

Municipal District of Northern Lights #22

Wild Boar Program

Procedural Guideline

OBJECTIVE:

To provide direction for the Municipal District of Northern Lights #22 to eradicate wild boars from running at large within the Municipality.

PURPOSE:

To prevent property damage and promote human safety from confrontations from wild boars running at large within the Municipal District of Northern Lights #22.

AUTHORITY:

The Wild Boar has been declared a pest under the Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta (1984).

The Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta states that the municipality shall "take active measures to prevent the establishment or to control or destroy pests in the municipality" (Sec. 6)

The municipality must appoint Inspectors under the Act who are authorized to

- enter onto land and inspect for pests; and may
- issue notice specifying measures required to control the pest or prevent the pest from establishing.

ACTION:

If wild boars are found within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Northern Lights #22 the landowner will be encouraged to adopt the following measures:

- control or destroy the wild boars
- prevent the establishment of pests (wild boars)
- shall follow the *Wildlife Act (Section 28)* (shall not discharge a firearm during the period commencing at ½ hour after sunset and ending at ½ hour before sunrise the following day) (*No night hunting*)
- notify the Agricultural Fieldman of the wild boar locations
- authorize someone to destroy the wild boars

The Municipal District of Northern Lights will implement the following:

- Enter into a Wild Boar At Large Pilot Program with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development.

- Will pay \$50.00 for each pair of ears from wild boars submitted from Municipal landowners or those authorized by the landowner.

INSPECTION:

In order to inspect for wild pigs, the Agricultural Fieldman shall:

- i) document and follow-up on sight locations;
- ii) destroy the wild boars with the landowners permission;
- iii) record all site locations where the wild boars have been destroyed or sighted.

COMPENSATION:

- i) Payment will be made to Municipal landowners or persons authorized by the landowner for only wild boars running at large within the Municipality
- ii) Owners of DOMESTIC Wild Boar operations will be required to register their farm in order to protect their animals.
- iii) All eradication must be done with the landowner's written consent and registered with the Municipality before the removal of the wild boars from the property.
- iv) Landowners or those authorized must sign an AFFIDAVIT that the wild boars were removed from Municipal District of Northern Lights, and that the animals were running at large.
- v) The amount paid to the landowner or authorized person will subject to discretion by the Agricultural Fieldman and/or the Municipal Council.
- vi) To be eligible to receive the \$50.00 payment the landowner or authorized person must submit a pair of ears (single ears, partial ears, or ears from unborn piglets will not be eligible) from the wild pigs.
- vii) The ears are to be taken to the Agricultural Fieldman at the Municipal building in Manning. (please call before bringing them in, 780-836-3348 or 780-836-5816)

AWARENESS:

In order to raise awareness of the problem

- i) Neighbors may be notified of the presents of wild boars within the area
- ii) An inventory of animals taken will be kept on file
- iii) Findings will be submitted to Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development.

PROGAM DURATION:

This program shall be in place until the Minister terminates the Wild Boar At Large Pilot Program or until the Municipal Council request termination.