



POLICY 819 – Wolf Incentive Program

THORHILD COUNTY

REFERENCE

Adopted by Council: Resolution 250-2016 (April 26, 2016)
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Supersedes: NEW

POLICY STATEMENT

PURPOSE AND INTENT:

The Wolf Incentive Policy will ensure livestock producers within the Thorhild County are assisted in the control of wolves which are or may be causing predation issues. Through this program, landowners who are livestock producers, or persons approved by the producer will be reimbursed for their efforts to control problem wolves, when hunted lawfully within the Municipality.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. General

- a. Council may establish a budget for the Wolf Incentive program annually during budget deliberations.
- b. By resolution of Council the Wolf Incentive Program (the Program) will be activated or terminated, and the level of incentive received for adult and/or juvenile wolves will be set.
- c. Council may limit the number of wolf carcasses eligible to be claimed by or on behalf of any Landowner, in an effort to ensure all Landowners are equally able to participate in the Program, while remaining within the budget set by Council for the program.
- d. Council may amend the number of wolf carcasses eligible to be claimed by or on behalf of any Landowner at any time in an effort to utilize the budgeted amount in the most effective manner possible.

2. Responsibilities

- a. Thorhild County shall pay compensation of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars per adult and/or juvenile wolf taken by an approved participant within County boundaries in accordance with the listed conditions: Thorhild County Wolf Incentive program will be in effect for private property and grazing leases within the boundaries of Thorhild County only and a max of 3 adult and/or juvenile wolves per landowner per year.
- b. Landowners wishing to participate in the program will be required to register with the Agricultural Fieldman or his/her designate on an annual basis, in advance of participation in the program. Landowners will identify individuals who may also participate in the program on their behalf.
- c. To request authorization for compensation, the Participant will provide proof of permission from the owner or authorized occupant of the land upon which the harvest was conducted, and declare the following:
 1. The legal land location where the wolf was harvested.
 2. The date of harvest.
 3. That the harvest was conducted in a lawful manner, in accordance with current legislation.
 4. The participant is the legal landowner or authorized occupant of the land; and/or
 5. The participant is authorized to participate in the program on behalf of a Landowner, and had permission to harvest on said land.
- d. For verification and authorization of payment, the carcass from each adult wolf harvested must be presented at the Thorhild County Agricultural Services office to the Agricultural Fieldman or designate.
- e. Entire wolf carcasses shall be delivered to Thorhild County Agricultural Services office for examination and marking, and authorization of payment;
 1. Examination of the carcass will be performed to verify the animal has been destroyed by means other than vertebrate toxicant.
 2. The carcass will be marked by the Agricultural Fieldman or designate;
 3. A carcass that has been previously marked will be rejected.
 4. If eligible, the claimant will be provided with a payment authorization.
- f. The Participant will be responsible for disposal of all parts of the carcass, and such disposal will be in accordance with Provincial legislation;

- g. Participants of the Wolf Incentive Program will follow all Federal and Provincial Legislation and Regulations including, but not limited to the *Wildlife Act* and *Wildlife Regulations*, the *Firearms Act*, the *Petty Trespass Act*, and *Alberta Hunting and Trapping Regulations*, and any amendments or successor legislations thereto.
- h. Participants will be removed from the list of eligible Participants and will forfeit all benefit from the program; if it is determined they have not adhered to the Policy or program guidelines as set by Thorhild County Council.
- i. Participants attempting to receive payment for wolves taken from outside of Thorhild County shall be disqualified from receiving any further benefit from the program.
- j. Disputes over eligible claims for compensation will be settled at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman, whose decision will be final and binding.



Janelle, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Date