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Subject:	BEAVER CONTROL	Control Code:	11.21

Purpose:

For the control of beavers, removal of beaver dams, resolve flooding of lands and other damages caused by beavers within Camrose County.

Authority:

Under Section 5(b) of the *Municipal Government Act* Camrose County has the duties that are imposed on it by this and other enactments and the municipality imposes on itself as a matter of policy.

Definitions:

- “beaver” for clarification the beaver is not declared a pest under the *Agricultural Pest Act*, or *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation* in the province of Alberta.

Policy Statements:

1. The Agricultural Service Board will undertake a beaver control program at the request of a landowner or occupant or at the initiative of the municipality on lands to which access is permitted.
2. The Agricultural Service Board will hire a trapper under the direct supervision of the Agricultural Fieldman.
3. Upon receipt by Camrose County a fee of \$300.00 from a landowner or occupant of land within Camrose County, and upon submission of proof of payment to the County, the Agricultural Fieldman will accept and act upon requests to remove beaver and beaver dams from privately owned property.
4. The Agricultural Service Board Chairman will report to Council to announce the name of the trapper.
5. The trapper(s) will be paid on an hourly basis and they will be permitted to retain the beaver pelts. It will be understood that the pelts are given to the trappers in lieu of payments for expenses and equipment.
 - a. Wages will be set at the County hourly labor rate, no overtime will be permitted,
 - b. Mileage will be paid at the established County rate.

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6. All payments will be approved by the Agricultural Fieldman before submission for payment.
7. Beaver control measures may be undertaken at the request of a landowner or occupant.

Procedure Statements:

1. Upon request from a landowner or occupant the Agricultural Fieldman shall act upon requests to remove beaver and beaver dams from privately owned property.
2. Wherever possible beaver dams will be removed using mechanical or manual methods.
3. The Agricultural Fieldman shall only remove the necessary sections of beaver dams, as required to facilitate the flow of water. Removal of entire dams will be done in a discriminating manner so as to avoid downstream flooding and siltation, increased dynamite costs, and increased risk of blasting damage from larger sized charges. Dams shall be removed sequentially starting from the ones lowest downstream, and moving in an upstream manner for subsequent blasts.
4. Personnel transporting, handling and use of explosives shall comply with all government regulations and Camrose County safety policies.
5. Beaver control requests will be served on a first come, first serve basis.
6. Removal of beaver dams will be restricted to the period from April 1 to October 30 of each year.