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RE:
THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF GREY
BY-LAW NO. 4114-04
A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 3274-91 TO PROVIDE FOR
THE REMOVAL OF NUISANCE BEAVER

Dear Grey County:

I am writing today, to ask if your council would consider raising the price of nuisance beaver removal paid to Certified Trappers. Your policy at \$25.00 per beaver was introduced 20 years ago, in 2004 and has never been reviewed or upgraded since.

To keep rivers, creeks and drainage running properly and culverts not being plugged, beaver control is essential in Grey County. But, a certified Trapper attempting to "break even" for his/her work and dedication – this 20 year old payment doesn't even cover the fuel in his/her vehicle – and certainly covers zero costs for their professional time & expenses of equipment.

As an example, Bruce County at the moment pays a \$30 bounty along with a \$60 per beaver trapping fee paid to the Trapper. These prices are under review to be increased along with the nuisance / threatening coyote problem in our area.

Coyotes are very over populated in both Grey & Bruce Counties – and they would be able to be managed by Trappers if the payment process was not so incredibly detailed. More often than not, Trappers are refused payment because of inspections, determinations, paperwork, etc, etc ! (Please review you coyote payment requirements !) Coyotes are not only killing and mauling the livestock of farmers, they are rapid in towns and cities and are frequently killing resident's cats & dogs.

This is exactly why the MNR wants Trappers to manage and control populations of wildlife – and for their hard work, expertise and costs ... they should be paid respectively to control the beaver and coyote populations.

If I may, here's an example of a very costly, in my opinion, Grey County beaver problem. Periodically, numerous culverts get plugged by beavers in Hwy 6, just South of the Wilcox Sideroad. Heavy equipment works for a couple days to unplug the culverts by pushing long logs through the culverts in an attempt to clear them so that the water flows and to prevent flooding. Beaver will plug those culverts again within a few days to hold water back to their lodges (beaver houses) right beside the road ! A simple solution is – hire a Trapper to manage the beaver population in that area – and there would be no future expense to clear the culverts ! I'm sure there are many other areas within the County that require attention also.

I would appreciate a reply from your perspective.
If you may require more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.
Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards:

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**Guardian Wildlife Control,
Wildlife Agent & Ontario Licensed Certified Trapper**

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