

<b>COUNTY OF WETASKIWIN NO. 10</b>  <b>Municipal Policy &amp; Procedures Manual</b>	<b>FUNCTION:</b>  6000 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT/ ASB SERVICES
	<b>SECTION:</b>  6200 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

## **BEAVER CONTROL POLICY #6231**

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Council has established procedures to be taken in the removal of beaver, the destruction of beaver dams, and the unplugging of road culverts effecting County road allowances and other County lands.

### **PROCEDURES**

- A. The Director of Agricultural Services will hire a Trapper/Blaster each year to remove the problem beaver from the County road allowances/land(s) and water management projects registered to the County of Wetaskiwin.
- 1) In addition, no beaver work, trapping or blasting will be conducted on agricultural lands or for companies (ie. farmers, acreages, oil companies, pipeline companies, Alberta Transportation etc.)
  - 2) If a road allowance is affected due to beaver activity on private land(s), trapping of beaver and blasting beaver dams may take place on private land(s) providing proper written permission is obtained from the landowner(s) or person(s) in possession of the land(s).
  - 3) Due to water being pushed onto private land from an existing beaver dam on a road allowance, the County would be responsible for the blasting and cleanup.
- B. All incoming calls shall be received by the Agricultural Fieldman's office.
- 1) A District Occurrence Report shall be completed by the Agricultural Fieldman's personnel. The original shall be sent to the Fish and Wildlife Office in Wetaskiwin, and one copy to the Agricultural Fieldman's Office.

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C. Detailed work order records will be kept by the Beaver Trapper, including the following:

- 1) Number of beavers trapped at each location.
- 2) Number of dams blown or dug out at each location
- 3) Number of culverts opened by hand or blown at each location
- 4) Amount of explosive used at each location.
- 5) Labour, time and mileage per complaint.

The Beaver Trapper shall submit the work order records to the Director of Agricultural Services by the end of each month.

D. The Agricultural Service Board will supply a vehicle and all necessary equipment for the trapper to fulfil his duties with the exception of firearms.

E. Prior to blasting, the Blaster will ensure that all easements have been completed. A call to Alberta First Call will be completed prior to work commencing, at the discretion of the Blaster.

The Blaster will do a quick visual assessment prior to each job outlining:

- 1) Blast area and size.
- 2) Obstructions
- 3) Above: ie. powerlines
- 4) Below: ie gaslines
- 5) Beside: ie. fences, roads, livestock, bridges, etc.
- 6) Setback distances
- 7) Downstream flooding potential

F. On every blast, the Blaster is the person in charge. He has authority over any and all persons at the blast site. It is his responsibility to ensure a safe, efficient blast. His instructions are to be followed out exactly.

Proper safety equipment must be worn by all present at the blast site.

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