

**Title: VOLUNTARY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION ALBERTA AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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**Purpose:** Greenview recognizes the benefit to residents and ratepayers of voluntary participation by the Municipality in programs offered by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry including, but not limited to, the Wild Boar Bounty Program and Coyote Predation Management Program.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Wild Boar Bounty Program** means a program available through Alberta Agriculture and Forestry to help control the province’s wild boar population, which are listed as Pests under the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act.

**Coyote Predation Management Program** means a program to help reduce predation on livestock to a level that is tolerable and manageable to an individual producer. Coyotes are listed as a nuisance species under the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act.

**POLICY**

1. Greenview shall administer the Wild Boar Bounty Program, Coyote Predation Management Program, and other programs as needed within the guidelines specified by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

**PROCEDURE**

1. Greenview shall ensure the requirements and restrictions imposed upon participants of the Wild Boar Bounty Program are strictly adhered to; and that all reporting requirements are met;
2. The Manager of Agricultural Services or their designate shall take measures to ensure appropriate incentive reward payment is made to eligible participants; however, all reward payments shall be made at the discretion of the Manager of Agricultural Services or their designate;
3. The Manager of Agricultural Services shall present to Council, at budget deliberations, the value of anticipated incentive reward expenditures for the upcoming calendar year;
4. Council shall, during budget deliberations, establish the level of funding to be provided to program participants, with due regard for requisition values as set forth by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (if specified);

5. Greenview shall ensure the duties, requirements and restrictions imposed upon License holders and participants of the Coyote Predation Management Program are strictly adhered to, and that all reporting requirements are met;
6. Agricultural Services personnel shall provide practical advice and technical assistance to residents and ratepayers, and shall encourage appropriate non-lethal prevention and management practices as required by the Coyote Predation Management Program guidelines;
7. Any assistance provided to residents and ratepayers, through the distribution of toxicants or other lethal devices for coyote control, shall be at the sole discretion of the License holders (Form 7 license holders: Manager, Ag. Services; Asst. Manager, Ag. Services; Ag. Supervisor Trainee; Problem wildlife Officer).