

BEAVER CONTROL POLICY

Subject: Beaver Control

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The County of Northern Lights

classifies beavers as a nuisance and will encourage control measures
to control populations and the ensuing damage they cause.

The County will implement a bounty on beavers and take all necessary
control measures to protect County infrastructure.

Chief Elected Official

Chief Administrative Officer

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To administer, direct and protect County infrastructure and resident flooding caused by beavers.
- 1.2 To reduce beaver population numbers in areas where damage occurs.

2.0 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 Will provide direction, supervision and resources to the Agricultural Fieldman for carrying out this policy.
- 2.2 The County will pay \$10.00 per tail, to a maximum of 35 tails per producer. The amount of compensation paid by the program will be restricted to the amount of resources the County has budgeted.
- 2.3 Will remove dams and mitigate flooding only to reduce or eliminate damage to County infrastructure.

3.0 AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Is the Nuisance Inspector for the County and will administer the program and tracking of beaver infestations/claims.
- 3.2 Will supervise, direct and be responsible for other Council appointed municipal Nuisance Inspectors.
- 3.3 Will be solely responsible for the issuance and enforcement to control nuisances.
- 3.4 Will prevent damage to County infrastructure through monitoring beaver activity with the County and arranging necessary control measures.
- 3.5 Will provide information to ratepayers for control measure options on private land.

4.0 PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 An individual will be responsible for all beaver control measures on private property, unless the incident directly impacts County infrastructure. Ratepayers will not impede the County's ability to remove dams and reduce flooding in order to protect County infrastructure.

4.2 An incident involving any two ratepayers on private land will be disputed between the two ratepayers and not mediated through the County.

5.0 RECOVERY OF EXPENSES

5.1 Anyone wishing to participate in the Beaver Control Program must not be indebted to the County in any amount greater than \$50.00.