



By-law Number 2020-035

A by-law to provide for the removal of nuisance beavers

The Minister of Natural Resources, under Section 17 of the Game and Fish Act, R.S.O. 1980, C.182, has authorized the Corporation of the County of Bruce, under certain conditions to provide compensation or reward for the removal of nuisance beavers;

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Bruce may regulate matters not specifically provided for by this Act or another Act for purposes related to the health, safety and well being of the inhabitants of the County under the General Municipal Powers of the Ontario Municipal Act;

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Bruce deems it desirable to enact such regulations and to provide for valuable consideration, for the control and management of nuisance beaver in order to maintain or enhance the Safety and Welfare of the residents of the County of Bruce:

The Council for the Corporation of the County of Bruce enacts By-law 2020-035 as follows:

1. The County of Bruce shall provide payment to a licensed trapper for each beaver that has been found damaging or destroying a landowner's property subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) the removal and destruction of the beaver shall occur by means of trapping or shooting in methods sanctioned by the Ministry of Natural Resources;
 - (b) the trapper shall be currently licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources;
 - (c) the trapper shall be a permanent resident of the County of Bruce unless otherwise approved by the Transportation and Environmental Services Committee under special circumstances;
 - (d) the trapper shall have, at the time of trapping or shooting, on his or her person, written authority from the landowner to act as his or her agent;
 - (e) in the presence of the Clerk or designate of the local municipality in which the trapping occurs, the trapper shall present and mark the trail of the beaver. The municipality shall retain the tail.
 - (f) The Clerk shall provide certification to the Clerk of the County, that such marking has occurred; and
 - (g) The local municipal authorization and the landowner authorization shall be submitted to the Clerk of the County with a request for payment

2. The landowner authorization and the certification of the local Clerk shall be on forms prescribed by the Clerk of the County of Bruce from time to time, which forms shall contain among other things the following information:
 - (a) The landowner's full name and address
 - (b) The location of the beaver problem;
 - (c) A description of the problem;
 - (d) The full name, permanent address and licence number of the trapper who is acting as the landowner's agent;
 - (e) The verification of the marking of the tail by the Clerk
3. The records pertaining to any and all payments authorized by this By-law, including all forms referred to in this By-law, shall be filed with the Clerk of the County of Bruce and retained by the Clerk for a minimum of 2 years from the date of payment authorization. Such records shall be made available to authorized conservation officers upon request.
4. The payment to any licensed trapper, who has met the regulations and satisfied the requirement of this By-law shall not exceed a maximum of \$30.00 of lawful Canadian currency per beaver.
5. That by-law number 4366 is hereby repealed
6. This by-law shall come into effect on the date it is passed by Council.

Passed this 4th day of June, 2020

(Original signed)

Mitch Twolan
Warden

(Original Signed)

Donna Van Wyck
Clerk