

COUNTY OF LAMONT NO. 30

POLICY

- TITLE** : BEAVER DAM FLOOD CONTROL
- AUTHORITY** : AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
- POLICY STATEMENT** : THE COUNTY WILL MANAGE FLOODING DUE TO BEAVER DAMS ON COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAYS AND HOLDINGS.
- PURPOSE** : TO MANAGE FLOOD WATERS CAUSED BY BEAVER DAMS WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAYS OR COUNTY HOLDINGS.
- POLICY RESOLUTION** : 89-41, 94-43, 95-335, 98-149, 98-193
- PROCEDURE** :
1. Beaver dam removal to alleviate flooding will be done on a reported basis, co-ordinated through the Agricultural Fieldman's office.
 2. Removal of dams and/or beavers shall be done by authorized personnel in accordance with federal and provincial legislation.
 3. Flooding of County ROW's or holdings will be co-ordinated between the ASB and Public Works departments.
 4. a) The County will notify appropriate downstream landholders of the intent and approximate date of water release from dam removals.

b) Responses from all those notified must be received by the ASB, with any conditions or objections noted, and returned to the ASB prior to the commencement of any work.
 5. Beaver control for non-flooding (ie. tree) damage will be referred to Fish & Wildlife.
 6. Dam removal may be done on private land at County expense, by Public Works request, if the dam in question is flooding the right-of-way adjacent to it, or may cause a potential threat to the roadways and subject to the County first obtaining the necessary easement from the landholder.

7. Landholders requiring removal of beaver dams or beaver from private land will be notified that the County does not do work in these instances, and will be advised to use private contractors for dam or beaver removal.
8. Situations involving flooding due to water course obstructions (including beaver dams), where the landowner harbouring the obstruction(s) does not consent to their removal, will be referred to Water Resources Administration Division and/or Fish and Wildlife Division of Alberta Environmental Protection.