

DUST CONTROL POLICY

Subject: Dust Control Measures Ref: Public Works Code: 32

Date Approved: April 13, 2021 Motion 141/13/04/21 Replaces: 172/23/04/13

It is the Vision of the Council of the County of Northern Lights, to be a great rural community of natural beauty and prosperity. Our mission is to efficiently provide services and infrastructure to ensure the quality of life for residents.

The County of Northern Lights
proposes to do this by conducting an
annual dust control program at select sites for
municipal purposes and as a general service by
cost recovery.

Signed: 

Chief Elected Official

Signed: 

Chief Administrative Officer

PROCEDURE:

PART I –County Dust Control Program [provided as a municipal service]

1. The application of dust control agents will be carried out through the County's Public Works Department in accordance with this policy and:
 - a) any provincial policy for supply and application of dust abatement on gravel roads;
 - b) within County's Dust Control Program budget limits.
2. Dust control agents will not be applied on:
 - a) private or lease roads or other roads not under the jurisdiction of the County of Northern Lights.
 - b) roads that are scheduled for regrading or upgrading within one year.
3. Council will make annual decisions on the areas to receive dust control treatment as required, and at no cost based on annual budget and service levels. These areas may include:
 - a) gravel roads near school zones and/or playgrounds;
 - b) at major intersections and/or poor alignments considered hazardous because of dusty conditions;
 - c) on major roadways through declared hamlets;
 - d) roads along and into community water supplies;
 - e) roads into community halls;
 - f) residences adjacent to roads to County gravel pits during County gravel haul operations
4. Applicants for dust control for residences adjacent to Secondary Highways will be directed to the Area Maintenance Provider. With the approval of Alberta Transportation, the County may provide dust control as noted in Part II below.

PART II - Dust Control Service [supplied on a cost recovery basis]

1. Fees for the application of dust control will be as specified in the Schedule of Fees, which fees will be reviewed annually by the Public Works Department. Such fees will include the cost of applying dust control agent to 200 meters of road. This amount will include road preparation materials, agent, water truck, and pre/follow-up blading.
2. The following criteria will be used when approving applications for dust control under this section:

- a) receipt by the County of completed and signed application for along with the required fee; and
 - b) will be conditional when requested in proximity/overtop the Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer.
3. The County will annually advertise that it is taking applications for dust control.
- a) An ad placed in the newspaper, and on social media, advising that application forms are available from the County office;
 - b) Applications must be completed by the applicant and any necessary payment must be received by the County prior to any work commencing;
 - c) Applications from residents for dust control will not be accepted after the close of business on the last day of business in April of the application year.
4. Dust control agents will be applied after the road bans have been lifted in the spring and as materials and equipment become available.
- a) For purposes of this policy calcium chloride will be used as the primary dust control agent. Other agents may be utilized as determined by Administration.
 - b) Notwithstanding this policy the County may apply water, or request that water be applied, as a dust control agent on temporary truck-haul routes.
 - c) The County reserves the right to maintain treated sections of roadway as deemed appropriate by its Public Works Department.
 - d) The County does not in any way guarantee the effectiveness of the dust control agent. Once the agent has been applied to the road surface no refunds will be made.
5. The application for dust control form designated 'Schedule A' attached hereto, forms a part of this Policy.



SCHEDULE A

APPLICATION NO: _____

County of Northern Lights

APPLICATION FOR DUST CONTROL - RESIDENCE

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: _____ RURAL: _____

HAMLET: _____

THE APPLICANT AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. The primary dust control agent to be used is calcium chloride.
2. That a 200-meter strip of [7m wide] road in front of the residence will be treated with the dust control agent.
3. That only one treatment of calcium chloride will be made in respect of this Agreement.
4. The County does not guarantee the effectiveness of the dust control agent. Once the agent has been applied to the road surface no refunds will be made.
5. That a fee of \$700.00 (GST included) must accompany this application. All payments must be made prior to application deadline. The County does not invoice for dust control.
6. The information given on this form is full and complete and is, to the best of my knowledge, a true statement of the facts relating to this application for dust control.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

All applications and fees must be submitted by the last business day of April at 4:30 p.m. to:

County of Northern Lights
PO Box 10
MANNING AB T0H 2M0
EMAIL: info@countyofnorthernlights.com

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED