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County Road Surfacing Policy

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Cancel: Policy 313-1 Road Surfacing – Country Residential

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CAO Signature: 

Purpose: The purpose of this Policy is to provide a framework for determining the County roads to be considered for New Surfacing. New Surfacing may include the application of cold mix (cold asphalt paving), or another hard surface product approved by the County and pursuant to the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

Guidelines:

1. Criteria for determining Paving requirements on a non- requested roadway:
 - a) Roadway Network Continuation: The importance of the proposed roadway complementary to other roadway networks – Does the roadway tie into an existing County paved roadway or to a Provincial Paved Highway, with the primary function of that road being to provide a main paved feeder route to the Provincial Highway Road Network.
 - b) Residential Density: The number of County Residences directly served or extended populated area served by the roadway. The number of residences adjacent to the roadway, or the roadway is leading to a subdivision.
 - c) Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT): The amount of traffic calculated by an estimation determined as 2 vehicle trips per day per County residence that the roadway may directly serve as indicated in (g) below.
 - d) Traffic Type: Is it light vehicle traffic, heavy truck traffic, or a combination thereof.
 - e) Roadway Function: What is the function or intentional use of the roadway; to serve County residents or as a thoroughfare road through County. Does it connect to a

County Hamlet, a Subdivision, or to a Provincial Paved Roadway System? If there is a major public or private facility in the area (e.g. Transfer Sites, Industry, Community Hall, etc.).

- f) Growth Potential: The estimated amount of potential that the proposed pavement would provide either economic and/or additional residential growth to the area it would be servicing) Cost Benefit - The number of County residences/dwellings per mile of road either; adjacent to, or single use factor (only route/direct access out), or within a one mile radius, of the roadway that would benefit from the roadway proposed to be paved.

2. Management Responsibilities:

The General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning is responsible for overseeing and implementing this Policy.

3. Road Surfacing Country Residential Land:

Notwithstanding paragraphs one (1) & two (2), the road network in a multiparcel subdivision may be in the following circumstance:

- a) 75% of the parcels excluding reserves in a subdivision would benefit from the improvement.
- b) Residential development has taken place on at a minimum seventy-five percent (75%) of the parcels (excluding reserve parcels) within the area that would benefit from the local improvement. Residential development on a parcel shall mean the establishment and occupancy of approved residential unit on the parcel.
- c) The County receives a valid and proper “Country Residential Road Surfacing Petition” utilized by Lac Ste. Anne County, requesting the local improvement signed by 2/3 of the owners and representing at least half of the value of the assessments for the land in respect of which the local improvement tax will be imposed. Pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), LSAC will exercise the right to withdraw its name and the assessment value of its land from those to be counted in determining the validity of a petition.
- d) The costs of paving will be paid via a local improvement tax; at a rate of one hundred percent (100%) of the total project cost divided by the total number of benefitting parcels, not to exceed a term of ten (10) years.
- e) The General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning determines that the roadway conditions are such that the construction of a paved surface is physically practical.
- f) Except where it feels that special circumstances exist, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act of Alberta, Council will not normally initiate the surfacing of gravel surfaced County Residential Subdivision roads without following this Policy.