

### **Roadside Memorials**

**Council Policy** 

C-457

Policy Number: C-457

Policy Owner: Transportation Services

Adopted By: Council

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Date Last Reviewed: 2019 July 09

### **Purpose**

This policy provides a consistent approach to Roadside Memorials in Rocky View County (the County) while providing a safe network of roads for the travelling public.



### **Policy Statement**

- The County appreciates that the placement of Roadside Memorials to commemorate victims of traffic incidents occur spontaneously and that the County recognizes the need to allow grieving family and friends to respectfully honor a victim's memory through the placement of a Roadside Memorial within the road right-of-way at or near the incident site.
- This policy applies to all public roads under the direction, control and management of the County, unless a specific road is deemed exempt by a resolution of Council.



## **Policy**

- 4 The County shall allow placement of Roadside Memorials within County Road allowances.
- The location and nature of a Roadside Memorial must be such that it does not pose a hazard to the travelling public.
  - (1) Roadside Memorials which utilize traffic control signs or bridge structures, for example, would be deemed to be hazards.
  - (2) If a Roadside Memorial is deemed a hazard, a County representative must contact the family who placed the memorial, if their identity is known, in order to negotiate



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relocation towards the fence line, modification to the size or composition of the display, or removal of the memorial.

The authority to allow a Roadside Memorial resides with the Chief Administrative Officer or designate.



#### References

**Legal Authorities** 

Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, etc.

**Related Procedures** 

Other

- Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-25
- Rocky View County policy C-315, Commemorative Program
- N/A
- N/A



### **Policy History**

Amendment Date(s) – Amendment Description

Review Date(s) – Review Outcome Description

- 2019 July 09 Amended to meet new County policy standards
- 2019 June 10 Updates needed to meet new County policy standards



#### **Definitions**

- 7 In this policy:
  - (1) "Chief Administrative Officer" means the Chief Administrative Officer of Rocky View County as defined in the *Municipal Government Act* or their authorized delegate;
  - (2) "Council" means the duly elected Council of Rocky View County;
  - (3) "County" refers to Rocky View County;
  - (4) "Municipal Government Act" means the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-25 as amended or replaced from time to time;

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- (5) "road" means road as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*, which includes both carriageways and rights-of-way;
- (6) "Roadside Memorial" means crosses, markers, photos, flowers, or personal items placed by the general public in a County road allowance to mark the location of a fatal incident; and
- (7) "Rocky View County" means Rocky View County as a municipal corporation and the geographical area within its jurisdictional boundaries, as the context requires.

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