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National animal advocacy group offers to protect beavers and infrastructure

Dear Honourable Wade Istchenko and Highways and Public Works Department,

We read with dismay that your department intends to trap and kill a family of beavers living near the Meadow Lakes Golf Course. While it is true that beavers can be deemed unwanted due to the potential for infrastructure damage, it is equally true that the infrastructure can be protected.

Using modern co-existence techniques such as flow devices, The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals has helped numerous municipalities and landowners across Canada protect both beavers and infrastructure.

Flow devices are simple, yet elegant, fencing systems that prevent damming in specific locations or allow the ongoing passage of water through an existing dam. In many cases, one device can be built and installed by a single person in half a day and will last for more than 10 years.

Our organization is dedicated to preventing human-wildlife conflict, and as such, is formally offering to travel to this site, install flow devices and train any staff or volunteers in their use, at no cost.

We urge you to visit our website (www.FurBearerDefenders.com) to learn more about how residents, landowners and municipalities can live with beavers and protect their infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Adrian Nelson Wildlife Conflict Manager The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals

CC: Media, Meadow Lakes Golf Course