

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Wolf Hunting Incentive</b>
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<b>LEGAL AUTHORITY:</b>	<b>Wildlife Act &amp; Regulations, Firearms Act, Petty Trespass Act, Agricultural Pests Act</b>

## POLICY STATEMENT

The Municipal District of Big Lakes recognizes a need to support wolf population control efforts to reduce livestock predation. The Municipal District of Big Lakes will implement procedures to provide for a wolf hunting incentive program, for the purpose of promoting the lawful hunting of wolves. Through this program, registrants will receive a monetary reward for the carcass of an adult wolf hunted within the Municipality, by residents of the Municipality.

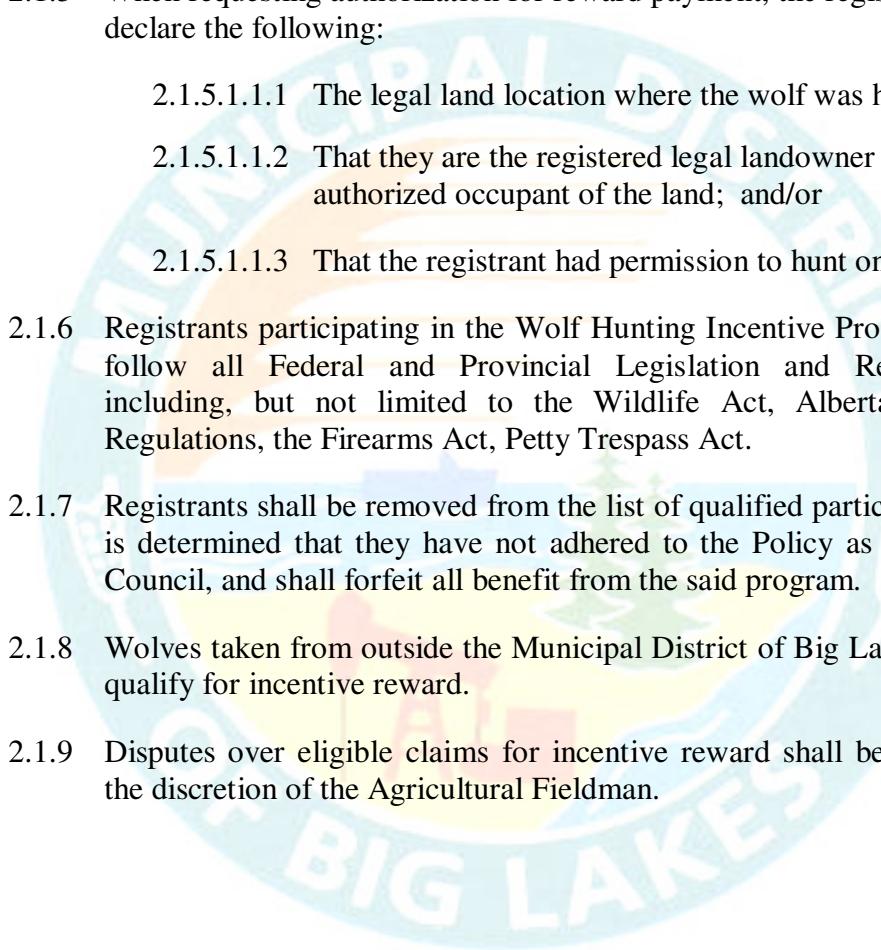
## POLICY

### **1. General**

- 1.1 The Wolf Hunting Incentive program will be established for a period of one calendar year, at which time, the program will be evaluated.
- 1.2 Council will, during budget deliberations, establish a budget for the Wolf Hunting Incentive program.
- 1.3 By resolution of Council, the Wolf Hunting Incentive program will be activated or terminated.

### **2. Responsibilities of Parties**

- 2.1 The Municipal District of Big Lakes shall pay compensation of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars per adult wolf carcass, presented to the designated receiving location in accordance with the listed conditions:
  - 2.1.1 The Municipal District of Big Lakes Wolf Hunting Incentive program will be in effect within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Big Lakes only.
  - 2.1.2 Registrants requesting bounty reward payment shall enter into a Contract of Participation agreement.



- 2.1.3 Eligible registrants will be limited to registered landowners within the M.D. of Big Lakes, legally licensed trappers, and licensed resident trappers only.
- 2.1.4 Carcasses will be delivered to a designated delivery point, for examination. Examination of the carcass will be performed to verify the animal has been destroyed by means other than vertebrate toxicant, and the claimant will be provided with a payment authorization. The registrant shall be responsible for carcass disposal.
- 2.1.5 When requesting authorization for reward payment, the registrant must declare the following:
  - 2.1.5.1.1.1 The legal land location where the wolf was harvested
  - 2.1.5.1.1.2 That they are the registered legal landowner or the authorized occupant of the land; and/or
  - 2.1.5.1.1.3 That the registrant had permission to hunt on said land
- 2.1.6 Registrants participating in the Wolf Hunting Incentive Program shall follow all Federal and Provincial Legislation and Regulations; including, but not limited to the Wildlife Act, Alberta Hunting Regulations, the Firearms Act, Petty Trespass Act.
- 2.1.7 Registrants shall be removed from the list of qualified participants if it is determined that they have not adhered to the Policy as set by the Council, and shall forfeit all benefit from the said program.
- 2.1.8 Wolves taken from outside the Municipal District of Big Lakes do not qualify for incentive reward.
- 2.1.9 Disputes over eligible claims for incentive reward shall be settled at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman.

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Chief Administrative Officer