

Section: 5.0 Environmental and Protective Services
- A. Agricultural Services

Authority: General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services

Statement

The Municipal District of Bonnyville’s (M.D.) Agricultural Service Board (ASB) will have available the services of a trapper/blaster to remove beavers or blast beaver dams on ratepayers’ land.

Purpose

To resolve the flooding of land and other damages caused by the activity of beavers on privately owned or leased land and on registered drainage ditches.

Policy

- (1) When flooding occurs on privately owned agricultural land, a trapper or qualified blaster employed by the municipality will provide trapping or blasting services to remove beavers and/or beaver dams.
- (2) If a landowner requests that a beaver dam be removed on some adjoining land that he does not own or control to resolve a flooding concern on his own land, municipal staff will provide the service, subject to written permission from the owner of the land on which the beaver dam is located.
- (3) The municipality, at no cost to the landowner, may remove beaver dams on drainage ditches registered by the municipality to prevent the flooding of agricultural land, subject to the landowner allowing access. This service will not apply to natural watercourses that have not been ditched and/or had the brush removed by the municipality.
- (4) All costs and fees associated with beaver control will be reviewed by Council on an annual basis.

Policy Review

Within five (5) years from date adopted / amended / reviewed.

For administrative use only:

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Related Documentation: (plans, bylaws, policies, procedures, etc.)	

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