

**Title
Brushing of County Right-of-
Ways by Adjacent Landowners**

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Policy

To ensure that all brushing performed, by other than County forces, on all County Road Allowances or Right of Ways shall be performed in accordance to County policies and to an acceptable and safe manner.

1. Areas to be Brushed

- a.) All County ditches, sideslopes, backslopes, roadways.
- b.) Private property such as corners, driveway entrances, public access points for sightline improvement and public safety.
- c.) Undeveloped road allowances and right of ways may be considered.

.. Conditions

- a.) All requests will be in writing and presented to the County of Two Hills No. 21 prior to any approvals or work commencing.
- b.) Prior to commencing any work on the County right of way(s), the County Public Works Supervisor shall be notified. At this time an inspection shall be performed to determine the degree of brushing required. All the required agreements and easements shall be signed at the initial inspection by the landowner and witnessed by the Public Works Supervisor. Should there be any compensation paid to the landowner, this inspection will determine a rate of compensation as per this policy. Prior to compensation being paid, there will be a final inspection required to ensure that the brushing and cleanup is complete and acceptable.
- c.) These signed easements shall then be presented to Council for signature.
- d.) All brush from brushing projects shall be burned and or buried on private property. Burning permits shall be acquired from the County of Two Hills. If it is unacceptable to burn at the time the work is being performed, all material shall be piled on private property. All materials shall be piled neatly and trimmed where required. Brush piles shall be burned as quickly as possible, weather and conditions permitting.
- e.) The landowner shall be responsible for having all utilities located to ensure their safety. This shall be done through Alberta First Call (1-800-242-3447).
- f.) The landowner is also responsible for any damage to County property (culverts, etc.) that occurs during the brushing operation.
- g.) The landowner shall make every effort to ensure that no natural drainage courses are damaged or altered.

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3. Compensation

a.) Brushing

Once the initial inspection has been done and approval given by the Public Works Supervisor and all required signed documents in place, the County of Two Hills will pay towards the landowners brushing on County right of way within the sliding scale of :

Minimum - \$200.00 / half mile

Maximum - \$1000.00 / half mile

(exact amount to be determined at initial inspection)

There will be a final inspection required as well as an initial inspection for compensation to be paid to the landowner. Compensation will only come into effect if there was an initial and final inspection as per 2.a. of this policy. No payment will be made to any landowner if the conditions of this policy have not been met.

b.) Fencing

There will be no compensation for fencing under this policy.

c.) Dispute Resolution

If the Public Works Supervisor and the Landowner are unable to agree on the compensation amount to be paid for the brushing to be undertaken, the dispute shall be presented to a committee of Council for resolution, prior to any work commencing.

4. Spraying of County Right of Ways

It will be the responsibility of the Public Works department to ensure that the County ASB Department is provided with a map each year for the spraying of the areas brushed by Landowners, who have entered into an agreement with the County of Two Hills No. 21.

Purpose

Definition

Revisions

August 27, 2002