



COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

BALANCING RURAL HERITAGE WITH A DIVERSE ECONOMY

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

To establish a policy that clearly defines the County's approach to beaver activity and the effects of this activity on private land.

In recognition that beaver activity can negatively impact local ratepayers and their private property, the County of St. Paul No. 19 will perform beaver control on private land within the boundaries of the County of St. Paul No. 19 on a complaint basis. Residents can apply for this service using the County's Beaver Control Application Form. The fee for this service can be found in the Fee Schedule Bylaw and will be charged to the landowner or occupant for each individual beaver dam that requires removal. In the event that more than one unit requires removal, the fee will be applied to each individual unit.

POLICY STATEMENT:

- 1) Landowners are responsible for requesting the appropriate authorization from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, whether it be a letter of acknowledgment or a permit.
- 2) All beaver dam removals will be completed in accordance with the County of St. Paul No. 19's Beaver Dam Removal Plan and the conditions set out by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in their letter of advice to the County of St. Paul No. 19.
- 3) A "Permission to Enter Form" must be signed by the landowner before the commencement of work.
- 4) It is the Applicant's responsibility to acquire all the necessary signed easements from adjacent landowners that may have beaver dams that are affecting their property. The County must have possession of these easements prior to the commencement of the control work. It is also the Applicant's responsibility to notify landowners that may be adversely affected (upstream and downstream) by the removal of a beaver dam(s).

- 5) The County of St. Paul and their employees have the right to refuse any requests by a Landowner on his/her property at their discretion. If, in the opinion of the Blaster in charge, the control work cannot be carried out safely by Municipal Staff, the responsibility for control will be with the Landowner or Occupant. It is the responsibility of the Landowner and/or occupant to remove any problematic beavers in accordance with all federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations.

