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### Purpose

1. The purpose of this policy is to direct municipal involvement in the control of nuisance beavers within the Municipality.

### Background

2. The Ministry of Agriculture maintains a programme to subsidize the costs of controlling beavers that damage farmland – Growing Assurance – Farmland Beaver Damage Control. The programme is intended primarily for farmers but may subsidize some municipal work if it directly affects farmland.
3. From a municipal point of view, it is important to separate beaver control where it directly affects farmland and municipal infrastructure, and where it does not.
4. The Beaver Control Program is authorized by this policy. The Program, to be budgeted annually in the budget process, controls beaver control actions each year.
5. Municipal funding will be limited and that will limit the numbers of beavers that will be paid for.

### Policy:

6. Details of the policy will be explained in the Beaver Control Program, attached. This attachment will be in the form of a handout to trappers.
7. The Municipality will pay \$30.00 per whole beaver carcass provided the trapper meets the requirements of the policy. The carcass must be presented to the Inglis Waste Disposal Ground during normal operating hours. Alternately, the carcass may be presented to a member of Council.
8. No bounty will be paid unless authorized by a member of Council.

9. The carcass will be marked.
10. No trapper will be paid more than \$510.00 – that is, 17 carcasses – per year.
11. The Beaver Control Program will run from 1 April to 31 October annually.
12. The bounty will be paid only for beavers trapped from locations that effect municipal infrastructure or actively farmed land.
13. Given that there will always be limited funding there is a requirement to control the number of beavers trapped and to focus on the most problematic beavers.