

## BEAVER CONTROL POLICY

Subject: Beaver Control

Ref: ASB

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The County of Northern Lights

classifies beavers as a nuisance and will encourage control measures  
to control populations and the ensuing damage they cause.

The County will provide the necessary control measures and budget to  
protect County infrastructure.

  
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Chief Elected Official

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To administer, direct and protect County infrastructure caused by beaver activity and flooding.
- 1.2 To reduce beaver population numbers in areas where damage occurs, if necessary.

## **2.0 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 2.1 Will provide direction, supervision and resources to the Agricultural Fieldman for carrying out this policy.
- 2.2 Will remove dams and mitigate flooding only to reduce or eliminate damage to County infrastructure.

## **3.0 AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3.1 Is the Nuisance Inspector for the County and will administer the program and tracking of beaver infestations.
- 3.2 Will supervise, direct and be responsible for other Council appointed municipal Nuisance Inspectors.
- 3.3 Will prevent damage to County infrastructure through the monitoring of beaver activity within the County and arrange necessary control measures including, but not limited to:
  - 3.3.1 Dam removal
  - 3.3.2 Beaver removal
  - 3.3.3 Area trapping
- 3.4 Will provide information to ratepayers for control measure options on private land.

## **4.0 PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 4.1 An individual will be responsible for all beaver control measures on private property, unless the incident directly impacts County infrastructure. Ratepayers will not impede the County's ability to remove dams and reduce flooding in order to protect County infrastructure.
- 4.2 An incident involving any two ratepayers on private land will be disputed between the two ratepayers and not mediated through the County.