

## **Roadside Fenceline Cleaning Policy**

**5A.005**

**Section: 5.0 Environmental and Protective Services**  
**- A. Agricultural Services**

**Authority: General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services**

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### **Statement**

The Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) will provide financial assistance to landowners who wish to clean up the ditch and/or fenceline along a developed road adjacent to land they own or rent within the boundaries of the municipality. Currently the municipality has two road width standards {20.12 meters (66') and 30.48 meters (100') right-of-ways}, future development will require 30.48 meters (100') right-of-way for these property lines. Upon approval of brushing on a 33' right-of-way, the property owner will have the option to sell the additional 17' to the M.D. at the current approved municipal rate at which time the fenceline will be reconstructed on the new proposed property line. The municipality will assume the costs for the survey and registration at time of sale.

### **Purpose**

To improve the municipality's "road allowances" to include but not be limited to drainage, safety hazards, snow removal and to allow landowners to farm the portion of the road allowances that is adjoining their owned or rented land.

### **Procedure**

- (1) M.D. landowners who wish to participate in this program will complete an application form that indicates the distance and the location of the fenceline that is intended to be cleaned. The application will be reviewed, and a site inspection will be completed by one of the Agricultural Fieldman to determine the level of funding. If a purchase agreement is made, the property will be surveyed, and a land purchase agreement will be signed by both parties. The applicant will then be informed of the amount being funded.
- (2) Notification will be given to the adjacent landowner that fenceline clearing is taking place and may object to the Agricultural Fieldman. The final discussion will be left up to the Agricultural Fieldman after discussions with the person requesting the fenceline clearing and the person objecting to the road allowance clearing.
- (3) Upon completion of the required work, the site will be inspected a second time to verify that the required work has been completed and that all debris has been removed from the road right-of-way.
- (4) Payment of the agreed upon level of funding will be made after the completion of the project and only if the proper application form was completed prior to the commencement of any fenceline cleaning.

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*Resolution No:* 99.007

*Date Reviewed*<sub>(01)</sub>: May 27, 2015

*Resolution No:* 15.185

*Date Amended*<sub>(02)</sub>: April 12, 2017

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- (5) The level of funding that will be provided under this program will be set by Council, as per *Attachment A*, and may be amended from year to year as required.

## Policy Review

Within five (5) years from date adopted / amended / reviewed.

### For administrative use only:

<b>Previous Policy Number:</b> (prior to July 24, 2019)	60.63.08
<b>Related Documentation:</b> (plans, bylaws, policies, procedures, etc.)	Attachment A: Roadside Backsloping Application

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## Roadside Backsloping Application Amended by Council – April 12, 2017 Resolution No. 17.106

**Applicant(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Legal Location of Land to Backslope:**

**Quarter** \_\_\_\_\_ **Section** \_\_\_\_\_ **Township** \_\_\_\_\_ **Range** \_\_\_\_\_ **W4 Meridian**

**Land Purchase Agreement** \_\_\_\_\_

**Distance to Backslope** \_\_\_\_\_ **mile(s)**

**Location of Project**

**Comments** \_\_\_\_\_  
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<b>NW</b>	<b>NE</b>
<b>SW</b>	<b>SE</b>

- (1) This program will allow the farmer to extend the cultivated portion of his land to the edge of the roadway;
- (2) All brush, rocks and debris must be disposed of by burning or burying on the applicant's land;
- (3) The backsloped area is to be kept free of weeds, brush and rocks after the area has been backsloped;
- (4) The applicant agrees to allow the Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) to control the weeds and brush on the road right-of-way portion of the backsloped area by spraying with herbicide;
- (5) All earthwork done within the right-of-way will be done in a manner that does not alter or hinder the drainage of water along or across the right-of-way;
- (6) The applicant will supply grass seed and seed the backsloped area as required to prevent soil erosion, if the area is not going to be farmed
- (7) The amount paid to the applicant will range from \$1500.00 to \$3500.00 per one half mile based on the amount of brush, rocks or other debris that has to be removed to complete the backsloping project;
- (8) If a fence is currently constructed at 33 feet (10 meters) from the centerline of the right-of-way that has a 50 ft M.D. ownership, it will need to be reconstructed to 50 ft from the centerline of the M.D. road;



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- (9) If the fence is constructed at the 33 ft location, the M.D. will offer to purchase the additional 17 feet at the current land purchasing rate and the fence will need to be reconstructed on the new proposed property line by the landowner;
- (10) An inspection team comprised of the General Manager of Environmental and Protective Services or one of the designates and/or the Infrastructure Services Foreman will determine what payment amount will be paid to the applicant;
- (11) The site will be inspected before commencement of the project and again after completion to verify that all required work has been satisfactorily completed;

**Note:** No funds will be paid unless the project has been inspected and approved by the inspection team prior to the commencement of any work;

I / We, the undersigned have read this application and agree to the terms and conditions as outlined above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant(s) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
M.D. Representative Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approved payment of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_.