



**A BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HURON  
TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF NUISANCE COYOTES**

**WHEREAS** subsection 11 (1) of *the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, Statutes of Ontario 1997, chapter 41* states that:

“Except with the authorization of the Minister, a person shall not,  
(b) hire, employ or induce another person to hunt for gain;  
(d) hire, employ or induce another person to trap for gain;”

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of The Corporation of the County of Huron, may under Section 128 of *the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O 2001, c. 25*, as amended, – “A municipality may prohibit and regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of Council, are or could become or cause public nuisances”;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of The Corporation of the County of Huron deems it advisable to enact such regulations and to provide an incentive, for the taking of nuisance coyotes in order to reduce conflicts between such nuisance coyotes and livestock of stockowners in the County of Huron;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the County of Huron enacts as follows:

In this By-law:

1.
  - a) “compensation” shall mean a legal payment made to an authorized hunter or trapper by a municipality or township in accordance with *the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, S.O. 1997, Chapter 41*. Compensation may also mean payment for value of lost livestock due to predation *under the Livestock,*

*Poultry and Honeybee Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter L. 24, and this By-law;*

- b) "Person" for purposes of section 11 of *the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, Statutes of Ontario, 1997, Chapter 41* or this By-law shall refer to the Corporation of the County of Huron as well as the municipalities and townships of Huron County;
- c) "Authorization or authorized" shall be defined to mean and consist of an approval letter for the compensation program to be in effect from the Ministry of Natural Resources and a properly completed Coyote Predation Compensation Claim form.

2. THAT The Corporation of the County of Huron shall provide reimbursement to the municipality for the municipality's expenditure of payment to a licensed trapper or licensed hunter for each coyote that has been authorized to be taken as a nuisance animal by the Ministry of Natural Resources as a result of damaging or destroying a stockowner's livestock, subject to the following conditions:

- a) The Ministry of Natural Resources provides general authorization to The Corporation of the County of Huron to administer a coyote predation compensation program on behalf of the lower tier municipalities, prior to engaging for pay any hunter or trapper to take or destroy any coyote;
- b) The Ministry of Natural Resources shall in writing, individually approve each Coyote Predation Compensation Claim submitted prior to the taking of such nuisance coyotes for compensation;
- c) The stockowner's signature on the Coyote Predation Compensation Claim form designating a hunter, trapper, or party number shall be deemed as given permission for those designated persons to conduct nuisance coyote control for compensation on the stockowner's property. The Coyote Predation Compensation Claim form shall not be deemed as an authorization to trespass on the property of others within the control radius identified by the claim form. It will be the responsibility of said hunters and trappers to obtain permission for access to such lands;

- d) Discretion may be made by the Ministry of Natural Resources with regards to approval of coyote removal in individual cases based on presented information;
- e) The Coyote Predation Compensation Claim form submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources shall be accompanied by the Municipal Livestock Evaluator's Report and shall detail in specific his or her reasons for believing the loss of livestock or property damage to be a result of a coyote;
- f) The Coyote Predation Compensation Claim form and accompanying documentation from the municipal livestock evaluator shall be brought to the Ministry of Natural Resources no later than 20 business days after the livestock is lost or damaged. Failure to do so will mean that the Coyote Predation Compensation Claim form will not be approved and authorization under section 11 of *the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, S.O. 1997, Chapter 41* will not be granted;
- g) The trapper or hunter, providing such service to the landowner, shall be currently licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources;
- h) The assigned trapper or hunter shall have on his or her person at the time of hunting or trapping nuisance coyotes for compensation: a signed copy of the Coyote/Wolf Compensation Claim form from the Ministry of Natural Resources for taking nuisance coyotes and other documentation necessary for the activities of hunting or trapping as they may apply;
- i) A designated person(s) of the local municipality in which the trapping occurs shall mark the pelt of the coyote by either cutting off the ears or cutting the pelt between the eyes; or direct the claimant to do so under supervision from the designated person;
- j) The Clerk of the lower tier municipality or their designate shall provide certification to the Clerk of the County, that such marking has occurred, and;
- k) Payment made to the claimant by the local municipality, shall be, if in correct accordance with the compensation program, be reimbursed by The Corporation of the County of Huron after being submitted to the Clerk of the County with a request for payment.

3. The records pertaining to any and all payments authorized by this By-law, including all forms referred to in this By-law, shall be filed with the Clerk of the County of Huron and retained by the Clerk for a minimum of six years from the date of payment authorization and such record shall be produced at the request of the Ministry of Natural Resources or his authorized agent.
4. The Clerk of the County of Huron will submit an annual report to the Ministry of Natural Resources. Such annual report shall contain:
  - a) The number of coyotes which were taken overall;
  - b) The specific location each coyote was removed from;
  - c) How each coyote was taken, for example: firearm/trap; dogs involved yes/no;
  - d) The time and date the coyote was taken;
  - e) The name of the person's property each coyote was removed;
  - f) The name of the stockowner whose claim each coyote was removed under;
  - g) The name of the person who removed the coyote;
  - h) The sex of each coyote;
  - i) The use made of the fur, or method of disposal.
5. The payment to any licensed trapper or licensed hunter who has met the regulations and satisfied the requirement of this By-law is included in Schedule A to this By-law.
6. This By-law shall come into force and effect on the date of final passing.
7. That By-law No. 13-2007 is hereby repealed.

Read a First time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

Read a Second time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

Read a Third and Final time this 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2010.

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**Bert Dykstra, Warden**

**SEAL**

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**Barbara L. Wilson, County Clerk**

## **SCHEDULE A TO BY-LAW NO. 13-2010**

The payment to any licensed trapper or licensed hunter who has met the regulations and satisfied the requirement of this By-law shall be \$100.00 of lawful Canadian currency; per coyote pelt.