



Lesser Slave River

TITLE: ROADS

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 9, 2002

POLICY NUMBER: TR-32-03 (Supersedes E.3)

STATEMENT:

The Council is responsible for the direction, control and management of all roads within the Municipal District.

DEFINITIONS:

1. Fence:

Means a protective or confirming barrier of posts and wire used to keep animals in or out.

2. Road:

Means a road other than a primary highway subject to the direction, control and management of the Municipal District and the Minister of Transportation and Utilities.

3. Road Standards:

See attached Schedule "A"

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Annually, the Council will not set road construction/maintenance priorities
2. The municipality is not obligated to provide roads to any parcel
3. Once priorities are established for the upcoming construction season, they may be advertised on the M.D. information page of the newspaper and or web page for ratepayer information
4. Priorities for roads involving M.D. funds will be established annually by the Council in the following order:
 - i. Surfacing to protect existing road infrastructure
 - ii. Upgrading or new construction
 - iii. Cost shared residential/farm access roads

CRITERIA:

1. Roads to provide access to residences:

- Roads must be constructed within a quarter section along existing road allowances or by a forced road (which ever is more cost effective) and only if no other physical access exists on the quarter or portion thereof
- Higher priority will be given to new roads benefiting more than one landowner

2. Farm Access:

- Access is required in order to be accessible by machinery and equipment performing agricultural activities on titled parcels



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- There is no existing physical means of access to the quarter
- Access to be provided on a road allowance or by a forced road (which ever is more cost effective) via the shortest route as determined by the Municipal District Administration and the Council
- In the event of more than one application, higher priority will be placed on the application assisting the greater number of applicants (i.e. two or more farmers)

COST SHARE CRITERIA

PROCEDURE:

1. When an individual requests the construction of a road that is not necessarily in the best interest of the public generally, the Council may approve its construction on a cost-sharing basis with the landowner requesting the road
2. The Director of Field Services will prepare an estimate for council consideration relative to the costs of building the roadway to a classification standard as identified in Schedule "A".
3. The Council may accept up to 25% of the cost to a maximum contribution of \$20,000 per project with the applicant to pay the remaining cost. This amount shall be based on the approved estimate of the Director of Field Services
4. The cost-share of the applicant shall be paid in the form of cash or an irrevocable letter of credit to the Municipality preceding the work, based upon the approved costs of the project. Any excess funds from the deposit will be refunded upon completion of the work
5. The applicant shall have no claim for a refund of the cost-share if at any future date the use of the road develops to the extent that it may be considered in the interest of the present public

GRAZING LEASE ROADS:

1. The successful bidder of a grazing lease accepts responsibility for providing his/her own access to the disposition area as stated in the tender documents for Public Lands

FENCING:

1. Fencing along new or improved roads will only be considered where additional right-of-way is required, and the said right-of-way destroys the existing fence
2. Existing fences will be repaired or replaced, or to Municipal District standards by a similar fence (see Policy E.8) when road construction requires relocation