

Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23

Title	AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD – BEAVER CONTROL	Policy No.	ASB013
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Legislation Reference	Municipal Government Act, 5(b)
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Purpose

To implement a Beaver control program.

Policy Statement and Guidelines

It is the policy of MD of Mackenzie #23, under the direction of the Agricultural Service Board, to implement a Beaver Control Program.

The purpose of the program is to assist ratepayers experiencing flooding problems of roads, fields, or other situations caused by beaver flooding from unoccupied crown land or ditches under the authority of the M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23. (Unoccupied crown land does not include the bed and shore of watercourses flowing through private land).

This policy will be provided by M.D. # 23 Agricultural Service Board in conjunction with Alberta Fish and Wildlife. It is funded by M.D. #23 Agricultural Service Board.

Procedure

1. Once a complaint is received, arrangements are made with the Municipal District Representative to investigate.
2. The priority given to complaints shall be:
 - a) Road flooding
 - b) Crop damage
 - c) Field flooding
 - d) Damage to Shelterbelts
 - e) Any other considerations that cause undue hardships will be handled at the discretion of the Beaver Control Contractor and the Agricultural Fieldman.
3. Any beaver control measures are at the discretion of the Beaver Control Contractor and the Agricultural Fieldman.
4. The timing and amount of water to be lowered at any one time will be at the sole discretion of the contractors, bearing in mind the effects on other land

- downstream from the dam. Beaver dams ponding water for animal husbandry will not be removed.
5. If a beaver dam located on privately owned land is causing or likely to cause damage to property and the owner fails to undertake or authorize any action to prevent damage, Subsection 24 of the Wildlife Act – General Wildlife (Ministerial) Regulation shall apply.
 6. If there is a complaint received on a grazing reserve, it shall be treated as occupied crown land and the complainant will be encouraged to contact a contractor.
 7. It shall be the responsibility of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 Roads to ensure that any culverts affected by beaver are cleaned.
 8. It is the responsibility of the land owner/occupant to control beaver flooding on private or leased land.
 9. All blasting will be done by a licensed operator and no blasting will be done alone. Consideration will be given to Fish and Wildlife, Registered Trapline Holders and environmental impacts of beaver control operations and relevant provincial legislation and policy will be followed.

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