

Corporation of the County of Grey

By-Law 5299-26

A By-law to Provide for the Removal of Nuisance Beaver

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 665/98 under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 41 permits a municipality to hire a person to hunt or trap furbearing mammals within the boundaries of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the County of Grey (the "County of Grey") may, pursuant to Section 11 of the *Municipal Act*, R.S.O. 2001, as amended, pass such by-laws to enable it to govern its affairs as it considered appropriate and to enhance its ability to respond to municipal issues including the health, safety, and well-being or protection of persons and property;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the County of Grey deems it desirable to implement a control and management program of nuisance beavers in order to maintain and enhance the safety and welfare of the residents of the County of Grey;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF GREY HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The County of Grey shall provide payment to a licensed trapper that has been authorized by the County of Grey for each beaver that has been found damaging or destroying a landowner's property within the geographic area of the County of Grey, subject to the following conditions:
 - 1.1 The trapper must submit an authorization form to the County of Grey and must obtain the County of Grey's authorization prior to trapping if they intend to seek payment from the County of Grey;
 - 1.2 The trapper shall hold a valid licence from the Ministry of Natural Resources to trap the beaver;
 - 1.3 The trapper shall only trap in accordance with the terms and conditions of the licence;
 - 1.4 The trapper shall be a permanent resident of the geographic area of the County of Grey unless otherwise approved by the Council of the County of Grey;
 - 1.5 The land must be within the geographic area of County of Grey but must not be in the ownership of the County of Grey or its member municipalities;
 - 1.6 The removal and destruction of the beaver shall occur by methods sanctioned by the Ministry of Natural Resources;

- 1.7 Without limiting any other provision, the trapper shall not abandon the pelts, which shall be disposed of by methods sanctioned by the Ministry of Natural Resources;
- 1.8 The trapper shall have, at the time of trapping or hunting, on their person, written proof of authorization from the County of Grey and consent from the landowner, or the person in control of the land, to act as their agent;
- 1.9 A designated person of the local municipality in which the trapping occurred shall mark the carcass by removing the end of the tail from the carcass and shall provide certification to the Clerk of the County of Grey that such identification has occurred;
- 1.10 After the local municipality provides certification to the County of Grey, the authorized trapper shall submit a request for payment to the County of Grey.
2. The aforementioned authorization form shall be in the form prescribed by the Clerk of the County of Grey from time to time, which will include but is not limited to, the following information:
 - 2.1 Landowner's name and address;
 - 2.2 Location of the beaver problem;
 - 2.3 Description of the beaver problem;
 - 2.4 Landowner's consent and authorization;
 - 2.5 Name, permanent address, and licence number of the trapper who is acting as the landowner's agent.
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 Grey and retained by the Clerk for a minimum of two years from the date of payment authorization. Such records shall be made available to authorized conservation officers upon request.
4. Nothing in this By-law supersedes the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* and its associated regulations.
5. Trappers are responsible for adhering to all applicable legislation.
6. The payment to any licensed trapper, who has satisfied the requirements of this by-law, shall not exceed a maximum of
 - 6.1 \$25 per beaver up to and including December 31, 2026;
 - 6.2 \$50 per beaver beginning on January 1, 2027.
7. By-laws 3274-91 and 4114-04 are hereby repealed.

8. This By-law shall come into force and effect on the date of final passing.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 13th day of August, 2026.



WARDEN: Andrea Matrosovs



CLERK: Tara Warder