

DITCH MANAGEMENT

Council Policy

C-427

Policy Number: C-427

Policy Owner: Transportation Services

Adopted By: Council

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Purpose

This policy establishes a consistent approach to ditch and culvert management across the Rocky View County (the County).



Policy Statement

- 2 The County is committed to ditch management best practices that prioritize public safety.
- This policy applies to ditches and culverts within road allowances controlled by the County under the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26.
- The County's ditch management policy is intended to promote and facilitate water runoff from road allowances toward the most appropriate natural drainage course.



Policy

- Ditches adjacent to County roads are for the conveyance and storage of surface water runoff. Ditches reduce flow velocities and provide detention of the runoff from frequent rainstorm events.
- 6 The County may use ditches to store snow removed from County roads.
- 7 The County keeps ditches clear of vegetation, as much as is practicable, to facilitate water conveyance and to provide snow storage areas, in accordance with County policy C-409, Road Brushing.

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- Areas where water ponding is demonstrated to be adversely affecting the road base shall, where practicable, redesigned to improve the flow of standing water.
- 9 The County maintains ditches to reduce impacts on surface water from overland drainage, as appropriate.
- Landscaping and contour changes within a County ditch or road allowance are not permitted, except for the purpose of sediment control or erosion control.
- 11 The County must approve in writing any work within a County ditch or road allowance prior to commencement of such work.
- 12 County residents with existing landscaping within adjacent road allowances may be asked to remove said landscaping, in accordance with sections 13.11 and 13.12 of the *Roads and Transportation Bylaw*.



References

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Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, etc.

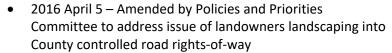
Related Procedures

Other

- Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-26
- Rocky View County Bylaw C-5775-2003, Roads and Transportation Bylaw
- Rocky View County policy C-409, Road Brushing
- Rocky View County procedure PRO-409, Road Brushing
- Rocky View County procedure PRO-427, Ditch Management
- N/A

Policy History

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 2019 August 28 – Minor amendments needed for clarity and formatting

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Definitions

- 13 In this policy:
 - (1) "Council" means the duly elected Council of Rocky View County;
 - (2) "County" means Rocky View County;
 - (3) "Municipal Government Act" means the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended or replaced from time to time;
 - (4) "roads" means roads as defined in the *Municipal Government Act* and includes both carriageways and rights-of-way;
 - (5) "Roads and Transportation Bylaw" means Rocky View County's Bylaw C-5775-2003, Roads and Transportation Bylaw, as amended or replaced from time to time;
 - (6) "Road Brushing" means Rocky View County's policy C-409, Road Brushing, as amended or replaced from time to time;
 - (7) "Rocky View County" means Rocky View County as a municipal corporation and the geographical area within its jurisdictional boundaries, as the context requires; and
 - (8) "surface water" means water bodies such as lakes, ponds, wetlands, rivers, and streams, as well as groundwater with a direct and immediate hydrological connection to surface water.

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