

ROADSIDE BRUSHING POLICY

Subject: Roadside Brushing

Ref: Public Works

Code: 32

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The County of Northern Lights is committed to maintaining and preserving its road network and rights-of-way to ensure safety and accessibility

The County of Northern Lights proposes to do this through the implementation of a proactive vegetation management program, designed to protect and enhance infrastructure within our rights-of-way.

Signed: _____

Chief Elected Official

Signed: _____

Chief Administrative Officer

Procedure

1. Selection of Brushing Projects

- a) Lead hands or their designate will annually (at minimum) assess and prioritize roadside stretches requiring vegetation management. Input from the public will also be taken into consideration.
- b) Arrangements for vegetation removal and disposal will be made with either contractors or County employee crews ensuring safety and environmental compliance.

2. Brushing Scope and Ditch Clearing

- a) All designated roadsides will be brushed and ditches cleared to the edge of the County's right-of-way.
- b) Where practical, back sloping will be performed in conjunction with brushing activities to improve drainage and reduce erosion.
- c) Priority will be placed on visibility improvement, drainage enhancement and prevention of vegetation encroachment.

3. Respecting Right-of-Way Boundaries

- a) Brushing will be confined to the County Rights-of-Way, determined by the measured distance from the centerline of the road.
- b) If additional brushing is necessary beyond the right-of-way, a signed Right of Entry Agreement (Schedule 'A') from the landowner is required.

4. Follow-up Maintenance

- a) Once a brushing project is completed, a work order will be created and sent to the AG Fieldman to have the section of brushed area sprayed to prevent regrowth.

5. Pre-Brushing Documentation

- a) Ensure all first calls are completed and work area is cleared.
- b) Ensure field level hazard assessment has been completed.
- c) Ensure that photos are taken before work commences if there are existing fences or landowner property that could be at risk of being compromised.
- d) Ensure all Right to Enter forms (Schedule 'A') have been completed, and returned to the County office if applicable.

6. Fencing Replacement

- a) Before any fencing is removed, detailed photographs will be taken to document the condition and placement.
- b) If a fence is being removed during a brushing project, it will be replaced according to the County's Fencing Policy
- c) If a landowner prefers not to have a fence replaced, they must agree to this in writing

Schedule 'A'



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RIGHT TO ENTER

KNOW ALL PERSONS by these presents that I/WE _____
_____ of _____ in the Province of Alberta
[hereinafter referred to as the **"Grantors"**] for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, do
hereby, for myself/ourselves, my/our heirs, administrators and assigns, grant to County of
Northern Lights in the Province of Alberta, [hereinafter referred to as **"County"**], the right to
enter by its surveyors, workers or agents upon the following land [hereinafter referred to as the
"Lands"]:

for the purpose of: _____

Conditions: _____

and take upon the said land for that purpose all such workers, agents, construction material and
equipment as may be necessary.

In consideration of the foregoing, I/WE are/am to receive the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), receipt
of which is hereby acknowledged, as compensation in full therefore.

I also undertake to hold this offer of a right to enter open to the Council for a maximum of
_____ **YEARS**. Written acceptance by the Council or such authority as they may designate
shall be deemed duly made and completed upon the mailing of such acceptance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I/WE have hereunto subscribed our names this _____ day of
_____, 20_____.

Signed by the said:

PRINT NAME

GRANTOR SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

GRANTOR SIGNATURE

In the presence of:

WITNESS

FOR COUNTY OFFICE USE ONLY

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT _____
County Official