

Beaver and Beaver Dam Management

I'm interested in beaver and beaver dam management in the Township.

What do I need to know?

If you are seeking information on Township of Langley's beaver management approach, related policies, or management tools, please see key information below.

Why is beaver management needed?

In order to reduce negative impacts to property and risks to public safety, management of beavers, dens, and dams is a necessary service.

What are the government regulations involved?

Several regulations, acts, and bylaws exist to protect fish, wildlife, streams, and riparian habitat. This means approvals and/or permits are generally required to conduct beaver and beaver dam management.

What is the Township of Langley's approach?

Various Township policies dictate how, when, why, and where beaver management is conducted. Removal of a beaver dam is only considered if the situation is a significant risk to public safety and after all other options have been exhausted. The Township follows all local, provincial, and federal regulations and best practices when beaver management is necessary.

Who is responsible for management on private lands?

The relevant landowner is responsible for all beaver management activities, costs, and applicable regulatory agency contacts. Prior to works, the landowner will need to contact the provincial Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development, and potentially Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

What are some management tools that I can use?

In order to maintain desired water levels and protect surrounding vegetation, various management tools could be utilized.

To keep beavers away:

- Install fences, barriers, and/or cages around culverts, drains, structures, and/or trees

To maintain desired water levels:

- Install 'pond-levelers' or other devices

Landowners can also work with local stewardship groups or engage environmental/wildlife professionals to assess the situation and provide further advice on options for management.

Additional Information, Contacts, and Resources:

Request a Township of Langley beaver management information package by calling the Engineering Division at 604.532.7300.