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TITLE: ROAD WEIGHTS CONTROL

EFFECTIVE DATE: MARCH 26, 2014

POLICY NUMBER: TR-32-06 (Supersedes E.6)

STATEMENT:

To protect local roads under Municipal District control from damage due to heavy vehicular traffic, construction, maintenance or seasonal conditions.

To promote the safe and economic year round movement of goods, the Municipal District will issue overweight permits, via an Agent or otherwise, when weight exceeds the established posted limits, when a continuous haul over a designated route occurs or road ban orders are in place.

PROCEDURES:

The following procedures shall be followed when an overweight permit to travel on municipal roads is requested for vehicles, with non-divisible loads, which exceed the axle loading or gross weight as established for public roadways by the Municipal District and/or the Provincial Government:

Road Restrictions/ Road Bans:

Road bans are weight restrictions that reduce the maximum weight allowed on any carrying axle of a truck or trailer by the percentage specified.

The Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Transportation and Infrastructure, known as the Traffic Advisory Committee, will have the authority to implement a road ban order on any local road when conditions exist that will create a driving hazard to the public or will result in substantial damage to the roadway.

48 hours prior to the placement of the road bans by the Traffic Advisory Committee, the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure will place road ban signs along affected roadways, an announcement on the local radio station and in local newspapers advising the public that road bans are about to come into effect within the Municipal District.

External Systems:

TRAVIS-MJ:

The Province of Alberta has implemented a web based Transportation Routing and Vehicle Information System Multi Jurisdiction (TRAVIS-MJ) to allow industry to apply for all required transportation permits. The purpose of TRAVIS-MJ is to resolve the inconsistencies and inefficiencies in the rules governing the movement of oversize transportation across municipal boundaries.



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TRAVIS-MJ will provide industry users a true "one window" application process to request approval to move on provincial highways and municipal roadways anywhere in Alberta.

RoaData Service:

RoaData Service shall act on behalf of the Municipal District as the point of first contact for entering and maintaining information within the TRAVIS-MJ system. RoaData Service will review and approve movement in the jurisdiction and the TRAVIS-MJ system is the method these approvals will be requested. Vehicles will not be allowed to move in the municipality without this approval being granted. This will include all roadway restriction information, bridge limits, construction and all related permit rules for movement within the municipality.

Alberta Transportation will share in the permit revenue received to assist municipalities to cover the cost of operating the TRAVIS-MJ system for their area as well as providing the proportional share of the overweight permit fee related to the distance traveled on roadways under their control.

Special Permits:

During office hours, all requests to travel on local municipal roadways should be directed through RoaData Services Ltd. In special circumstances, the Transportation and Infrastructure Administrative Assistant will advise the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure, or his designate of the request. The Director or his designate will determine if the request is reasonable and will issue a Special Permit that will specify a route and vehicle axle loading and/or gross weights which are acceptable.

When a permit is issued, a copy of the permit and all pertinent information shall be recorded and filed at the municipal office and provided to RoaData. The permit holder will be given the permit number, any restrictions, an approved route map as required, and any other specific instructions deemed necessary by the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure, or his designate.

Use and Maintenance of Local Roads for Heavy Haul:

During office hours, all multiple trip requests will be recorded by the Transportation and Infrastructure Administrative Assistant who will then advise the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure or his designate of the request. The Director or his designate will determine if the request is reasonable and will specify a route and vehicle axle loading or gross weights which are acceptable.

The Municipal District may issue a Memorandum of Agreement for Heavy Hauls as outlined in Schedule "A", for annual multiple trips for gravel haul, logging and other commercial haulers and/or special permits for roads which have municipal weight limits established or where a continuous haul may affect the integrity of the roadway.

A road maintenance security deposit, as outlined in the Municipal District's Schedule of Fees bylaw, which amount shall be paid to the Municipal District in the form of cash, certified cheque, or in the alternative, a letter of credit or bond which is in a form satisfactory to the municipality. Upon satisfactory inspection at the completion of the haul, or term of the Agreement, the security deposit, less the cost of roadway repairs that are deemed necessary by the municipality, in its discretion, shall be refunded to the Contractor.

It shall be made clear to all haulers, the costs incurred to repair damage to roads; that was not a result of normal public use; will be charged at rates as prescribed and as per the conditions stated



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in the Memorandum of Agreement for Heavy Hauls or as noted in the overweight permit as a special condition. The permit holder must contact the Municipal District office prior to and upon completion of the haul so that a joint road inspection can be conducted. A pre and post trip inspection fee will be outlined and may change from time to time in the Municipal District's Schedule of Fees Bylaw. If repairs are required as a result of the permit holder's action the permit holder shall be advised of the costs to repair prior to the Municipal District carrying out the work.

Enforcement:

A copy of the permit must be carried in all vehicles operated by or under contract to the permit holder.

All permits and other pertinent information will be made available to the Municipal District Peace Officer(s).

Peace Officer(s) will complete the pre and post trip inspections and provide the report (Schedule "B") to the Director of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Peace Officer(s), when required, may use the Provincial Commercial Vehicle Scale Facility to assist with the weighing of larger vehicles.

The weight limits established by the Provincial Government for the use of public roadways will be used for all local roads wherever possible.

Exemptions:

The following exemptions shall apply.

- Vehicles and combination vehicles which do not exceed a total weight of 5,000 kilograms.
- School buses, while empty or transporting children to and from school.
- Rubber tired farm tractors without trailers.
- Trucks, truck-tractors, semi-trailers and trailers that are crossing any municipal road.
- Vehicles required by the Municipal District to transport materials needed for emergency maintenance or repair of roads.
- Tow trucks conducting vehicle removal from the local road and not otherwise engaged in commercial transport.
- Empty units in excess of maximum weights allowed, will be given twenty-four hours after the effective time of the ban order to return to home destination.
- Snow removal and ice control equipment or motor graders operated by or on behalf of the Municipal District within the jurisdictional boundaries.
- Contractors responsible for transporting fresh milk and/or cream to or from the place where the milk or cream is produced.
- Approved commercial vehicles transporting refuse from residents located within the Municipal District.



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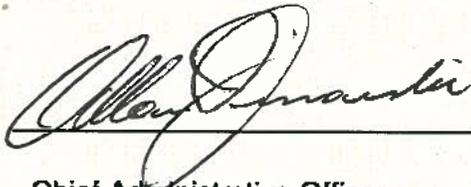
- The following shall be allowed 90% of the maximum allowable weight per carrying axle or axle group on ban order or weight restricted road:
 - trucks, truck-tractors, semi-trailers and trailers transporting the following commodities:
 - bread;
 - domestic drinking water;
 - Her Majesty's mail;
 - heating fuel and
 - fertilizer
 - livestock feed
 - buses, other than school buses, carrying passengers.

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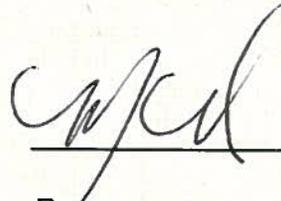
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Chief Administrative Officer



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