

Title: Wolf Harvest Incentive Program

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Purpose: Greenview supports wolf population control efforts in order to reduce livestock predation. Greenview will implement the policy and procedures to provide for a Wolf Harvest Incentive Program, for the purpose of promoting the lawful harvesting of wolves within the designated wolf harvest area of Greenview.

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **Eligible Participant** means the registered landowner of property within the boundaries of Greenview, or their designate (stated through written permission), verified by VSI membership or Administration. Greenview’s Problem Wildlife Personnel and Problem Wildlife contractors are ineligible to participate in the Wolf Harvest Incentive Program.
- 1.2. **Financial Compensation** means the monies received for lawfully harvested adult wolf by eligible participants.
- 1.3. **Greenview** means the Municipal District of Greenview No 16.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.1 The Wolf Harvest Incentive Program will be in effect only on lands within 8 kilometers of private property, active grazing leases, and Provincial Grazing Reserves (agricultural area) within the boundaries of Greenview.
 - A) The Wolf Harvest Incentive Program will be limited to eligible participants or their designate.
 - B) Wolves harvested outside of Greenview will not qualify for compensation.
 - C) Individuals wishing to participate in the program will be required to register with the Manager of Agricultural Services or their designate, in advance of participation in the program.
- 2.2 Council shall, during budget deliberations, establish a budget for the Wolf Harvest Incentive Program.
- 2.3 By resolution of Council, the Wolf Harvest Incentive Program shall be activated or terminated.

3. PROCEDURE

- 3.1. Individuals participating in the Wolf Harvest Incentive Program shall follow all Federal and Provincial Legislation and regulations including, but not limited to the Wildlife Act and Wildlife regulations, the Firearms Act, the Petty Trespass Act, and Alberta Hunting and Trapping Regulations, and any amendments or successor legislations thereto.
- 3.2. Greenview's Wolf Harvest Incentive Program will be reviewed annually.
- 3.3. The Manager of Agricultural Services, or their designate, shall arrange appointments with eligible participants for the examination and marking of adult wolves to qualify for financial compensation through the Wolf Harvest Incentive Program.
- 3.4. Greenview shall pay financial compensation for each eligible adult wolf carcass presented to the designated receiving location.
- 3.5. Eligible participants requesting financial compensation shall enter into a Contract of Participation Agreement, at the time of marking the carcass with the Manager of Agricultural Services or their designate.
- 3.6. Wolf carcasses shall be delivered to a location designated by Greenview Agriculture Services, for examination and marking, and authorization of payment of compensation:
 - A) The manager of Agriculture Services may, at their discretion, require the presentation of the head of the wolf, or the carcass in its entirety.
 - B) Examination of the carcass will be performed to verify the animal has been destroyed by means other than vertebrate toxicant.
 - C) The carcass will be marked by a representative of Greenview; a carcass that has been previously marked will be rejected.
 - D) If eligible, the claimant will be provided with a financial compensation authorization.
- 3.7. To request authorization for financial compensation, the eligible participant will provide proof of permission from the owner or authorized occupant of the land upon which the harvest was conducted, and declare the following:
 - A) The legal land location where the wolf was harvested.
 - B) The date of harvest.
 - C) The harvest was conducted in a lawful manner, in accordance with current legislation.
 - D) The participant is the legal landowner or the authorized occupant of the land; and/or
 - E) The participant had permission to harvest on said land.
 - F) Random harvest site inspections may be performed to verify submissions as valid.
- 3.8. In accordance with Provincial Legislation, the eligible participant shall be responsible for disposal of all parts of the carcass.
- 3.9. Participants shall be removed from the list of eligible participants and shall forfeit all benefit from said program, if it is determined that have not adhered to the Policy as set by Council or the Contract of Participation.
- 3.10. Disputes over eligible claims for compensation will be settled at the discretion of the Manager of Agricultural Services, whose decision will be final and binding.