



COUNCIL POLICY C-EN22

Beaver Management

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide economical and effective management and control of beavers in Parkland County.

POLICY STATEMENT

Parkland County will determine appropriate action to be taken when dealing with beaver management issues affecting County road allowances or infrastructure, and ratepayers concerns with beaver management issues affecting private property.

DEFINITIONS

1. "The County" means Parkland County—its governing body and any staff under the employment of Parkland County.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all requests from County ratepayers for beaver control.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Manager of Engineering Services is responsible for implementing, monitoring, and evaluating this policy.

STANDARDS

1. Parkland County will provide trapping services of beavers on private land only when subsequent flooding directly impacts the County road allowance or its infrastructure, as determined by Engineering Services.
2. In the interest of public safety and ratepayer service, the County may at its choosing, remove beaver dams on private property where flooding is occurring, for fees as set out in the Engineering Services Fees and Charges Schedule approved by Council.

3. Dam removal using explosives will be on a one-time basis only, with no guarantee to this work.
4. Subsequent requests as a result of a new dam or reconstructed dam would again require that a service charge be paid to the County.
5. The dam(s) may be removed in stages at the discretion of Engineering Services and at no extra cost to the landowner in order to prevent serious downstream flooding.
6. Right-of-entry forms shall be completed prior to any dam removal work being done on private property by the County.
7. Blasting requests will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.
8. County staff shall comply with all explosive regulatory requirements for the storage, use, and transportation of explosive materials.
9. All work with explosives is subject to the approval of the Manager of Engineering Services or his designate.
10. The County will not remove beaver dams with explosives:
 - a. Where there is immediate danger to the general public, private property, or utilities
 - b. Where there exists the potential for serious downstream flooding
 - c. Unless there are two people present, one of which must be a County employee who holds a valid blaster's certificate
 - d. Within 100 metres of a functioning well
 - e. Where the work is not advisable in the sole discretion of Parkland County's Pest Control Officer.
 - f. On a fish-bearing water course, unless the landowner has approval from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.
 - g. If there are any outstanding amounts owed to the County for completed dam removal (i.e., invoices that have not been paid by due date).