

**COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1  
POLICY MANUAL**

<b>Legal References:</b> Municipal Government Act, Section 6	<b>Policy Department:</b> Agriculture Services
<b>Cross References:</b> Agriculture Service Board	<b>Policy Number:</b> D2
<b>Adoption Date:</b> June 14, 1999 <b>Revision Date: April 23, 2007</b>	<b>Policy Title:</b> Beaver Dams

**POLICY PURPOSE:**

To establish procedures for the removal of beaver dams.

**POLICY STATEMENT & GUIDELINES:**

Beaver dams that are causing agricultural, municipal structure or personal concern from flooding will be removed by the Agricultural Department in accordance with this policy.

Beaver dams causing flooding of the agricultural land will be removed by trapping, backhoe, and/or explosives to alleviate the crop or pasture damage upon the request of the landowner. Beaver dams will not be removed in areas where ponding is necessary for livestock husbandry.

Beaver dams that are causing personal damage or inconvenience will be removed by trapping, backhoe and/explosives only after the landowner has attempted to remove the beaver dams.

Beaver dams on municipal property will only be removed in co-operation with the County of Grande Prairie No.1 - Public Works Department.

Landowners requesting beaver dam removal will

- sign an "Agreement for Beaver Dam Removal Using Explosives"
- agree to pay the fee as per the current Schedule of Fees Bylaw to remove beaver dams.

Blasting will be done by a licensed certified blaster. Consideration will always be given to environmental impacts of beaver control operations by following provincial legislation and policy.

**EXHIBIT(S):**

- Agreement for Dam Removal
- 2. TDG Regulations