



COUNCIL POLICY C-AG07

Ground Squirrel and Gopher Control

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PURPOSE

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 Ground Squirrels and pocket gophers. Various baits and traps are available for sale to landowners.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all landowners in Parkland County, on County-owned or private land.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Parkland County Agricultural Services responsible for administering this policy.

STANDARDS

1. The program is available to all landowners and or residents in Parkland County.
2. 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.
3. The County Agricultural Services Department will normally have for sale toxicants and bait for those individuals interested in undertaking control work on their property.
4. Where new control procedures or materials have been developed, Parkland County's Agricultural Services Department shall work in cooperation with Alberta Agriculture.