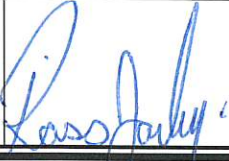


The Rural Municipality of Elton

REFERENCE:	Roads	AUTHORITY:	Council
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POLICY DESCRIPTION:

Whereas the Rural Municipality of Elton recognizes that beavers build dams in waterways located within the Rural Municipality of Elton (Elton).

Whereas beavers or dams may need to be controlled or removed to protect lands and infrastructure.

Now therefore be it resolved that Elton hereby set the policy for removal of beavers and beaver dams as follows:

GENERAL

The landowners are responsible for coordination, removal and expenses relating to control or removal of beavers and/or dams that are impacting private lands. Authorization for beaver control work done on private land that potentially has impact on downstream landholders must be made by the landowner directly to the local Sustainable Development District Office.

Drainage culverts may be rid of debris in and around the culvert from time to time by individuals acting on behalf of the Municipality, i.e. Municipal staff, contractors, etc.

BEAVERS:

Elton may from time to time determine there to be a problem beaver(s) located at specific sites within the boundaries of Elton.

During the species season (October 1 to May 31):

- a) Elton may retain trappers that must be licensed by the local Sustainable Development district office to remove a problem beaver(s).

Outside the species season (June 1 to September 30):

- a) Elton must obtain a *Wild Animal Kill Permit* (Permit) to remove a problem beaver(s) from the local Sustainable Development District Office. The permit will be applied for on an as needed basis.
- b) Elton will identify on the permit:
 - i. All employees and/or individuals acting on Elton's behalf;
 - ii. If it is for public safety or property protection purposes;
 - iii. Method of removal (humane lethal traps, firearms, snares or other); and
 - iv. Legal land description (Municipal or Private).
- c) Conditions of the permit include but are not limited to:
 - i. The permit must be carried by the permit holder, or an initialed copy must be carried by the designate, while conducting the activities identified on the permit;
 - ii. The permit holder must not dispose of the carcass or pelt of a wild animal or part thereof except at a landfill site authorized to take dead animals, by surrendering it to a Sustainable Development District Office or disposed of as directed by a conservation officer. The disposal of all destroyed problem beavers are the sole responsibility of the designate authorized on the application form (Schedule A) as may be revised from time to time;
 - iii. The permit will not be valid on private land without the permission of the owner or lawful occupant. On crown land, written permission must be granted by officials from the department responsible for its administration; and
 - iv. The permit holder shall report in writing the number of animals taken under the permit to the Elton office within fifteen (15) days of permit expiry or at the conclusion of the action, whichever occurs sooner.

Both trappers and/or those acting on behalf of Elton to carry out beaver management in areas identified by Elton must complete an application form (Schedule A). This authorization will indicate area of concern and the approximate number of beavers to be removed.

In every instance where Elton wishes to remove a problem beaver(s), landowners within one (1) mile will be notified prior to any removal taking place.

Payment: Rate for removal of problem beaver(s) authorized by Elton will be set at \$40.00 per beaver.

BEAVER DAMS:

Elton may from time to time determine there to be a problem beaver dam(s) located at specific sites within the boundaries of Elton.

Beaver dams that are causing concerns to Elton lands and infrastructure will be removed on approval by Elton.

Removal of Dams:

- a) Elton must obtain a *Muskrat House, Beaver Dam and/or Beaver Lodge Removal Authorization* to remove a problem beaver dam(s) from the local Sustainable Development District Office. The permit will be applied for on an as needed basis.
- b) Elton will identify on the permit:
 - i. Method of removal (Machinery, Explosives, etc.); and
 - ii. Legal land description (Municipal or Private).
- c) Conditions of the permit include but are not limited to:
 - i. The permit must be carried by the permit holder, or an initialed copy must be carried by the designate, while conducting the activities identified on the permit;
 - ii. The removal of any beaver dam(s) which has an active beaver lodge or bank den upstream, or the removal of any beaver lodge must be preceded by a reasonable attempt to trap the resident beavers of that lodge unless otherwise directed by a conservation officer. Removal of beaver(s) must be undertaken by a licensed trapper or under permit;
 - iii. The removal of a beaver dam must not result in waterflow exceeding the downstream channel capacity;
 - iv. Removal is limited to the material used to construct the beaver dam(s);
 - v. If multiple dams are on the waterway, work must commence at the downstream dam and progress upstream; and
 - vi. If authorized to use explosives, individual detonations of not more than one (1) kg may be used to remove a beaver dam.
- d) Elton will notify appropriate downstream landowners of the intent and approximate date of water release from dam removals.
- e) Removal of dams on Private Property may be done at the Elton's expense if the dam in question is causing concerns to Elton lands and infrastructure.