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Beaver Dam Flood  
Control

Policy No.: 6070  
Department: ASB  
Authority: Agricultural Service Board  
Current Approved Date:

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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, ASBOS-50, ASB07-200, ASB16-048, ASB19-011

Procedure:

- 1) Beaver dam removal to alleviated flooding will be done on a report basis, coordinated 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 coordinated between the ASB and Public Works departments.
- 4) The County will notify appropriate downstream landholders of the intent and approximate date of water release from dam removals. 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 County infrastructure. The County will obtain all necessary easements prior to conducting the dam removal work.
- 7) Application to have beaver control work done on private land shall be made directly to the Agricultural Fieldman in writing including a sketch of the area where the control work is needed.

- 8) Applicants requesting private beaver dam removal are required to fill out a *Permission To Enter Upon Lands*, Attachment 1, and waiver prior to any control work being done by the County or an agent of the County.
- 9) Situations involving flooding due to water course obstructions (including Beaver dams), where the landowner harboring the obstruction(s) does not consent to their removal, will be referred to Water Resources Administration Division and/or Fish & Wildlife Division of Alberta Environmental Protection.
- 10) Permission has been granted to authorized County personnel who meet the following criteria:
  - a) 18 years of age
  - b) Can legally possess, transport, handle and discharge a firearm
  - c) Firearms restricted to .22 or .22 magnum caliberAre permitted to carry and use firearms in a safe and respectable manner in situations of humanely disposing of problem wildlife in distress and properly disposing of the carcass.

Scheduled Review Date:  
January 2021

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