



COUNCIL POLICY

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Purpose

The Rural Municipality of Fisher recognizes that beavers and/or beaver dams may need to be removed or breached periodically to protect, maintain, or construct infrastructure or prevent flooding.

The purpose of this policy is to establish a procedure for removal of beaver dams within the Municipality.

Scope

This policy applies to the implementation of appropriate beaver management options on RM rights-of-way to manage problematic beaver impacts.

Priority areas for beaver damage control include, but are not limited to, beaver removal, dam removal, beaver deceivers, or pond levelers.

Beaver dams that are causing concern from flooding will be removed in accordance with the following procedure.

Procedure

1. Beaver dam removal to alleviate flooding will be done at a single site by resolution of Council. For ongoing, reoccurring beaver dams only 1 approval for the year will be needed and date stated in the resolution drafted by CAO.

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2. Removal of dams and/or beavers on Municipal property:
 - 2.1 shall be done by authorized personnel in accordance with federal and provincial legislation, and may include trapping, backhoe, and/or other methods;
 - 2.2 the Municipality will notify appropriate downstream landholders of the intent and approximate date of water release from dam removals. Responses from all those notified must be received by the RM of Fisher, with any conditions or objections noted, and returned to the RM of Fisher by specified timeline;
 - 2.3 photo of beaver dam taken prior to removal;
 - 2.4 compliance with Manitoba Sustainable Development, Parks and Regional Services (include conditions of funding form)
3. Beaver control for non-flooding (i.e. tree) damage will be referred to Manitoba Sustainable Development, Parks and Regional Services.
4. Dam removal may be done on private land at the Municipality's expense, if the dam in question is flooding the right-of-way adjacent to it, or may cause a potential threat to Municipal infrastructure.
5. The landowner is responsible for beaver control on privately owned land including natural drains. Authorization for beaver control work done on private land that potentially has impact on downstream landholders must be made by the landowner directly to the Manitoba Sustainable Development, Water Stewardship in writing including a sketch of the area where the control work is needed.
6. The 'lessee' is responsible for beaver control on Provincial Crown Land including natural drains. Authorization for beaver control work done on Crown Land must be made by the landowner directly to the local Manitoba Sustainable District Office in writing including a sketch of the area where the control work is needed. If removal is done on Municipal land administered by Crown Lands then approval by Municipal Council is required.