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Purpose

- 1 This policy is to ensure that Rocky View County (the County) controlled roads, as set out in the *Municipal Government Act*, are managed to a consistent, safe, and reasonable standard.



Policy Statement

- 2 The County recognizes its responsibility for maintaining roads under its direction, control, and management in a reasonable state of repair, as provided in the *Municipal Government Act*.
- 3 The County's road network consists of a diverse inventory of rural and urban road classifications that requires a variety of maintenance strategies to meet the needs of all users.
- 4 This policy applies to all public roads under the direction, control, and management of the County. Road allowances which have been closed by Ministerial order or which are under license by the County for use by adjacent landowners are excluded from this policy and receive no County maintenance.



Policy

- 5 The County maintains its roads and road allowances based on road classification and traffic volumes. Higher volume roads are maintained with greater frequency than lower volume roads.
- 6 When requests for improved maintenance or construction exceeds the road classification or level of service and regularly scheduled maintenance, the County may consider a cost share or user pay arrangement on a case-by-case basis.

- 7 The County continually investigates and endeavors to utilize new maintenance technology and innovation methods to promote fiscally and operationally effective maintenance strategies.

Hard Surfaced Roads

- 8 The County maintains an inventory of hard surfaced roads with a surface condition rating and geometric condition details to assist with road management and maintenance planning.
- 9 The County maintains hard surfaced roads using pavement preservation methods wherever practicable and fiscally prudent to extend the usable life of the roads as much as possible. These preservation methods are designed to minimize long-term effects of deterioration caused by climate and traffic using remedial and preventative maintenance treatments to pavement.

Non-hard Surfaced Roads

- 10 The County maintains and inspects non-hard surfaced roads on a regular basis to ensure an acceptable safe level of service through regular road maintenance, including road blading, gravel replenishment, road reshaping, ditch maintenance, and mowing.



References

Legal Authorities

- *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26

Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, etc.

- Rocky View County's *County Servicing Standards*, adopted by resolution no. 188-13
- Rocky View County policy C-216, Tangible Capital Assets
- Rocky View County policy C-400, Annual Road Program
- Rocky View County policy C-405, Snow and Ice Control
- Rocky View County policy C-409, Road Brushing
- Rocky View County policy C-460, Capital Priorities Policy

Related Procedures

- Rocky View County PRO-426.1, Asphalt Road Management
- Rocky View County PRO-426.2, Chip Seal Road Management
- Rocky View County PRO-426.3, Road Sweeping
- Rocky View County PRO-422, Road Stabilization and Surfacing
- Rocky View County PRO-425B, Gravel Road Dust Control
- Rocky View County PRO-427, Ditch Management

Other

- N/A



Policy History

Amendment Date(s) – Amendment Description

- 2015 December 01 – Amended by Policy and Priorities Committee – Policy name change, clearer road classification definitions
- 2019 September 10 – Amended by Council – Policy name change, updated to current standards and practices

Review Date(s) – Review Outcome Description

- 2019 August 28 – Policy does not align with current practices or policy standards, amendments proposed



Definitions

11 In this policy:

- (1) “County” refers to Rocky View County;
- (2) “*County Servicing Standards*”, means Rocky View County’s *County Servicing Standards*, adopted by resolution no. 188-13, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (3) “hard surfaced” means asphalt, concrete pavement, or chip-sealed surface applied over an engineered road base;
- (4) “*Municipal Government Act*” means the Province of Alberta’s *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (5) “non-hard surfaced” means a gravel surfaced road meeting *County Servicing Standards*;
- (6) “non-standard” means a road or road allowance used for residential access and may not meet the *County Servicing Standards*;
- (7) “road allowance” means any land dedicated as a road right-of-way;
- (8) “roads” means roads as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*, which includes both carriageways and rights-of-way; and
- (9) “Rocky View County” means Rocky View County as a municipal corporation and the geographical area within its jurisdictional boundaries, as the context requires.