 2022. County of Lanark IPM Vegetation Management Plan
- Lanark County 2025 Roadside Spray Program Legislative Requirements
- Lanark County Weeds Procedure, Public Works Procedure #008

7. OTHERS CONSULTED

Treasurer

Lanark County Weed Inspector

Lanark County Climate and Environmental Coordinator

8. ATTACHMENTS

2026 Noxious Weed Spraying Map

Draft No Spray Agreement Template

Draft Adopt-A-Road Program Agreement Template

Draft Request for No Spraying Due to Extenuating Circumstances Template

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