

# **RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GRASSY CREEK NO. 78 – POLICY 2-17**

## **ROAD DEVELOPMENT – OIL AND GAS WELL CONTRACTORS**

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**Purpose:** To establish procedures, standards, and conditions for the development of roads by oil/gas well contractors on municipal road allowances.

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### **Procedure**

- Applications to construct roads on a municipal road allowance must be submitted in writing to the R.M. office.
- Prior to approving the application, the councillor shall check the location to address safety concerns, culvert requirements, and field approaches required.
- Permission to construct the roads on municipal road allowances may be granted between council meetings by the councillor for the division involved. Approvals for road construction shall be ratified at the next council meeting.

### **Road Standards**

- The oil company making the application shall adhere to the following standards:
  - Minimum 7.0 metre road top
  - Side slope – 3 to 1
  - Ditches must be back sloped to ensure they do not present safety problems
  - Side slope, ditch bottom, and back slope seeded within six months of construction to a species of grass approved by council
  - Rocks to be picked and cleared from right of way
  - Weeds to be controlled until grass is established
  - Approaches – See Policy 2-08
  - Culverts when required – large enough to accommodate flow – minimum diameter 500 mm
  - Road gravel no larger than 1 ¼ ” crush shall be applied at the time of construction at a minimum rate of 150 cyds per mile
  - Survey road allowance to ensure road is constructed within boundaries of road allowance
- Standards may be changed by council where conditions warrant a different standard.

## **Other Conditions**

- The oil/gas company making the application shall:
  - be responsible for the cost to construct and gravel the road to above standards
  - ensure that cattle guards (texas gates) or swing gates are not installed within the road allowance
  - negotiate with land owners for fence removal, additional right of way, or any activity off the existing road allowance
  - where additional right of way is required, provide the municipality with copies of agreements to purchase the right of way before any road construction begins.
  - be responsible for all damages during road construction to any utility cables or pipelines located within the road allowance
  - obtain written permission from the municipality before commencing construction
  - ensure heavy equipment is not moved to the job site during adverse road and weather conditions
  - agree to indemnify and save harmless the R.M. of Grassy Creek No. 78 from and against all loss, charges, damages, (including damages to the R.M. of Grassy Creek No. 78) and expenses which the R.M. of Grassy Creek may suffer or sustain as a result of operations by the lease owner or its agents.

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