

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



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Legislation Reference:	Alberta Provincial Statutes
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Purpose:	To provide guidelines to ensure the management of beavers is undertaken in an efficient and effective manner as possible; giving consideration to human safety, municipal liabilities, and mitigation of non-target animal capture.
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 To protect Smoky Lake County road infrastructure and public safety by removing beavers that will/or cause flooding on County road allowances.
- 1.2 To mitigate beaver problems on agricultural land that is adjacent to major waterways within Smoky Lake County.

2. GUIDELINES:

- 2.1 Beavers will not be accepted from outside of Smoky Lake County boundaries.
- 2.2 Beavers in dugouts or ponds will not be accepted.
- 2.3 Upon problem verification by the Agricultural Fieldman, may then supply a list of trappers that the landowner and/or leasor may engage. The landowner/leasor must inform the Agricultural Fieldman, who will be doing the trapping and when.
- 2.4 Upon verification by the Agricultural Fieldman, that the beavers were removed from the above mentioned problem area, a service fee may be paid to the person or persons submitting the claim, whether it be the landowner/leasor, or the trapper engaged by the landowner/leasor. The service fee will be determined by the Agricultural Service Board on an “as required” basis.
- 2.5 A service fee may be determined by the Agricultural Service Board to be paid to trappers removing beavers causing problems on County road allowances, bridges, culverts, and land.
- 2.6 The trapper in these problem areas must be requested to do the work either by the Agricultural Fieldman. In the absence or unavailability of the above mentioned members, the Public Works Foreman may also request trappers to do beaver removal on County road allowances, bridges, culverts and land.

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<p>2.7 The program will only be carried out subject to available funds.</p> <p>3.PROCEDURE:</p> <p>3.1 <i>Schedule "A" Beaver Management Form</i> will be completed and kept as a record of verification.</p> <p>3.2 Upon verification, a <u>service fee</u> of FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$15.00) will be paid for each verifiable beaver removed only from the problem area to the trapper or landowner.</p> <p>3.3 No service fee will be paid without the consent of the Agricultural Service Board for landowners/leasors or trappers, who submit claim without first notifying the Agricultural Fieldman, that there is a flooding problem on agricultural land and this problem has been verified by the Agricultural Fieldman, prior to any trapping being done.</p> <p>3.4 Beaver carcasses will be removed and disposed of in an appropriate manner by the program participant.</p> <p>3.5 The program participant is responsible to take into consideration the characteristic of the site and consequences of the control work.</p>

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