
BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAM

Program Guidelines

2018 - 2019

Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM)

Purpose of the Program:

The purpose of the Beaver Control Program (CAP-BCP) is to provide financial assistance to specifically designated rural municipalities (RM) and First Nations Bands (FNB), south of the Northern Administrative District, to control the beaver population in their respective jurisdictions.

Background:

Beavers and the structures that they create can cause many issues in all agricultural sectors, leading to flooding of property and roads that become a public safety concern. Beaver dams can also cause the flooding of crop and pasture lands, which can have a negative financial impact on municipalities and property owners. Beavers can also block culverts causing the obstruction of waterways further leading to some negative impacts on ecologically sensitive areas, infrastructure and the economy. The beavers creating this sort of damage are defined as nuisance beavers.

Program Administration and Budget:

The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) is administering the CAP-Beaver Control Program (CAP-BCP) on behalf of the Province. The program is designed to achieve maximum results and accountability, while keeping administrative requirements for RMs and eligible First Nations Bands to a minimum. Through RM and FNB program participation in the previous five-year *Growing Forward 2* (GF2) initiative, clear boundaries were defined in the province where nuisance beaver populations were shown to be the greatest. These areas have become the focus for the cost-share funding under the new *Canadian Agricultural Partnership* (CAP) agreement through Federal Government and in partnership with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. The cost-share funding for the program is in the amount of \$450,000 in the first program year (April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019).

Program Outline:

The program will provide a cost-shared payment to specifically designated RMs and FNBs that operate a humane beaver management program between April 1, 2018 and February 15, 2019; and who follow the minimum level of service determined by the 2018-19 CAP-BCP. Program funding will be evenly distributed among all specifically designated RMs and FNBs. Designated RMs and FNBs will be notified by email or fax of their funding cap eligibility once the 2018-19 CAP-BCP funding availability is announced by the Province.

- The program will rebate:
 - Up to \$15 per adult nuisance beaver removed by licensed trappers within the designated RMs & FNBs (based on a 50/50 cost share of \$30 payment per tail);
 - Up to \$500 for pond leveler materials and installation (with verified invoices); and
 - Up to \$500 for beaver deceiver materials and installation (with verified invoices).

Eligibility:

- Only designated RMs and FNBs, located south of the Northern Administrative District, will be eligible to claim under the 2018-19 CAP-BCP.
- To be flagged as “designated” for eligible rebates under the 2018-19 CAP-BCP, an RM/FNB must have claimed in the last two (2) consecutive GF2-BCP program years.

- Eligible RMs must have passed a bylaw allowing beavers to be hunted in the municipality, and filed a certified copy of the bylaw with the Ministry of Environment, as per section 4 of The Wildlife Regulations, 1981. To determine if this was already done by your RM, please refer to the document entitled “Rural Municipalities Where Beavers May Be Hunted”.
 - If the RM has completed and submitted this bylaw, it is not required to resubmit a copy to the Ministry of Environment each year.
 - If the RM has not submitted the required bylaw, submit a certified copy by email or fax attention to:

Mike Gollop, Fish, Wildlife and Lands Branch, Ministry of Environment
 Email: mike.gollop@gov.sk.ca; or
 Fax: (306) 933-5773
- **Note:** *This bylaw is not required of First Nations Bands.*
- RMs and FNBs must authorize/contract individuals with valid trapping licenses issued by the Ministry of Environment, to remove nuisance beavers.
 - Authorized licensed individuals are required to deliver the beaver tails to their respective RM or First Nation official(s) who must mark them with paint or notch so they are not re-used in this or any other rebate program. The RM/FNB office is responsible to dispose of the tails as they deem necessary.
 - For each authorized/contracted individual, RMs/FNBs must provide the following information:
 - Name of the authorized licensed individual;
 - Trapping license number and valid date of that license;
 - Legal land description or GPS coordinates of the agricultural land where nuisance beavers were removed and being claimed for;
 - Number of beaver removed from each location reported; and
 - Date of removal for each location listed.
 - For a template of the [TRAPPER VERIFICATION FORM](#) visit the SARM website at <https://sarm.ca/programs/administered-programs/ag-programs/cap-bcp>
 - *Trappers must hold a valid and current license number through the Ministry of Environment at the time their service is provided to the RM/FNB for the purpose of the CAP-BCP. License numbers and dates will be verified prior to rebate funding approval.*
 - RMs/FNBs will receive a rebate of up to \$15 per nuisance beaver removed. Compensation provided to the authorized individual must be a minimum of \$30 for the removal of each nuisance beaver to receive the \$15 rebate.
- RMs and FNBs claiming for the purchase and installation services of pond levelers and/or beaver deceivers, must include validating invoices with the claim form.
 - Purchase and installation must be completed before the claim deadline to be eligible for rebate.
 - Claims for pond leveler and/or beaver deceiver products and services are eligible when purchased and installed in the program year (April 1, 2018 and February 15, 2019).
 - The cost of freight (*less GST & PST*) is an eligible expense on pond leveler and beaver deceiver products being claimed.

- Legal land descriptions or GPS coordinates to three digits must be provided for:
 - Agricultural locations where nuisance beavers were removed;
 - Agricultural locations where each pond leveler being claimed for was installed; and
 - Agricultural locations where each beaver deceiver being claimed for was installed.
- No RM/FNB will receive more than 50% of the expenses reported on the Beaver Control Program (CAP-BCP) Claim Form.

Making a Claim:

- Complete, sign and submit the **CAP-BCP Claim form and supporting documents** to SARM by the program deadline date of **February 15, 2019** by email or fax to:

Annette Ellert, Program Manager at email: aellert@sarm.ca or fax: 306-565-2141

If the deadline to submit a claim form falls on a statutory holiday or weekend, the deadline would move to the next business day.

No other government grant, rebate, assistance program or payment can be received by the RM/FNB with relation to the expenditures subject to this program. Verification of fulfillment of program requirements may be requested, random audits may be conducted, and information on specific reporting measures may also be requested.

Unclaimed Grant Funds:

- To ensure rebates are distributed in a fair and equitable manner, program funds remaining unclaimed following the program deadline will be distributed as follows:
 - **RMs and FNBs that are not the focus of the initial 2018-19 CAP-BCP funding**, and who follow the minimum services determined by the 2018-19 CAP-BCP, may submit a completed claim form with supporting documents to SARM by the program deadline.
 - The CAP-BCP Technical Committee will determine how funds will be distributed to these applicants based on the number of claims received and the amount of rebate requested.
 - If no other claim requests are received, or if funds remain unclaimed, the designated RMs and FNBs claiming in excess of their initial funding cap may have rebate requests prorated among all eligible claims and receive additional rebates up to, but not exceeding, 50% of the expenses reported on the CAP-BCP Claim Form.
- **To be flagged or remain as “designated” for eligible rebates under future CAP-BCP funding, an RM/FNB must have claimed for the previous two (2) consecutive CAP-BCP program years.**
- No RM/FNB will receive more than 50% of the expenses reported on the Beaver Control Program (CAP-BCP) Claim Form.

For more information on the CAP-BCP please visit the SARM website at <https://sarm.ca/programs/administered-programs/ag-programs/cap-bcp> or contact Annette Ellert, Program Manager, at 306-761-3744 or email at aellert@sarm.ca.

*As part of the CAP funding agreement, all records, information, databases, audit and evaluation reports and other documents relating to this program must be retained by the RM/FNB office until **March 31, 2029.***