



Title:
Stormwater System Management

Legal References:
 Municipal Government Act
 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act
 Water Act
 Occupational Health and Safety Act
 Stormwater Regulation (1999)

Policy Category:
 Infrastructure & Operations

Cross References:

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Purpose:

To define the County’s roles, responsibilities and practices regarding the ownership, operation and maintenance of off-site stormwater facilities.

Definitions:

- “County” means Rocky View County.
- “On-site stormwater facility” means a site-based facility for the detention, retention and management of stormwater.
- “Off-site stormwater facility” means a facility for the detention, retention and management of stormwater serving multiple residences, lots or plots of land.

Policy Statements:

1. The ownership, operation and maintenance of on-site stormwater facilities shall be the responsibility of the landowner.
2. The ownership, operation and maintenance of off-site stormwater facilities developed by the County shall be the responsibility of the County.
3. The ownership, operation and maintenance of off-site stormwater facilities developed by others to service an approved development shall be the initial responsibility of the Developer and then transferred to the County at no cost, on a deficiency free basis, once full build-out of the development is completed or after two years of operation, whichever occurs first.
4. All previously obtained regulatory licenses, permits and approvals related to the off-site stormwater system shall be transferred to the County upon turnover of the system by the Developer under Clause 3 of this policy.
5. Off-site stormwater facilities constructed by a Developer to service approved development shall be constructed at the sole cost of the Developer and in accordance with standards established by the County and Alberta Environment.
6. Any licenses, approvals or permits required under the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act or the Water Act must be obtained prior to the construction of an off-site stormwater system.
7. The Developer and the County shall operate stormwater systems in accordance with all applicable federal and provincial laws, regulations and standards, including, but not limited to, requirements under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, the Water Act and the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

8. The County may, by open competition, contract the operation and maintenance of an off-site stormwater system under its ownership and control to a qualified third party.
9. The storage and treatment component of an off-site stormwater system shall be sited on public utility lots where the title is held by the County.
10. The conveyance and outfall components of an off-site stormwater system shall be sited within municipal road allowances or within utility-rights-of-way granted to the County.
11. Any discharge to a water body from an off-site stormwater system shall only occur via an outfall that has been licensed and approved by Alberta Environment.
12. Surface discharge (irrigation) from off-site stormwater systems shall be carried out in accordance with any applicable federal, provincial or municipal laws, regulations and guidelines and shall only occur when the County has been granted access to land for the express purpose of stormwater irrigation.
13. Any landowners or parties connected to an off-site stormwater system shall be subject to the municipal bylaw on stormwater services.