



Clear Hills County

Effective Date: January 26, 2016	Policy Number 6315
Title: COYOTE HUNT INCENTIVE POLICY	

1. **Policy Statement**

1.1. In an effort to support population control efforts and to further the public interest in regards to predatory wildlife Clear Hills County will implement procedures to provide for a coyote hunt incentive program for the purpose of promoting coyote hunting in the municipality. Through this program coyote registrants will receive a monetary reward for the carcass of a coyote hunted lawfully within the Municipality.

2. **General**

- 2.1. Council may annually during budget deliberations, establish a budget for the Coyote Hunt Incentive program.
- 2.2. By resolution of Council the Coyote Hunt Incentive program will be activated and deactivated.
- 2.3. Council will establish the amount of compensation to be paid for eligible coyotes.

3. **Responsibilities**

3.1 Clear Hills County shall pay compensation per eligible coyote (adult and non-adult) taken by a registrant within the boundaries of Clear Hills County in accordance with the listed conditions: The Clear Hills County Coyote Hunt Incentive program will be in effect for private property and grazing leases within the boundaries of Clear Hills County only.

3.1.1 Registrants requesting bounty payment shall be registered in advance with Clear Hills County and have entered into a hold-blameless agreement, attached as Appendix A.

3.1.2 For verification and authorization of payment the carcass, with pelt intact, from each eligible coyote harvested must be presented at the County office to a designated representative of the County.

3.1.3 When presenting the carcass Registrants must produce written verification from the landowner or occupant for the land declaring:

3.1.3.1 The land location where the coyote was harvested;

- 3.1.3.2 That they are the landowner or occupant of said land; and
- 3.1.3.3 That the registrant had permission to hunt on said land.
- 3.1.4 Any carcass received by a designated representative of the County will be marked.
- 3.1.5 Any a carcass that has been previously marked will be rejected.
- 3.1.6 Registrants will be responsible for disposal of all parts of the coyote carcass using recognized carcass disposal methods.
- 3.1.7 Registrants participating in the Coyote Hunt Incentive program shall follow all Federal and Provincial Regulations and Legislation, including but not limited to the Wildlife Act, Alberta Hunting Regulations, Firearms Act, and Petty Trespass Act.
- 3.1.8 Registrants shall be removed from the list of qualified registrants if found to have not adhered to the policy as set by the Council, and shall not be able to receive benefit from the said program.
- 3.1.9 Registrants attempting to receive payment of bounty for coyotes taken from outside of Clear Hills County shall be disqualified from receiving benefit from the program.

3. End of Policy

ADOPTED

DATE

Resolution C53-16(01/26/16)

January 26, 2016



**Appendix A (Policy 6315)
Contract of Participation – Coyote Hunt Incentive Program
Between Participants and Clear Hills County**

In an effort to support population control efforts and to further the public interest in regards to predatory wildlife, the Clear Hills County (“Municipality”) has approved a coyote hunt incentive program (“Program”) for the purpose of promoting coyote hunting within the Municipality. Through this program, coyote hunters (“Participants”) will receive a monetary reward (“Reward”) for the carcass, with the pelt intact, of a coyote hunted lawfully within the Municipality.

The terms and conditions of participation in the Program are as follows;

1. **STATUTORY ADHERENCE:** While participating in the Program, the Participant will, at all times, abide by all statutes, regulations, and bylaws enacted by the federal, provincial, and municipal governments, and the Participant agrees not to violate any statutory or regulatory provision in any way. The relevant statutes include but are not limited to: the *Firearms Act*, the *Petty Trespass Act*, the *Wildlife Act*, and the *Wildlife Regulations*. Any Participant who fails to strictly adhere all relevant laws will forfeit any right to a Reward under the Program.
2. **INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS:** The Participant will indemnify the Municipality, its officers, representatives, agents and employees, against and hold them harmless from and against any and all liability for any and all claims, costs, damages and expenses or liability arising on account of injury or death to persons or damage or destruction to property resulting from or arising out of or in any way connected to the Program or participation in the Program.
3. **PRECONDITIONS OF REWARD:** In order to obtain the Reward, the carcass of a lawfully hunted coyote must be presented to an appropriate representative of the Municipality. Any carcass received by a representative of the Municipality will be marked, and any carcass that has been previously marked by a representative of the Municipality will be rejected. To qualify for the Reward, a coyote must be lawfully hunted on private property or a grazing lease land within the boundaries of the Municipality. Any person who has not agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract of Participation (“Contract”) will be considered ineligible to receive the Reward. The Participant must state the location where each coyote was killed and must also produce appropriate documentation as follows:
 - a. **If the coyote was hunted on private property**, the Participant must, at the time of presentation of the carcass to a representative of the Municipality, **produce either** (i) a letter of permission, written and signed by the owner or occupant of the property, authorizing the Participant to hunt coyote on the property, or (ii) proof that the Participant is the owner or occupant of the property.
 - b. **If the coyote was hunted on grazing lease public lands**, the Participant must, at the time of presentation of the carcass to a representative of the municipality, **produce one** of the following; (i) a letter of permission, written and signed by the lessee of the property, authorizing the Participant to hunt coyote on the property, or (ii) proof that the Participant is the lessee of the property.
4. **REWARD:** If and only if the representative of the Municipality is satisfied that the Participant has complied with the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Reward will be paid by the Municipality to the Participant. The Reward will be paid by the Municipality to a successful Participant, at the rate set by Council, for each eligible coyote carcass (adult and non-adult) presented.
5. **NOTICE:** Clear Hills County has the discretion to modify this program from time to time without notice to participants.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, _____.

Participant (print): _____ (sign): _____

Municipal Officer (print): _____ (sign): _____

Witness: (print): _____ (sign): _____

Mailing Address of Participant _____

Participant Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____