

BY-LAW NO. 512-1103
A BY-LAW OF THE VILLAGE OF ELNORA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
“GOPHER BOUNTY BYLAW”

WHEREAS Alberta Provincial Statutes authorize municipalities to offer a bounty for the destruction of gophers; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Elnora determines gophers constitute a nuisance to property; and

WHEREAS Village Council determines that it is in the best interest of the public to establish a bounty to encourage the destruction of gophers in the Village;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT REOLVED, that the Council of the Village of Elnora does hereby establish a gopher bounty for the Village of Elnora to be conducted as follows:

1. This By-law may be cited as the Gopher Bounty Bylaw

2. In this By-law,
 - (a) "Council" means the Council of the Village of Elnora;
 - (b) "Designated Officer" means a Public Works employee designated by Council to collect tails and process bounty claim statements.
 - (c) "Gopher" means striped gopher, flickertail gopher, pocket gopher, Richardson ground squirrel and prairie dog.
 - (d) "Snare" means a manned trapping device.

3. The bounty shall only apply to gophers that were, to the satisfaction of the Designated Officer actually captured and killed within the corporate boundaries of the Village of Elnora.

4. The acceptable means of capture/killing of gophers is snaring. Shooting a gopher with any type of projectile weapon is not an accepted method of extermination within Village limits.

5. Snares on public property must not interfere with municipal operations or public enjoyment of open spaces.
6. The Designated Officer has authority to order snares moved that do not comply with part 5.
7. Individuals snaring gophers must have permission of a property owner before entering on private property for the purpose of carrying out this Bylaw.
8. To be eligible for collection of the bounty, gopher tails must be presented to the Designated Officer.
9. The person claiming a bounty must provide his or her name, address and the location where the animal(s) were killed according to the format of Schedule A.
10. The amount of the bounty shall be \$1.00 (one dollar) per tail presented and approved by the Designated Officer up to a maximum of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) per person.
11. The Designated Officer is responsible for ensuring proper disposal of tails received and approved for a bounty. Bounty collectors are responsible for ensuring proper disposal of the remaining portion of the carcasses which does not include residential garbage pick-up.

Read a first time this 13th day of September, A.D., 2011.

Read a second time this _____ day of _____, A.D., 20__ .

Read a third time and finally passed this _____ day of _____, A.D., 20__ .

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR

SCHEDULE "A"

Name; _____

Address; _____

Date; _____

Number of tails; _____ at \$1.00 each = BOUNTY \$ _____

Signature

Designated Officer

Please mark where the gophers were caught on the map below.