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Policy Statement:

Yellowhead County will only undertake the removal of beaver or beaver dams from private property or public lands if it is to protect the integrity of the County road system.

Purpose:

As the beaver is not a declared pest under the Agricultural Pest Act of Alberta, the County will only undertake the removal of beaver/dams to protect the integrity of the County road system.

Principles:

1. Yellowhead County understands the importance of beaver and beaver dam removal to protect the integrity of the County road system.
2. Yellowhead County expects that landowners will control beaver problems on their own lands.

Managerial Guidelines:

1. Council will grant permission to Yellowhead County staff to control beaver and beaver dams if it is of the opinion of the staff that the beaver or the beaver dams are affecting the integrity of a developed County road.
2. For the control of beavers and beaver dams that will affect the integrity of a developed County road, General Release and Hold Harmless All Demand forms shall be completed prior to work being completed on private property by County staff.
3. The use of explosives for the purpose of removing beaver dams shall only be permitted where:
 - a. There is no immediate danger to the general public, private property or utilities.
 - b. There is no potential of downstream flooding.
 - c. There is a County employee who possesses a valid blasters certificate.
 - d. Department of Fisheries and Oceans Approval has been obtained.



Mayor

FEBRUARY 23, 2010

Date



Chief Administrative Officer

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