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## Agriculture Development

February 9, 2009

**MEMO TO:** Clerks of Counties, District and Regional Municipalities and other Municipalities

**FROM:** Mike Cowbrough, OMAFRA

**SUBJECT:** APPOINTMENT OF AREA & MUNICIPAL WEED INSPECTORS 2009

- The *Weed Control Act* includes the following sections. County/district/regional municipalities are required to appoint a weed inspector and all other municipalities may appoint a weed inspector. You are required to notify us of any new appointments in your area or municipality **by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009** to the attention of **Erica VandenBoogaard by fax at 519-826-3567; or email at [Erica.vandenboogaard@ontario.ca](mailto:Erica.vandenboogaard@ontario.ca).**
- Under Section 6 (1) of the *Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5*, councils of every county, district municipality and regional municipality shall by by-law appoint one or more persons as area weed inspectors.
- Under Section 7 (1) the clerks of these counties, districts and regional municipalities shall report the names of all area weed inspectors **before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**
- Under Section 8 (1) of the *Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5*, municipalities may by by-law appoint one or more persons as municipal weed inspectors.
- Under Section 9 (1) the clerks of municipalities who have appointed municipal weed inspectors shall report the names of all municipal weed inspectors **before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**

**If your municipality is not appointing a municipal weed inspector or are making use of the services of an area weed inspector, please indicate on the attached form.**

Please enter the name(s), address(es), telephone number(s), email address(es) and area served by your area and/or municipal weed inspector(s) on the enclosed form and return it to the address listed on this letterhead **before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.** A comprehensive contact list of staff responsible for administering the Weed Control Act is paramount in ensuring that clients can be directed to appropriate contacts and that staff at local levels of government aren't burdened by correspondence that is not applicable to their operations.

Lastly, I'm happy to announce that we will be holding our annual **Weed Inspector's Conference on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Guelph.** The focus of this years meeting will be on new research for managing invasive and noxious weed and a number of excellent speakers have been lined up already. We will also review any administration issues related to the *Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W5*, particularly how Pesticides Bans affect the administration of "the Act". I encourage you to set the time aside and book early to secure your spot for this well attended meeting. More information pertaining to the 2009 conference can be found in the enclosed letter.

Mike Cowbrough  
Chief Weed Inspector

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**PART 1 - APPOINTMENT OF AREA WEED INSPECTOR(S) - 2009**

Regional Municipality, District or County of:

\_\_\_\_\_

**1. Name of Area Weed Inspector**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print*

**Address**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Email:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section of Municipality served**

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**PART 2 - APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL WEED INSPECTOR(S) - 2009**

**Name of municipality (indicate whether city, town, township, etc.):**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Located in (indicate if Regional Municipality, County, District or other):**

\_\_\_\_\_

**1. Name of Municipal Weed Inspector**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print*

**Address**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Email:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section of Municipality served**

\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Name of Municipal Weed Inspector**

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*Please Print*

**Address**

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**Email:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Section of Municipality served

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**NOTE:** If more than two Weed Inspectors, please list on separate page.

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**PART 3 – CLERK’S INFORMATION**

The municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ in the (county, region)

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**will not** be appointing a municipal weed inspector for 2009 and using the services of the area weed inspector for the Regional Municipality, District or County.

Clerk

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE RETURN *before April 1, 2009* TO:**

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**MEMO TO:** Area / Municipal / District Weed Inspectors

**FROM:** Mike Cowbrough, OMAFRA

**SUBJECT:** WEED INSPECTOR'S CONFERENCE 2009  
Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at Victoria Park East Golf Club (map available)

The 2009 Weed Inspector's Conference for area, municipal and district weed inspectors from Ontario will be held at Victoria Park East Golf Club starting at **9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15th, 2009.**

We have space for only 150 weed inspectors and we usually have a full house so register early.  
**ONLY PRE-PAID REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

**Agenda Items for the 2009 Conference**

The following topics will be addressed at this year's annual meeting

- The ban on the Cosmetic Use of Pesticides and it's impact on the Weed Control Act
- A day in the life of a Weed Inspector
- Research updates on management of Dog Strangling Vine and Giant Hogweed
- Potential changes to the Act

We have invited speakers to address the most current issues facing weed management enforcement. If anyone has any issues or topics that they wish to be included in the program, please communicate those to me directly by email at: [mike.cowbrough@ontario.ca](mailto:mike.cowbrough@ontario.ca).

**Register now for 2009 Weed Inspector's Conference**

Starting on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 you will be able to register, pay and receive a receipt for the upcoming Weed Inspector's Conference online at [www.weedscience.ca](http://www.weedscience.ca). If you do not have access to the internet, you can send the registration form enclosed along with a cheque made payable to "**Minister of Finance**" in the amount of \$65.00 per person attending, to cover the cost of the conference and a luncheon. Please return the form and your cheque by **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to: Erica VandenBoogaard, OMAFRA, 1 Stone Road West, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor SW, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 4Y2.** Please include your email address for updates and future developments. A form can also be faxed upon request for making credit card payments. Erica can also be contacted by phoning (519)-826-3318.

Thank you for your co-operation. The annual Weed Inspector's Conferences are one of the main ways for weed inspectors to learn more about enforcing the *Weed Control Act*. I look forward to seeing you at this year's conference.

Mike Cowbrough,  
Chief Weed Inspector