



AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

Policy: Beaver Harvest Incentive Program

Policy Number: ASB 11

Policy Effective: 21 December 2020

Resolution Number:

Policy Statement

The County of Minburn is committed to protecting municipal infrastructure from water movement problems related to beaver activity through incentivizing the private harvesting of beavers in the County.

Purpose and Intent

To reduce damage to municipal infrastructure and private lands via flooding caused by beaver activity.

Principles

1. The County of Minburn shall implement a Beaver Harvest Incentive Program that will pay a bounty of twenty dollars (\$20) for each beaver tail harvested by a ratepayer or resident within the municipal boundaries of the County of Minburn in accordance with this policy.
2. There is no minimum size for eligible beaver tail.
3. Problem wildlife personnel employed or contracted by the County of Minburn are exempt from this program as are any beavers harvested by them.
4. The Director of Agriculture and Utility Services, or designate, shall ensure the delivery of the Beaver Harvest Incentive Program.
5. The County shall provide compensation for beavers harvested under the Beaver Harvest Incentive Program upon a signed declaration of the following:
 - a) Providing the legal land location where the beaver was harvested (must be within the County of Minburn).
 - b) Date of harvest.
 - c) That the harvest was conducted in a lawful manner, in accordance with all current legislation.
 - d) Confirmation of landowner permission on affected land.
 - e) A beaver tail was marked by a County of Minburn employee in the presence of the individual who harvested the animal.
6. Disposal of all beavers submitted under the Beaver Harvest Incentive Program shall be the responsibility of the person submitting the carcass/tail after proper submission procedures have taken place.

7. The Director of Agriculture and Utility Services, or designate, shall determine the maximum amount of beaver tails that will be accepted under this program per quarter section of property and in accordance with the program's annual budget.

Responsibilities

1. Council: To determine the annual allocated funds for the Beaver Harvest Incentive Program through the budget process and to review this policy from time to time.
2. Director of Agriculture and Utility Services: To ensure this program is carried out in a manner consistent with this policy and to deny harvests that may fall outside of it.
3. Landowners/Residents: Sign an affidavit prior to receiving payment stating that the principles outlined in this policy were followed.

December 22, 2020

Date



Chief Administrative Officer