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The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for protecting the integrity of municipal infrastructure through the control of beavers and associated beaver dams within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135.

- a. The Municipal District of Peace No. 135 will only undertake the removal of beaver or beaver dams from private property or municipal land if the removal of beaver or beaver dams serves to protect the integrity of the MD infrastructure.
- b. Beaver control measures shall not be undertaken at the request of a landowner or occupant but shall only be undertaken by authorization of the MD on municipal land or private land to which access has been granted by the landowner.
- c. Requests for beaver control work on private land shall be directed to the beaver control contractor to be addressed by him through private negotiations and no expense will be paid by the MD.
- d. The beaver is not declared a pest under the *Agricultural Pest Act* and the Municipal District of Peace No. 135 has no legislated duty to provide beaver control and beaver dam removal on private or municipal land.

Guidelines:

1. Request for Service on Municipal Land

- a. When MD administrative staff receive written complaints from ratepayers, they will forward them to the Manager of Ag Services or the Public Works Foreman for further action.
- b. If the problem occurs on crown land and affects private land, the owner or leaseholder must contact Alberta Environment and Parks, not the MD of Peace.
- c. Alberta Transportation is responsible for the maintenance of road culverts blocked by beaver on all primary and secondary highways; therefore, any landowners requesting service shall be directed to Alberta Transportation.
- d. The MD shall initiate control measures, through a hired contractor, where beaver dams are causing ponding of water within the MD road allowances or municipal ditches.
- e. Sites adjacent to MD infrastructure, which harbor beaver populations and are subject to problematic beaver activity, may be dealt with by the beaver control contractor, provided that appropriate authorization is granted by the Manager of Ag Services or the Public Works Foreman and the landowner or occupant has given permission for beaver or dam removal work.

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- f. When a contractor is directed by the Public Works Foreman or Manager of Ag Services to do beaver control work, he will submit an invoice at month end after completion of the work. The Beaver Control Program Verification Form attached to this policy must be included with each invoice and must contain the following information: legal land description where work took place, nature of work (e.g. the number of beavers removed or beaver dam removal), and number of hours to complete the assigned job.
- g. The contractor will not initiate any beaver control work without prior approval of the Public Works Foreman or Manager of Ag Services.

2. Beaver Dam Removal

- a. The MD shall remove only the necessary sections of beaver dams as are required to facilitate the flow of water. Removal of the entire dam shall be conducted in a discriminating manner, to avoid downstream flooding and siltation, and increased risk of blasting damage from large-sized water charges.
- b. In the event blasting is to be conducted, it is the responsibility of the beaver control contractor to ensure that a dam blaster complies with federal and provincial legislation.
- c. When the MD is requesting control work on private lands, a signed liability waiver and permission for entry shall be obtained before any beaver control work will be conducted on the land.
- d. Residents living within 200 meters of a proposed blasting site shall be notified of the intent to remove the dam. Notification of blasting shall be undertaken immediately before the blast and, when reasonably practicable, shall be made in person. If the blaster is unable to make contact with the resident, the blaster shall determine, visually, if there are any constraints apparent on the property, and ensure that all warning signage is in place.
- e. The blaster shall ensure that blasting activities are not conducted at locations in immediate proximity to underground or overhead utilities and culverts.
- f. The contractor must follow the MD of Peace Clubroot policy when entering onto private land.

Beaver Control Program Verification Form



NAME:

	Beaver Control Summary				
DATE	No. of Beaver/ Dam Removed	Hours	Agricultural Legal Land Description and Detail of Work		
otal Beaver/Dam removed					