

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

Authority: General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services

Statement

The Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) will endeavour to control living things which are deemed to be nuisances or pests under the Agricultural Pests Act on the lands to which it administers.

Purpose

To assist the general population to reduce detriments to their day-to-day living or livelihood.

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy:

- (1) "ASB" means the M.D. Agricultural Service Board duly appointed by M.D. Council.
- (2) "Pest" or "Nuisance" means all living things defined as a 'Pest' or 'Nuisance' as listed by Alberta's Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation, sections two (2) and three (3).
- (3) "Other living thing" means any living thing whose activities create a detriment to the day-to-day living or livelihood of the general population of the M.D.

Policy

- (1) Complaints regarding pests, nuisances, or other living things, may be investigated by an officer appointed by the M.D. ASB under the authority of the Agricultural Pests Act.
- (2) Restricted control devices used to remove a pest or nuisance may be set or issued to an owner or occupant of land under the following conditions:
 - (a) The methods that are employed by the owner or occupant throughout the removal process are considered to be sound husbandry practices and comply with all applicable laws.
 - (b) All appropriate authorizations, permits, and forms required by the Alberta Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation to use restricted control devices, must be issued to the appropriate parties.
 - (c) Landowners or occupants must show that detriments to their day-to-day living or livelihood, is occurring. The investigative officer must see evidence of this detriment before restricted control devices are issued to the landowner or occupant requesting them.
- (3) The control or removal of any other living thing must meet the legal requirements set out in the Government of Alberta's Wildlife Act.
- (4) The M.D. ASB will have specialized services available when they are required for the removal of a pest, nuisance, or other living thing, on a cost recovery basis and subject

to available resources. When an M.D. landowner or occupant has requested and proven the need for pest control removal and that specialized services are required, the landowner or occupant is required to:

- (a) Pay the cost of the service at the discretion of the General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services or his/her designate.
 - (b) Pay the cost of any specialized vehicle required to complete the service at the discretion of the General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services or his/her designate.
- (5) During years when pest populations exceed environmentally sustainable levels, as deemed by the General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services or his/her designate, and show detriment to agricultural lands, the M.D. may implement the respective incentive programs, with the approval of Council, to assist with removal of high pest/nuisance occurrences (i.e. see Attachment A).

Policy Review

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

For administrative use only:

Previous Policy Number: (prior to July 24, 2019)	60.63.12
Related Documentation: (plans, bylaws, policies, procedures, etc.)	Attachment A: Coyote and Wolf Incentive Program and Coyote and Wolf Reduction Agreement

Coyote and Wolf Reduction Incentive Program

Adopted by Council – November 6, 2019 Resolution No. 19.646

The Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) will implement a Coyote & Wolf Reduction Incentive Program before each year during trapping season when deemed necessary by the General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services or his/her designate.

The details of this program are as follows:

- (1) The M.D. will pay an incentive of \$15.00 per coyote killed and \$75.00 per wolf killed during the duration of the incentive program.
- (2) To qualify for the incentive program payment, the intact coyote and wolf carcasses must be taken to the M.D. Agricultural Service Board building at 61330 Range Road 455. Prior to arrival, contact (780) 826-3951 to ensure there is someone available to verify the animals. When bringing the animals in for verification, please cover them (i.e. with a tarp or box cover) to avoid displaying them to the general public.

Note: Only whole, unskinned animals are accepted for payment; pelts are not eligible for payment.

- (3) Wolves may be hunted, but not trapped, without a license year-round, as follows:
 - (a) On privately owned land by the owner or occupant of the land, or by a resident with permission from the landowner or occupant;
 - (b) On public land by a person authorized to keep livestock on the land, or by a resident who has written permission from said authorized person.

Note: The above authorities to hunt wolves extend to lands within 8 km (5 miles) of the land described above, provided the authorized person or resident has right of access.

- (4) Coyotes may be hunted, but not trapped, without a license year-round throughout the province, as follows:
 - (a) By a resident who has right of access to hunt on lands that are not public lands within the Green area (i.e. government grazing land);
 - (b) By the owner or occupant of privately-owned land, on said privately owned land;
 - (c) By a person maintaining livestock on public land, on said public land; or
 - (d) On lands described in (c) that are in the Green Area, by a resident who is authorized in writing by the person described in (c). *

*** These pelts must be salvaged.**

- (5) Trappers will be asked to provide their Registered or Resident Fur Management License number when bringing carcasses to claim the incentive program payment.

- (6) Residents living within M.D. boundaries only are eligible to participate in this program and will be asked to provide the legal land location where the animals were trapped or hunted.
- (7) M.D. residents are advised that it is illegal to sell whole or unskinned carcasses to anyone other than a fur buyer.
- (8) The ASB staff will cut the left front foot off each coyote carcass and take a photo of each wolf carcass to identify it as having been processed through the incentive program.
- (9) The coyote and/or wolf carcass(es) will be returned to the owner who will be responsible to dispose of it properly.
- (10) Coyotes and/or wolves that originate from outside M.D. boundaries or are brought in by a non-resident of the above noted areas will not be accepted for payment under this program.

This program may terminate at an earlier date than set by the M.D. ASB subject to budget limitations.

The ASB will only accept coyote and wolf carcasses from:

- Monday to Thursday between the times of 7:30 am - 8:00 am and 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Friday between the times of 7:30 am - 8:00 am and 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

If you cannot make it to the ASB building during these hours, please contact (780) 826-3951 to schedule a special appointment.

The M.D. ASB staff reserves the right to disqualify coyote and wolf carcasses at their discretion if they do not appear to meet the required criteria.

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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Coyote & Wolf Reduction Agreement

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

Registered Fur Management License #: _____

Resident Fur Management License #: _____ OR

Legal Land Location of kill: _____

No. Coyotes Registered: _____ **at \$15 each = \$** _____

No. Wolves Registered: _____ **at \$75 each = \$** _____

Coyotes & Wolves Killed

Location Killed

Shot: _____ Cherry Grove _____

Trapped: _____ Riverhurst _____

Other: _____ Ardmore _____

La Corey _____

Other Comments (i.e. Mange/pelt condition) _____ Glendon _____

_____ Goodridge _____

_____ Flat Lake _____

_____ Bonnyville _____

_____ Beaver Dam _____

Guidelines

- (1) The dollar amount paid as part of this incentive program is to be determined by M.D. Council. The payment amount is subject to change without notice.
- (2) The program may come into effect as early as October 1st of each year it is instated. The timing and the program length will be determined by resolution of the M.D. Council.

- (3) Eligibility of persons wanting to participate in this program is restricted to M.D. residents and all urban residents within M.D. boundaries.
- (4) Only coyotes and wolves killed within M.D. boundaries will be accepted for the incentive payment.
- (5) Eligible persons participating in the program must present the coyote and/or wolf carcasses at the ASB shop to be eligible for payment.
- (6) Only whole, un-skinned coyotes and wolves will be accepted for payment. Pelts will not be eligible under the program.
- (7) The Agricultural Fieldman or his/her assigned designate will inspect the animals and determine whether a carcass is eligible for payment under the program. The M.D. ASB staff has the right to disqualify a carcass if they suspect it does not meet required criteria.
- (8) The front left foot will be cut off for identification purposes and the remainder of the carcass will be returned to the person receiving the incentive payment for proper disposal.
- (9) The M.D. ASB will only accept intact carcasses by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Please contact the ASB office at (780) 826-3951 to make an appointment.

INCENTIVE PAYMENT: \$ _____

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