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**YELLOWHEAD COUNTY
COUNTY POLICY & PROCEDURE
BEAVER CONTROL POLICY**

Policy Statement

Yellowhead County will only undertake the removal of beaver or beaver dams from private property or public lands if the removal of beaver or beaver dams serves to protect the integrity of the county road system. Yellowhead County will provide a contractor referral system for persons requiring the removal of beaver or beaver dams from private property or provincial lands.

Legislation

The beaver is not a declared pest under the Agricultural Pest Act – Pest & Nuisance Control Regulation in the Province of Alberta. Yellowhead County has no legislated duty to provide beaver control or beaver dam removal on private or provincial land.

Objective

The responsibility for the beaver (Genus Castor) rests with the province of Alberta. The objective of Yellowhead County is to establish the role of this municipality towards providing beaver control and beaver dam removal on private or provincial land.

Guidelines

1. Beaver and beaver dam complaints received by the County will be filed with the Agricultural Service Board.
2. Residents will be advised of the County Beaver Control Policy and provided a list of contractor referrals that will provide beaver and beaver dam removal.
3. Written complaints will be forwarded to Alberta Environmental Protection: Fish & Wildlife Division.
4. An annual report on the amount of complaints will be presented to the Agricultural Service Board.

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