

POLICY NO:	PW 010
POLICY TITLE:	ROAD CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS & PROCEDURES POLICY
DEPARTMENT:	PUBLIC WORKS
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Policy Statement:

The County of Vermilion River will improve road infrastructure to standards set by Council during pre and post construction.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION

Purpose:

To improve County roads infrastructure to the best standard. When investing in the County's Infrastructure, the County strives to maximize the value input and quality for the longevity and services of the road as approved by the budget in the fiscal year. At the time of construction the County strives to address the safety of the travelling public, future maintenance costs, proper site lines and future economic growth. These guidelines are set out to ensure that proper construction can be carried out to obtain these goals.

Policy:

When the County is in process of reconstruction of road under their jurisdiction, the following guidelines will apply:

1. Purchase of right-way on all quarters effected by construction.
2. Removal of trees along this necessary right-way.
3. Necessary borrow obtained for construction.
4. Fencing as per policy.
5. County's Specs in accordance with the General Municipal Servicing Standards.
6. Land Owner requests for installation of culvert for cattle crossing will only be viewed on new construction and the owner is responsible for all costs

When any of the above guidelines cannot be obtained or special requests are made from landowners, the Public Works department will bring these projects to council's attention as they

occur. The council will then decide if the project will proceed with or without the necessary right-way, brush removal, borrow dirt or fencing.

POST-CONSTRUCTION

Purpose:

To have a good relationship with landowners in regards to road projects have been completed to the satisfaction of landowners to avoid liability issues.

Policy:

Landowners may sign agreements with the County of Vermilion River giving the Option to Purchase Land for Public Works. This gives the Public Works 17 feet to develop or widen a road. Once work has been completed the landowner is to sign a Certificate of Satisfaction and Completion Agreement once all the conditions have been met.

1. The County and the Landowner enter into an agreement for the Option to Purchase Land for Public Works, paying the landowner a one-time payment of \$1 once the agreement has been signed by both parties.
2. Upon completion of development, the County will pay the landowner compensation as per the County Fee Bylaw.
3. Fencing – The County will not construct a fence if no fence exists on the land at the time of development
 - a. The County will replace functional fences
 - b. The County will build fence to specs set out in Policy PW 001
4. Borrow – Upon completion of development the County will pay the landowner payment for any damages related to taking, borrow, as per the County Fee Bylaw.
5. Crop Damages – Upon completion of development, the County will pay the landowner crop damages incurred during construction, if applicable, as per the County Fee Bylaw. The landowner upon written request may defer crop damage payment to the leasee.
6. Upon completion of development the landowner and the County are to sign a Certificate of Satisfaction and Completion, assuring all conditions have been met under the Agreement for the Option to Purchase Land for Public Works and the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the landowner and the County.

Policy PD 003 Access Roads, is an associated policy, and should also be consulted.