

May 12, 2015

Report To: Mayor & Council

From: Doug Brown, Manager of Operations & Facilities

SUBJECT: Execution of Nuisance Beaver Program Agreement Rainy River District Trapper's Council

As a result of local beavers destroying trees in the back yard of 1235 King's Hwy. (Mary Lou Beaulieu) property and the beavers building a dam inside the main 1800 diameter culvert which services the Walmart Retention pond and the Biddeson Creek system from the north side of King's Hwy. 11-71 an alternative method of dealing with nuisance beaverS was required.

The existing method of dealing with nuisance beavers within the Town's storm sewer system is that Milt Strachan is registered with the MNR to shoot or live trap nuisance beavers. The Town has no live trappers for beavers. See attached MNR letter from April of 2006. However, in this situation it is difficult to consider shooting nuisance beavers as near a built up area (commercial and residential properties) of the community.

With the assistance of Mary Lou Beaulieu a contact was made with Brian Love of the Rainy River District Trapper's Council to determine if this organization could provide assistance in addressing the nuisance beaver situation at 1235 King's Hwy. See attached copy of the agreement. Basically traps will be placed within the culverts near 1235 King's Hwy. The approximate cost to trap a nuisance beaver is estimated at \$100.00.

It is recommended by the Operations & Facilities Executive committee that the Mayor & Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Rainy River District Trapper's Council to address nuisance beavers within the community.

Respectfully submitted
Operations & Facilities Division



D. Brown, P. Eng.
Manager of Operations & Facilities

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| <p>Council approval of this report will authorize the Mayor & Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Rainy River District Trapper's Council to address nuisance beavers within the community.</p> |
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The Town of Fort Frances
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P9A 3M5
Doug Brown

SUBJECT: Destruction of Nuisance Wildlife on Municipal Land

Dear Doug,

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (FWCA) replaced the Game and Fish Act in 1999 and allows for nuisance wildlife control including beaver.

Landowners may deal with wildlife that is causing or about to cause damage to their property.

Municipal employees whose responsibilities include wildlife control are exempt from obtaining MNR authorization to deal with nuisance wildlife. This applies only to municipal property. Removal on Crown land requires authorization. Some species such as moose, deer or endangered species are not included. Special authorization is required to live trap black bear.

Employees Arlene Burns and Dave Egan are registered by us and will not have to be pre-authorized to destroy nuisance wildlife. We will add Milt Strachan to this list. This will allow the live trapping or shooting of nuisance beaver. Only a licensed trapper may possess and use body gripping traps.

Employees may use a firearm to kill nuisance wildlife or live traps. Please ensure designated employees who use firearms are trained in the safe and wise use of them. We would prefer that a licensed trapper trap nuisance wildlife, particularly beaver during the trapping season from October to May in order for the pelt to be harvested. A licensed trapper may be hired to eliminate nuisance beaver. Trappers are required to report nuisance beaver catches and obtain a License to Possess a Pelt in order to sell the pelt.

Beaver dams on Crown land may be removed without authorization in protection of municipal roads, but only where absolutely necessary. Entering private land requires permission from the landowner and you may be liable for any damages caused by the removal. Please contact the baitfish harvester for the area when considering this action. Also you may require authorization to alter or destroy fish habitat from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans at:

Office Hours 8:30 - 5:00 Monday to Friday
Closed 12:00 - 1:00

"Your comments regarding our services are welcome at anytime"

Fisheries & Oceans Canada
Fish Habitat Biologist
Fish habitat Management Branch
PO Box 649, Lakeside Beach
Kenora, On.
P9N 3X6
Lyndon Kivi / Earle Jessop
Tel: 807-4678470
Fax: 807-467-8470

We have authorized wildlife control agents in the district that are authorized and equipped to remove nuisance wildlife. They may be contacted at :

Second Chance Wildlife Control
Emo, On.
POW 1E0
482-2269

Please report the following to this ministry at the end of the year:

- Number of nuisance wildlife destroyed by species
- Date the animal was destroyed
- Location
- Method of disposal of the carcass

If you have any further questions, contact Tony Elders at 807-274-8628.

Sincerely,



J. Wiame
Area Supervisor - Rainy River Manitou Area
Fort Frances District
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c.c : Dave Saunders, A/Enforcement Supérieur
Sergeant Steve Loshaw, Ontario Provincial Police

RAINY RIVER DISTRICT TRAPPERS' COUNCIL

NUISANCE BEAVER PROGRAM

By this agreement, the Rainy River Trappers Council will conduct nuisance beaver removal services on behalf of:

The Town of Fort Frances

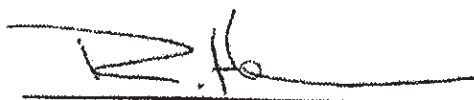
The Council has been authorized by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to act as an agent under Section 31 (2) of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act to conduct these activities under Section 11 (1) within trap lines designated as registered trap lines and administered by the Fort Frances District MNRF. For nuisance beaver complaints, the proponent will contact the Council and follow the procedures set out below. Upon completion of the services, the proponent agrees to pay \$75.00 per beaver for all nuisance beaver taken. If full payment has not been received within 30 days of invoice, a 2% interest rate will be applied and compounded each consecutive 30 days until full payment has been received.

The procedures to follow upon a nuisance beaver complaint are:

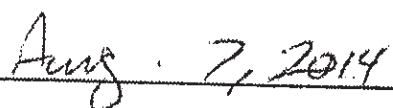
1. Proponent identifies the nuisance beaver problem and contacts the Trappers Council representative. The proponent will provide details of the complaint to the contacted person, including the location and ownership of property. The proponent is responsible for obtaining landowner permission for all problems occurring on land not owned by them. Based on this agreement signed by MNRF and the Rainy River Trappers Council, the Council is authorized to dispatch trappers to provide nuisance beaver service on Crown Land. The complainant will advise the Council delegate if they wish to institute a maximum payable clause for each contract. Once the designate trapper has reached the allocated maximum limit, he/she will contact the Council designate who will, in turn, relay the information to the complainant.
2. The Council will act to provide service by dispatching the appropriate trapper according to the program criteria. Complaints can be submitted at any time but trappers will only be dispatched twice weekly – Mondays and Wednesdays.
3. The trapper undertakes the removal service, only during the closed season for beaver (May 15 – October 1). The trapper submits the pelts and/or carcass to the Nuisance Beaver Co-ordinator for verification and marking. The Council shall issue a receipt verifying the number of nuisance beaver harvested to the trapper and the council shall invoice the proponent.
4. The trapper will take appropriate action within forty-eight (48) hours of being notified.
5. Mileage compensation for the trapper will be fifty-four and an half cents per kilometre (\$0.545/km) (subject to change January each year) beginning from the home. A maximum of four (4) trips are to be allowed for compensation for the removal of all nuisance beaver from the specified complaint.

6. Should the Council dispatch a trapper to a specific site to remove nuisance beaver and no beaver are found, the proponent agrees to compensate the trapper thirty dollars (\$30.00) in addition to the mileage due for one trip as per item # 5
7. The proponent may request the Council to have a trapper lower the water level at the specified site. The proponent will pay the trapper twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour up to a maximum of three (3) hours per specified complaint.
8. The Council will maintain and submit records to the MNRF on an annual basis.


The Undersigned parties agree to the terms and conditions of this agreement:



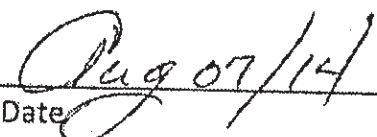
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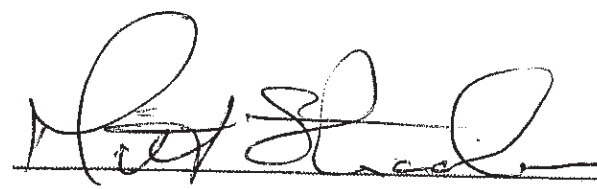
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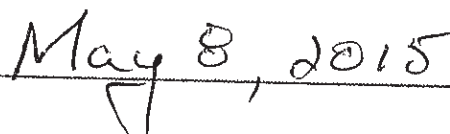
Rainy River Trappers Council President



Date



Proponent



Date

AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT

NUISANCE BEAVER CONTROL FOR

THE RAINY RIVER DISTRICT TRAPPERS' COUNCIL

Complaint Number: _____

Complaint Date: _____

Complainant: _____

Specific Location of Complaint:

Trap line Number: _____

Please note: If the problem area is located on Crown Land the complainant must have entered into a nuisance beaver agreement with the Rainy River Trapper's Council. Trappers are responsible for ensuring permission has been obtained to enter on to private lands.

Trapper Assigned: _____

Trap line Number of Assigned Trapper: _____

Dates of Authorization: _____

Number of Beaver Removed: _____

Authorized by:

Rainy River Trapper's Council _____
Rainy River District Trapper's Council Delegate _____ Date _____

Fort Frances MNRF District Manager _____
FFMNRF District Manager or Delegate _____ Date _____

Please note: Staple a copy of the receipt issued to the trapper to this form upon completion of complaint

NUISANCE BEAVER PROGRAM

RAINY RIVER DISTRICT TRAPPERS' COUNCIL

1. Program to run May 15 to Oct. 1 of each year.
2. During the regular season – MNRF will contact 01 trapper, then 02.
During the closed season MNRF will call Nuisance Beaver Program Co-ordinator.
3. Co-ordinator will attempt to contact 01 trapper then 02 – then designated trapper.
4. Participating trappers must be a member in good standing with RRDTTC with liability insurance \$2,000,000.00
5. Trapper will receive \$65.00 per beaver. Mileage will be \$0.545 per km to a maximum of 4 trips.
6. Co-ordinator will receive \$10.00 per nuisance beaver and be responsible for the year-end report to the District Manager.
7. RRDTTC Nuisance Beaver Program Co-ordinator

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