



## Pest Control Policy

C-5A.012

**Section:** 5.0 Environmental and Protective Services  
- A. Agricultural Services

**Authority:** ~~General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services Council~~

**Administering Department:** Environmental and Protective Services

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### Statement

~~The Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) will endeavour to control living things which are deemed to be nuisances or pests~~ The Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) strives to provide assistance to local agricultural landowners or occupants affected by pests and nuisances under the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act* ~~on the lands to which it administers.~~

### Purpose

~~To assist the general population to reduce detriments to their day-to-day living or livelihood.~~ The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the control of predation, disease, and mitigating other damages caused by pests and nuisances on agricultural land.

### Definitions

For the purposes of this policy:

- (1) “Agricultural Service Board” (ASB) means the M.D. Agricultural Service Board established and duly appointed by M.D. Council;
- (2) “Chief Administrative Officer” (CAO) means the Chief Administrative Officer of the M.D. appointed by Council, or their authorized delegate;
- (3) “Council” means the duly elected Council of the M.D.;
- (4) “Investigative Officer” means a person(s) appointed by Council under the authority of the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act* to act as a pest inspector on behalf of the M.D.;
- (5) “Pest” or “Nuisance” means all living things defined as a ‘Pest’ or ‘Nuisance’ as listed by Alberta’s Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation, sections two (2) and three (3).
- ~~(6) “Other living thing” means any living thing whose activities create a detriment to the day-to-day living or livelihood of the general population of the M.D.~~

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- (1) Complaints regarding pests, and nuisances, ~~or other living things,~~ may be investigated by an investigative officer ~~appointed by the M.D. ASB under the authority of the Agricultural Pests Act.~~

- (2) Restricted control devices used to remove a pest or nuisance may be set or issued to ~~a~~ **landowner** or occupant of land under the following conditions:
  - (a) The methods that are employed by the **landowner** or occupant throughout the removal process are considered to be sound husbandry practices and comply with all applicable laws.
  - (b) All appropriate authorizations, permits, and forms required by the *Alberta Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation* to use restricted control devices, must be issued to the appropriate parties.
  - (c) Landowners or occupants must show that detriments to their day-to-day living or livelihood, is occurring. The investigative officer must see evidence of this detriment before restricted control devices are issued to the landowner or occupant requesting them.
- (3) **Additional control devices such as live traps may be rented on a case-by-case basis. Residents are responsible for the control and disposal of the identified pest and/or nuisance.**
- (4) The control or removal of any ~~other living thing~~ **wildlife** must meet the legal requirements set out in the ~~Government of Alberta's~~ **Wildlife Act**.
- (5) The ~~M.D.~~ ASB will have specialized services available when they are required for the removal of a ~~pests, and nuisances, or other living thing,~~ on a cost recovery basis and subject to available resources. ~~When~~ **Where** an M.D. landowner or occupant has **formally** requested and **demonstrated the necessity** ~~proven the need~~ for pest control removal, and ~~where that~~ specialized services are **deemed essential required**, the landowner or occupant is required to:
  - (a) Pay the cost of the service at the discretion of the ~~CAO General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services or his/her designate.~~
  - (b) Pay the cost of any specialized vehicle required to complete the service at the discretion of the ~~CAO General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services or his/her designate.~~
- (6) During years when pest populations exceed environmentally sustainable levels, as deemed by the ~~CAO General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services or his/her designate~~, and show detriment to agricultural lands, the M.D. may **implement** ~~initiate~~ the **respective appropriate** incentive programs, **with the subject to Council** approval ~~of Council~~, to **aid in the eradication of significant** ~~assist with removal of high~~ pest/nuisance occurrences (~~i.e. see Attachment A~~).

## Policy Review

Within ~~five~~ **four** (**54**) years from date adopted / amended / reviewed.

## For administrative use only:

<b>Previous Policy Number:</b> (prior to July 24, 2019)	60.63.12
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**Related Documentation:**

(plans, bylaws, policies, procedures, etc.)

**Form Attachment A:** Coyote and Wolf Incentive Program and Coyote and Wolf Reduction Agreement

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