

Lac La Biche County *Policy*

TITLE: Coyote Incentive Pilot Program

POLICY NO: ENV-63-017

RESOLUTION: 25.377

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 23, 2025

DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Agriculture Services

NEXT REVIEW DATE: September 23, 2027

POLICY STATEMENT:

Lac La Biche County recognizes that livestock producers are responsible for managing predator risks on their properties and are expected to take reasonable measures to deter coyote predation. However, producers who have demonstrated responsible livestock management practices may still require Lac La Biche County's support through additional tools or resources to help mitigate losses caused by coyotes.

"Original Signed"

Mayor

September 29, 2025

Date

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Chief Administrative Officer

September 29, 2025

Date

SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS REFERENCE:

ENV-63-013 Predator Control Policy and Procedure

ENV-63-009 Wolf Control Program Policy and Procedure

AMENDMENT DATE:

Procedure

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GENERAL GUIDELINES:

To reduce the predation of livestock within Lac La Biche County and protect producers' assets.

Effective Dates – to run for two years as a pilot program:

November 1st 2025 – March 31st, 2026 *(subject to budget approval)*

November 1st 2026 – March 31st, 2027 *(subject to budget approval)*

DEFINITIONS:

“Green Area” – A designated forested region in Alberta where public land use and hunting regulations may differ.

“Resident” – A person who has their primary residence within the Lac La Biche County boundaries.

PROCEDURE:

- Lac La Biche County will pay an incentive of \$20 per coyote during the six months from November 1 to March 31, subject to budget approval.
- To qualify for the incentive payment, the coyote carcasses must be taken to Lac La Biche County Centre (13422 Hwy. 881) during regular business hours.
- Only whole, unskinned animals are accepted for payment; pelts or partial animals are not eligible for payment.
- Previously frozen or stored animals—such as those kept in freezers—are ineligible for incentive claims. Animal(s) must be fresh and recently harvested; spoiled or showing signs of being decomposed are ineligible.
- Animals must be covered by a tarp or by other means when bringing them in for incentive payment.

Animals may be hunted without a license, but not trapped, at all times of the year throughout the province:

- By a resident who has right of access to hunt on lands that are not public lands within the Green Area.
- By the owner or occupant of privately owned land, on that privately owned land.
- By a person maintaining livestock on public land, on that public land.

- On lands described in the point above that are in the Green Area, by a resident who is authorized in writing by the person described in the point above.
- Only residents living within Lac La Biche County boundaries with a Veterinary Services Inc. (V.S.I.) number will be eligible to participate in this program and will be asked to provide the legal land location where the animals were trapped or shot.
- Each V.S.I. account holder will be limited to a maximum of \$300 in claims per season.
- Residents are advised that it is illegal to sell whole or unskinned carcasses to anyone other than a fur buyer.
- Agriculture Services staff will cut a designated foot off the carcass of the coyote to identify it as having been paid the incentive. Animals brought in for incentive may be identified by taking a photo.
- The carcass will be returned to the owner who will be responsible for disposing of it properly.
- Animals that originate from outside Lac La Biche County boundaries or are brought in by a non-resident of the above-noted area will not be accepted for payment under this program.
- This program may terminate at an earlier date than the March 31 deadline subject to budget limitations.
- Agriculture Services staff have the right to disqualify carcasses if they suspect they do not meet the criteria.
- For information on regulations governing hunting, please contact the Fish & Wildlife office at 780-623-5247.

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Schedule "A"
Coyote Incentive Pilot Program Payment Application Form

LAST NAME: _____ **FIRST NAME:** _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ **POSTAL CODE:** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

V.S.I. # : _____ **LEGAL LAND LOCATION:** _____

GUIDELINES

1. The incentive dollar amount is to be determined by Lac La Biche County Council. The amount of the incentive can change from time to time.
2. The program comes into effect on November 1st.
3. Eligibility of persons wanting to participate in this program is restricted to residents enrolled in the Lac La Biche County V.S.I. program.
4. Only coyotes that were terminated in Lac La Biche County boundaries will be accepted for the incentive payment.
5. Eligible persons participating in the program shall present the carcasses at the Public Works building at 13422 Hwy 881 Lac La Biche to be eligible for payment.
6. Only whole unskinned coyotes will be accepted for payment. Pelts will not be eligible under the program.
7. The Agricultural Fieldman or assigned Agriculture Services staff will inspect the animals and determine whether the carcass is eligible for payment under the program. Staff have the right to disqualify carcasses if they suspect they do not meet the criteria.
8. A determined foot will be docked for identification purposes. Coyotes will be identified by a picture. The remainder of the carcass will be returned to the person receiving the incentive payment.
9. The person delivering the carcass for inspection is responsible for the proper disposal of the animal.
10. Carcasses will be accepted by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Please phone the Environmental Services office at 780-623-6739 to make an appointment.

THIS SECTION FOR PAYMENT TOTALS ONLY

NO. COYOTES REGISTERED: _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

COYOTES

SHOT _____

OTHER _____

TERMINATION LOCATION

Other Comments (condition, etc.)

INCENTIVE PAYMENT: \$ _____

Approved by (Lac La Biche County)

