

Municipal District of Bonnyville Media Release

Coyote reduction program reinstated

December 14, 2017 – The Municipal District of Bonnyville has reinstated the Coyote Reduction Program on the recommendation of the Agricultural Service Board (ASB).

In September, the previous M.D. Council suspended the program in the belief that coyote numbers had been reduced. Reviewing the decision at its December meeting, the ASB agreed that the coyote population is still strong in the region, with many predation complaints coming into the Agriculture office.

Director of Agriculture and Waste Matt Janz says the M.D. will start accepting coyote carcasses at the Public Works Shop on January 2, 2018. The Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program will end on March 31. The M.D. pays an incentive of \$15 per coyote and \$75 per wolf killed during the reduction period.

To qualify for the incentive payment, the coyote and wolf carcasses must be taken to the ASB/Public Works Shop north of Bonnyville. Please call 780-826-3951 prior to bringing the coyotes in for the incentive payment to ensure there is someone there to verify the number of animals. Only whole, unskinned animals, are accepted for payment, pelts are not eligible for payment.

Trappers will be asked to provide their Registered or Resident Fur Management License number when bringing carcasses to claim the incentive payment. Residents living within the M.D. of Bonnyville boundaries will be eligible to participate in this program and will be asked to provide the legal land location where the animals were trapped or shot. ASB staff will cut the left front foot off the carcass to identify it as having been paid the incentive. The carcass will be returned to the owner, who will be responsible to dispose of it properly.

Animals that originate from outside the M.D. boundaries, or are brought in by a non-resident, will not be accepted for payment under this program.

The program may terminate at an earlier date than the March 31 deadline subject to budget limitations. For information on regulations governing the use of snares for coyotes, please contact the Fish & Wildlife office at 780-826-3142 or 780-594-7876.

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