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Policy Title BEAVER MANAGEMENT		

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PURPOSE

To assist in the management and control of beavers in a cost effective and humane manner.

POLICY

Parkland County will no longer provide a trapping service for beavers on private land unless the flooding is directly impacting the roadway in the judgment of Agricultural Services. However, in the interest of public safety and convenience, the County will remove beaver dams on private property where flooding is being caused for fees as set out in Schedule A of Fees and Charges Policy AD 052 on a one-time basis with explosives only. Subsequent requests as a result of a new dam or reconstructed dam would again require that a service charge be paid to the County.

The dam(s) may be removed in stages at the discretion of Agricultural Services and at no extra cost to the landowner in order to prevent serious downstream flooding. In all circumstances, the following guidelines and procedures will be followed.

This program is only available to ratepayers of Parkland County.

PROCEDURES *- removed from policy - for dept. use only.*

1. A list of private sector trappers registered with the County may be provided upon request to anyone requiring this service.
2. All requests for assistance will be properly documented.
3. Right-of-entry forms shall be completed prior to any dam removal work being done on private property by the County.
4. The landowner must first notify Agricultural Services of the problem and designate who is to do control work on his/her behalf.
5. Blasting requests will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.
6. Invoices for completed dam removal are due and payable within thirty (30) days and no further works on the property or requests by the landowner will be acted upon until any outstanding amounts have been received.
7. 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 meters of a functioning well,
 - e. where the work is not advisable in the sole discretion of the County employee.
 - f. Unless the landowner has approval from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.
8. All work is subject to the approval of the Manager of Agricultural Services or his designate.