

# RIVERDALE MUNICIPALITY BY-LAW 2015-12

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## A BY-LAW OF RIVERDALE MUNICIPALITY TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF BEAVER

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WHEREAS *The Municipal Act*, S.M. 1996, C58, states in part;

“ 232 (1) A council may pass by-laws for municipal purposes respecting the following matters:

(k) Wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them, including by-laws differentiating on the basis of sex, breed, size or weight;”

AND WHEREAS the blocking of municipal infrastructure, culverts and bridges by beavers has caused an economic burden on the municipality maintaining and/or replacing the infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the damming of waterways has caused roads, culverts and bridges to washout when the dams broke resulting in hazardous situations;

AND WHEREAS the damming of waterways has caused flooding and damage to private property;

AND WHEREAS beavers have destroyed many valuable trees;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Conservation provides compensation to municipalities for problem beaver removed under the Beaver Control Programs;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the best interest of Riverdale Municipality to compensate for the removal of problem beaver in the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of Riverdale Municipality, in the Province of Manitoba, in an open meeting duly assembled hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT for the purpose of this By-Law, the definition of a person authorized to trap problem beaver shall be:
  - a) a person who is licensed by the Manitoba Conservation to trap problem beaver during the summer and winter Beaver Control Programs; and
  - b) a person who is authorized by the Council of Riverdale Municipality to trap problem beaver during the periods when the Beaver Control Programs are not in effect.
  
2. THAT individuals who are authorized to trap problem beaver shall follow the Manitoba Conservation Beaver Control Program Guidelines attached hereto as Schedule “A” while removing beaver under the Provincial Program or authorized to remove beaver by Riverdale Municipality.

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3. THAT any member of the Council of Riverdale Municipality, including the Chief Administrative Officer, may authorize the removal of problem beaver from within the municipality. The authorization shall be in accordance with Schedule "B" hereto attached.
4. THAT authorized individuals will be compensated \$50.00 for every verified beaver removed, regardless of the costs incurred for beaver removal. The verification shall be in accordance with Schedule "B" hereto attached.
5. THAT during the periods in which Manitoba Conservation has instituted a beaver control program, individuals will be compensated \$50.00 for every verified beaver removed, regardless of the costs incurred for beaver removal. The Verification shall be in accordance with Schedule "B" hereto attached.
6. THAT compensation from Manitoba Conservation for the removal of beaver shall be the property of the municipality.
7. THAT the Council of Riverdale Municipality may by resolution authorize additional payments as required for the removal of problem beaver.

DONE AND PASSED by the Council of Riverdale Municipality, in meeting duly assembled, at Rivers, in Manitoba, this 21st day of July A.D. 2015.

*Original signed by T. Gill*

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Mayor – Todd Gill

*Original signed by K. Bridgeman*

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Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time this	<u>16<sup>th</sup></u>	day of	<u>June</u>	A.D.	<u>2015</u>
Read a second time this	<u>21<sup>st</sup></u>	day of	<u>July</u>	A.D.	<u>2015</u>
Read a third time this	<u>21<sup>st</sup></u>	day of	<u>July</u>	A.D.	<u>2015</u>

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### SCHEDULE "A"

#### BEAVER REMOVAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. Trapper must register with the municipal office and obtain authorization forms to participate in the program.
2. Trappers must possess a valid trapper's license and /or authorization from Riverdale Municipality.
3. Trappers will be provided with an authorization form from Riverdale Municipality indicating the sites to be attended and the number of beaver to be removed and that will be eligible for a claim.
4. During the Manitoba Conservation Beaver Removal Program, Riverdale Municipality will forward the authorization forms to the Brandon Office.
5. Trappers will be responsible for maintaining a record of the locations from which the beaver have been removed.
6. During the Manitoba Conservation Beaver Removal Program, a trapper which has removed beaver from a designated site, he/she must prepare the pelt(s) for market and present them to the Brandon Office for the pelts to be tagged and the locations verified. The trapper will then be required to sign the declaration before payment is made.
7. During the off-season in which the Beaver Removal Program is not in effect, a trapper which has removed beaver from a designated site, he/she must prepare the pelt(s) for market and present them to the respective Councillor for Riverdale Municipality for the pelts to be tagged and the locations verified. The trapper will then be required to sign the declaration before payment is made. Sample of the required forms attached hereto as Schedule "B".
8. Riverdale Municipality will be responsible for payment to trappers and will be reimbursed accordingly by Manitoba Conservation.
9. Manitoba Conservation will not approve payment where:
  - a) The beaver was taken outside the trapping season, but may be authorized for payment by Riverdale Municipality.
10. Manitoba Conservation and Riverdale Municipality will not approve payment where:
  - a) the beaver claimed have not been harvested from the areas designated on the form.
  - b) The beaver have not been tagged and the form not signed by a municipal or conservation authority.

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- c) beaver that have been taken under a removal program under the authority of another agency or another municipality.