

**The Rural Municipality of Dufferin
POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL**

<i>Reference</i> Beaver Removal & Trapping	<i>Classification</i> Policy
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Council Meeting - Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 #14 Re: PW.Beaver Removal & Trapping

Councillors Dunn/Harder

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin approve the Beaver Removal & Trapping Policy.

Motion Carried

Farmland Beaver Damage Control

Scope

The Farmland Beaver Damage Control program helps industry service providers implement appropriate methods (lethal and non-lethal) to control nuisance beavers that cause problems of excess moisture and flooding on agricultural land.

- Indirect methods - pond levelers, or other options approved by Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development administrator.
- Direct methods - trapping using approved traps or snares, shooting when a beaver is on land or in a trap, or other options approved by Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development administrator.

Responsibility

Responsibility for the removal and trapping of beavers within the boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin.

1. The Rural Municipality of Dufferin is responsible for authorizing the beaver removal, dam removal or other methods of beaver damage control
 - a. responsible for identifying, obtaining, and complying with any necessary licenses, permits and approvals (municipal, provincial or federal, etc.) before starting the project. The Rural Municipality of Dufferin will obtain an annual wild animal kill permit from the Minister of Sustainable Development.
 - b. responsible for ensuring trappers are licensed and experienced in humane techniques

- c. required to collect evidence of beaver removal or installation of pond levellers
2. Trappers must be experienced in humane trapping techniques and any of the following:
 - a. licensed trappers trapping in an area authorized by their licence.
 - b. trappers contracted to work for the Rural Municipality of Dufferin under the authority of a valid Wild Animal Kill Permit.
 - c. Adhere to all applicable firearms legislation, by-laws, and wildlife legislation.
3. Farmland beaver damage control must occur in eligible locations. This may include:
 - a. privately owned agricultural land.
 - b. Crown land leased for agricultural purposes.
 - c. community pastures transitioning to the Association of Manitoba Community Pastures.
 - d. First Nations reserve land used for agricultural purposes.
 - e. farmland directly adjacent to a municipal bridge or culvert.

Guidelines

Guidelines for the removal and trapping of beavers within the boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin.

1. The Councillor of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin will correspond with the landowner at which located require beaver removal and notify adjacent landowners within one mile when using traps to remove beavers.
2. The administration of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin will correspond and make required arrangements with the Rural Municipality of Dufferin with the Trapper.
3. All Trappers must comply with the following;
 - a. Carry their Trapper's Licence Number and the Wild Animal Kill Permit Number.
 - b. Obtain approval for an annual trapper authorization from the municipality.
 - c. Have clearance from a Councillor or Administration of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin prior to beaver removal to ensure the notification of the adjacent landowners within one mile when using traps to remove beavers.
 - d. For each beaver removed under the program, you are required to collect the "tail" as evidence that beaver removal has occurred. The tail will be collected by the applicant and subsequently notched or painted to prevent re-submission of the tail to the Program or to any other program. Tails should be disposed of in an appropriate manner, such as through incineration or disposal in a landfill authorized to accept animal carcasses.
4. The Government of Manitoba - Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development - Farmland Beaver Damage Control Program occasionally provides funding to the municipality for beaver

removal and dam removal. The municipality will provide \$60.00 for each beaver removed from the approved locations, which includes the portion of grant funding provided by the province of Manitoba.

**Council Meeting - Tuesday, September 18th, 2018 #6 Re: PW.Beaver Removal & Trapping
Councillors Dunn/Driedger**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin approve the Beaver Removal & Trapping Policy.

Motion Carried

Prior approval May 20/2014 #9 RE: Beavers – Councillors Dunn/Fraser

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin approve the expenditure of \$30 per beaver for trappers in the R.M. of Dufferin.

Motion Carried