



POLICY

Agricultural Use of Road Allowances Policy

5A.010

Section: 5.0 Environmental and Protective Services
- A. Agricultural Services

Authority: General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services

Statement

The Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) may permit landowners within the M.D. to use the backslope portion of the road allowance along developed roads adjacent to land they own or rent for the growing and harvesting of crops within the boundaries of the municipality.

Purpose

To allow landowners within the M.D. the opportunity to make use of the backslope portion of road allowances for the growing and harvesting of crops.

Procedure

Landowners within the M.D. who wish to cut the forage crop growing in ditches along municipal roads may do so at their own expense on a first come-first served basis.

- (1) Landowners wishing to undertake this work must:
 - (a) Contact the Infrastructure Services Department/Agricultural Service Board (ASB) office to indicate their intent to cut the forage.
 - (b) Provide the legal land description of the land where they intend to do the cutting.
 - (c) Complete this work prior to July 15th after which Infrastructure Services personnel may cut the forage without providing any notice to the landowner.
- (2) Any forage that is baled or otherwise bunched up for collection and use as forage will be removed from the road allowance within one week of being baled or bunched to reduce the hazard to vehicles traveling on the road. Failure to abide by this policy may result in charges being laid against the landowner responsible for the placement of bales or other obstacles within the road allowance.
- (3) Landowners who wish to workdown and seed crops in the ditches must:
 - (a) Contact the General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services or his designate to obtain written permission prior to conducting such activities.
 - (b) Ensure that all activities will be done in a manner that will not interfere with or change the flow of water in the roadside ditches.
- (4) The municipality will not be liable for any damages to equipment resulting from the seeding or harvesting of any crops on municipal road allowances.

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Policy Review

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