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Policy Title				
GROUND SQUIRREL AND GOPHER CONTROL - COUNTY/PRIVATE LAND				
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PURPOSE AND INTENT

To create an awareness and provide training and material(s) for the removal of nuisance pests.

POLICY STATEMENT

Parkland County's Agricultural Services Department upon request may remove Richardson's Ground Squirrels and pocket gophers on all County owned lands depending on the severity of infestation or as requested by various departments.

Training may be provided to private landowners with respect to the removal of Richardson's Ground Squirrel and pocket gophers. Various baits and traps are available for sale to landowners.

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

1. The program is available to all ~~ratepayers~~ in Parkland County.
2. ~~The County Agricultural Services Department personnel shall provide control work on County owned lands with large infestations, for safety reasons. Control work on school properties, shall be provided on request only with all costs billed to Parkland School Division.~~
3. ~~County Agricultural Services Department personnel shall provide control work on other County owned properties with large infestations to prevent infestations on privately owned lands where a concern has been addressed by a landowner/lessee.~~
4. County Agricultural Services Department personnel may provide training to landowner/lessee in the proper removal of Richardson's Ground Squirrel and pocket gophers on privately owned lands.
5. The County Agricultural Services Department will normally have for sale toxicants and bait as well as pocket gopher traps for those individuals interested in undertaking control work on their property.
6. ~~Where County Agricultural Services personnel have provided some form of control, follow-up procedures shall be conducted to determine effectiveness of the program.~~
7. Where new control procedures or materials have been developed, Parkland County's Agricultural Services Department shall work in co-operation with Alberta Agriculture.