

MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON

POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL Beaver Damage Control

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1. PREAMBLE

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has adopted this policy to outline the conditions of the Beaver Damage Control Policy as adopted. The terms of this policy are for properties and right-of-ways owned by the Municipality, or for properties with which the Municipality obtains consent from the landowner to remove/manage problem beavers.

2. POLICY

The Municipality is in partnership with the Government of Manitoba as represented by the Minister of Agriculture for the Farmland Beaver Damage Control Program, with funding provided by the Canadian Agricultural Partnership – Ag Action Manitoba program.

Municipal applications for the funding program are required annually. The application window typically opens near the beginning of the calendar year, and the claim statement is typically due after the end of the calendar year. Eligible costs are only those incurred and paid between in May 7 to December 31 of the eligible year.

For more information please see: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/canadian-agricultural-partnership/ag-action-manitoba-program/ag-action-manitoba-farmland-beaver-damage-control.html#:~:text=DESCRIPTION,and%20flooding%20on%20agricultural%20land>.

The Municipality will pay the upfront cost of eligible beaver damage control activities and collect evidence of any beaver removal. The Municipality will ensure trappers working under the program are experienced in humane trapping techniques, adequately licensed, and aware of all program regulations.

Program funds are distributed annually. Currently, government program support cannot exceed 50 per cent of eligible expenses to a maximum of \$200 per pond leveller and \$15 per beaver removal. The Municipality will provide an incentive for approved and authorized problem beavers trapped or otherwise destroyed within the Municipality at a rate of \$50.00 per beaver plus reasonable mileage. The municipality will collect the tail as evidence that beaver removal has occurred and notch/paint it to

prevent re-submission. Tails will be disposed of in an appropriate manner, such as through incineration or disposal in a landfill authorized to accept animal carcasses.

The Municipality does not authorize pond levelers at this time, and will bear all expenses for dams removed under the authorization of the Public Works Manager as that work is not covered under the program.

3. PROCEDURE

All beaver removals must be done by an eligible trapper. Trappers working under the program must hold a valid trapping licence, or have held a valid trapping licence in the past year. Trapping activities must be conducted in accordance with the Trapping of Wild Animals Regulation, Manitoba Regulation 245/90, except for sections 10.1 (retrieval of animal; waste of hide, skin or pelt) and 12 (tagging of pelts).

A person killing a beaver with a firearm may only use a rimfire rifle or a shotgun with shot.

Any beaver removed under this program may not be kept, bartered, traded or sold or otherwise made use of (including the pelt), unless:

1. it is killed under the authority of a trapping licence, during the trapping season and is done in accordance with trapping laws; or
2. a permit to possess the wild animal or parts thereof is first obtained. A Permit to Possess a Dead Wild Animal can be requested from a Conservation Officer in the local district office.

Schedule A - Trapper Authorization Form is required prior to the remittance of any payment for beaver removal. The form must be completed in full including: trapper information, location of removal, and trapper declaration.

SCHEDULE A

**Ag Action Manitoba – Assurance Farmland Beaver Damage Control
TRAPPER AUTHORIZATION FORM**

A. TRAPPER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Address: _____
Trapper Name (Please Print)

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address (if applicable): _____

Trapper's Licence Number and/or Wild Animal Kill Permit Number: _____

B. TRAPPING ACTIVITY INFORMATION

The Municipality/Northern Affairs Community/Association of Manitoba Community Pastures
 (AMCP)/First Nation of _____

has requested the trapper indicated above to remove an estimated _____ beavers from the
(insert number)
 location(s) identified below by _____
(insert date)

Locations:

Complete Prior to Beaver Removal							Complete After Beaver Removal		
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Landowner's or Land Leaser's Name (where applicable)	Type of Land (*see below)	Quarter	SEC.	TWP.	RGE.	Estimated No. of Beaver to be Removed	Actual No. Of Beaver Removed	Month of Beaver Removal	Estimated Acres Brought Back into Production

*Type of Land: Private/Crown/Municipality/First Nation (FN)/Northern Affairs Community (NAC)/Association of Community Pastures (AMCP)/Other (please specify)

C. ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVES

1. Adjacent landowners (within one mile) must be notified when using traps to remove beavers.
2. A copy of the associated Wild Animal Kill Permit must be carried while conducting program activities.
3. Beaver tails are to be submitted as evidence of completed activities.

4. AUTHORIZATIONS (To be completed prior to beaver removal)

Municipality/Northern Affairs Community/AMCP/First Nation Authorization for the trapper indicated in Section A to conduct trapping activities as outlined in Sections B and C:

_____ (Print Name) _____ (Sign) _____ (Date)

I, the authorized trapper, agree to trap beavers in locations specified in Section B (above) and to contact the municipality/Northern Affairs Community/AMCP/First Nation to request an amended/new Trapper Authorization if I have trapped the total estimated number of beavers for removal:

_____ (Print Trapper Name) _____ (Sign) _____ (Date)

5. TRAPPER DECLARATION (To be completed after beaver removal)

I _____ (print name) declare that I removed a total of _____ (number) beaver from the above locations as indicated in column H and during the month indicated in column I of the table in Section C (above), as authorized by the Municipality/Northern Affairs Community/AMCP/First Nation and was paid \$ _____ for this service.

Trapper's Signature: _____

Date: _____