

Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

HOW IT WORKS



1. DISCOVER

Owner informs the municipality within 48 hours of discovery if predation is believed to be the cause of injury or death and sufficient evidence exists.



2. NOTIFY

Municipality must immediately inform the investigator.



3. INVESTIGATE & DOCUMENT

Investigator is required to conduct a thorough investigation within 72 hours of being notified. The investigation must ensure all relevant evidence is documented through detailed colour photos and a completed application form.



4. SUBMIT

Investigator must submit a completed application to the municipality within 7 business days of conducting the investigation. The owner can also submit additional evidence that may be relevant (e.g. registration documents or photos) to the municipality within 7 business days of the on-site investigation.



5. APPLY

Municipality must submit the complete application to OMAFRA, along with any additional evidence provided by the owner, within 7 business days of the on-site investigation.



6. ASSESS & ASSIGN COMPENSATION

OMAFRA will review the application for completeness and eligibility. Compensation will be assigned and the owner will be informed of the decision within 30 business days of submitting a complete application.



7. ACCEPT OR APPEAL

Owner has 20 business days to appeal the outcome of their application.



8. PAY

If no appeal is requested within 20 business days of the decision letter being issued, **OMAFRA** will notify the municipality that payment must be issued to the owner.



9. REIMBURSE

OMAFRA will provide reimbursement to municipalities equal to the value assigned in the decision letter. Additional compensation will be provided to the municipalities to assist with administrative costs associated with the program.

For more information on the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program visit:

ontario.ca/predation