



# Removal of Beaver Dams

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## Policy Purpose

To establish a process for the removal of beaver dams

## Policy Statement

The County is committed to protecting municipal infrastructure, agricultural and private lands from water movement problems related to beaver activity.

## Definitions

“County” means the municipality of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 having jurisdiction under the Municipal Government Act and other applicable legislation.

## Policy Guidelines

1. Beaver dams that are causing an agricultural, municipal structure or personal concern with respect to flooding will be removed by the Agricultural Service Department in accordance with this policy.
2. Upon request of the landowner, beaver dams causing flooding of agricultural land will be removed by backhoe, and/or explosives to alleviate crop or pasture damage due to flooding. Beaver dams will not be removed in areas where ponding is necessary for livestock husbandry. Resident beavers may then be removed as necessary, under the expertise of the Problem Wildlife Officers.
3. Beaver dams on municipal property will only be removed in co-operation with the County Public Works Department.
4. Landowners requesting beaver dam removal will:
  - 4.1. Sign a “Permission to Enter Upon Lands”
  - 4.2. Agree to pay the fee as per the current Schedule of Fees Bylaw to remove beaver dams.



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5. Blasting will be done by a licensed blaster with consideration given to the Federal Interim Code of Practice for beaver dam removal.

## Attachments

Schedule A – Permission to Enter Upon Lands

## References

<b>Legal Authorities</b>	Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-26, Section 6
<b>Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, Etc.</b>	Policy B1 – Policy Development Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw
<b>Other</b>	Federal Interim code of practice for beaver dam removal

## Revision History

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## Schedule A – Permission to Enter Upon Lands

I, \_\_\_\_\_, owner or lessee of \_\_\_\_\_ section \_\_\_\_\_, township \_\_\_\_\_, range \_\_\_\_\_, west of the sixth meridian (hereinafter referred to as the "land"), do hereby grant permission to the County of Grande Prairie, as represented by its employees, to enter upon the land and use such equipment and materials as considered necessary for the removal or destruction of \_\_\_\_\_ on the land.

I hereby agree to waive, in consideration of the benefit derived by me from the work as described above, any right, cause of action or other claim which I may have against the County of Grande Prairie, its employees or agents arising out of anything done or not done in the performance of the above described work.

For removal of beaver dams at my request, I agree to pay the charges as set out in the County's annual Schedule of Fees, based upon number of dams removed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Initials of landowner, or signature of neighbour

Signed / Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_ In the Province of Alberta.

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Owner / Lessee \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Landowner request
- ☐ Neighbor request (name of neighbor: \_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ Public Works request