

BYLAW NO. 2025-06

A BYLAW RESPECTING ROAD ALLOWANCES AND APPROACHES

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be referred to as The Road Allowance and Approach Bylaw.

Definitions

2. In this Bylaw:
 - a. **“Approach”** means any constructed access point, driveway, or entryway from a municipal road allowance into private property.
 - b. **“Council”** means the Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373.
 - c. **“Designated Officer”** means the Chief Administrative Officer or other person appointed by Council to administer this Bylaw.
 - d. **“Development Officer”** means the Development Officer as appointed under the Municipality’s Zoning Bylaw.
 - e. **“Development Permit”** means a permit issued by the Municipality under its Zoning Bylaw authorizing the construction, alteration, or relocation of an approach.
 - f. **“Municipality”** means the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373, in the Province of Saskatchewan.
 - g. **“Road” or “Road allowance”** means land dedicated for public roadway purposes, including ditches, shoulders, and undeveloped road rights-of-way under the jurisdiction of the Municipality.
 - h. **“Snow Plow Club”** means municipal residents who are contracted by the R.M. in which they reside to engage in snow removal.

General Regulations

3. No work shall take place within a municipal road allowance without first obtaining the written consent of the RM.
4. No person shall break, cut, fill, plough, re-shape or otherwise alter or damage a road or portion thereof in the Municipality except by written authority of the council.
5. No person shall place any structure, obstruction, or fencing on or across a road or portion thereof in the Municipality except by written authority of council.
6. No person shall encumber or obstruct a road by leaving a vehicle or other article or thing standing thereon.
7. No person shall remove, excavate, or take gravel, dirt, clay, sand, or any other material from a municipal road allowance without the prior written approval from the Municipality.
8. Any person found in contravention of section 7 shall be liable for the cost of material removed, as determined by the Municipality, in addition to any fines imposed under this bylaw.

9. Adjacent farmers may extend their regular farm land cultivation within the road allowance, where it is practical to do so, but only to the side slope of the developed road surface of any class or onto undeveloped road allowances. Farmers who cultivate within a road allowance do so at their own risk, as the land remains a vested Public Right-of-Way under municipal jurisdiction and must remain available for municipal use and public access.
10. During municipal snow removal operations, graders or snowplows may deposit or leave snow on approaches or driveways. The Municipality shall not be responsible for the removal of any snow, windrows, or ridges left on such approaches as a result of normal snow clearing activities.
11. The Municipality shall not be liable for any damages, inconvenience, or costs incurred by a property owner due to the accumulation of snow, ice, or ridges on an approach resulting from municipal road maintenance or snow removal operations.

Approaches

12. No person shall construct, alter, remove, or relocate an approach on a municipal road allowance without first obtaining a valid Development Permit from the Development Officer.
13. All approaches providing access from a municipal road allowance to private property shall be constructed to conform with all legislated requirements and the Municipality's minimum approach standards attached hereto as "Schedule A".
14. It shall be a general guideline that every quarter section of land within the RM is entitled to have one approach onto the land, except where special circumstances warrant more. For example, if there is a creek running all the way through a quarter section making access to the entire quarter impossible unless an additional approach is installed.
15. All home quarters (quarter sections of land with a residence) shall be permitted to have two approaches, one to access the yard and one to access the farm land.
16. Residences in a Country Residential Developments shall only be permitted to have one approach unless otherwise granted special approval from Council.
17. No approach shall be constructed in such a manner as to restrict sight lines or in any way adversely affect traffic safety.
18. Material from within the municipal road right-of-way shall not be used for the construction of the approach.
19. The approach shall be constructed with no resulting damage to the road shoulder, road surface, side slopes and/or ditches.
20. If the RM is constructing or reconstructing a road, the approaches along the road may be rebuilt to current specifications, at the discretion of Council.
21. A person who removes an approach shall reinstate, at their expense, the shoulder and ditch to the RM's standards. Failure to do so shall result in the approach being declared non-conforming.

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Responsibility of Landowners

22. The landowner of property served by an approach shall be solely responsible for the maintenance, repair, snow removal, and gravelling of that approach.
23. All costs associated with the construction of a new approach, or the alteration of an existing approach, shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant unless otherwise authorized by resolution of Council.
24. The Municipality shall not be responsible for the cost of maintaining, gravelling, removing snow, constructing, or altering approaches unless otherwise authorized by resolution of Council.
25. Property owners shall ensure that snow removed from private property or approaches is not deposited onto municipal roads, ditches, or rights-of-way in a manner that obstructs traffic, drainage, or municipal maintenance operations.
26. The applicant for a new approach, or the alteration of an existing approach shall be responsible to locate all existing utilities within the right-of-way and ensure that construction does not result in any damage or interference.

Haying Policy

27. General Regulations for the Salvage of Hay from a Municipal Road Allowance
 - a. The adjacent landowner or lessee in the case of rented land, has first option to salvage hay along municipal roads. Other persons must contact the adjacent landowner or lessee to salvage the hay before July 8th each year.
 - b. After July 8th, any person may cut and salvage hay without the permission of the adjacent landowner or lessee, provided the adjacent landowner or lessee has not begun salvage operations. Cutting and baling shall be on a first come, first serve basis.
 - c. The road allowance must be left in a neat appearance and cut at a uniform height by the person salvaging the hay.
 - d. All bales must be at least 4 meters from the edge of the shoulder of the roadway.
 - e. All bales must be removed from the right-of-way by August 8th.
 - f. The Municipality reserves the privilege and right for its members, employees and/or agents to enter upon said right-of-way for the maintenance and/or re-construction of said roadway or for other such purposes as may be deemed necessary, without notice to adjacent landowners and/or lessees, and at no compensation or reimbursement to the party salvaging the hay therefrom.
 - g. The Municipality assumes no liability for laborers, machinery or bales relating to the salvage of hay operations.



- h. No person shall cut hay on any portion of a municipal road allowance located in this Municipality during the period from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.
- i. No person shall cut hay on any portion of a public highway located in this Municipality so as to obstruct the travelled portion of the public highway.
- j. In order to minimize hazards to motorists, any bales placed in contravention of this bylaw shall become the property of the Municipality and may be removed and disposed of at the discretion of the Municipality.
- k. The Municipality reserves the right to conduct regular mowing operations prior to July 8th as required for safety, aesthetics, and weed control, without notice. Any person wishing to salvage hay within a Municipal Road Allowance is encouraged to contact the RM to coordinate with the mowing operations.

Snow Plow Clubs

28. The Council may contract or appoint municipal residents to engage in snow removal within the municipal road allowances as part of the Snow Plow Club subject to the following conditions, pursuant to the exemption granted to section 11-2 of *The Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 2020*, pursuant to Section 3-85 of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*:

- a. Municipal residents who engage in snow removal must:
 - i. hold a valid Saskatchewan Driver's License.
 - ii. Be the owner of the equipment used for snow removal and that it complies with the requirements of *The Vehicle Equipment Regulations, 1987* and *The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 2020*, including, but not limited to, being equipped with amber beacons, working head and tail lights, slow-moving signage, roll-over protective devices, and seat belts.
- b. Municipal residents who engage in snow removal must each sign a written agreement with the RM prior to commencing any work that:
 - i. the equipment used by the municipal resident for snow removal meets the conditions set out in the exemption;
 - ii. the municipal resident will shut off the engine of the equipment used for snow removal before performing any maintenance on this equipment while engaged in snow removal operations;
 - iii. the municipal resident is familiar with the roads on which the snow removal takes place, and in particular that the resident has knowledge of the location of steep ditches, intersections, railway tracks, or other hazards that may be present;
 - iv. the municipal resident understands and will comply with all traffic rules relevant to the roadway on which the snow removal is taking place; except in the case of emergency, the municipal resident will not remove snow during periods of low visibility;
 - v. the municipal resident will carry an operational telephone, radio, or other electronic communication device while engaged in snow removal.

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- c. A copy of the agreement signed with respect to the Snow Plow Club shall be kept at the municipal office and shall be made available for inspection by any occupational health officer.

Enforcement

29. If the Designated Officer finds that a person has contravened any provision of this bylaw, the Designated Officer may, by written order, require the person to remedy the contravention within a specified time.
30. If the person fails to comply with the order, the Municipality may undertake the work required to remedy the contravention, and the costs may be added to the tax roll of the property owner in accordance with *The Municipalities Act*.
31. Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties imposed by the General Penalty Bylaw of the Municipality.

Severability

32. If any section of this Bylaw is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining sections, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Coming Into Force

33. This bylaw shall come into force upon final approval of Council.
34. Bylaws 8906 and 9101 are hereby repealed.

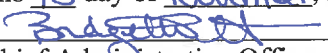
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this 13 day of November, 2025.


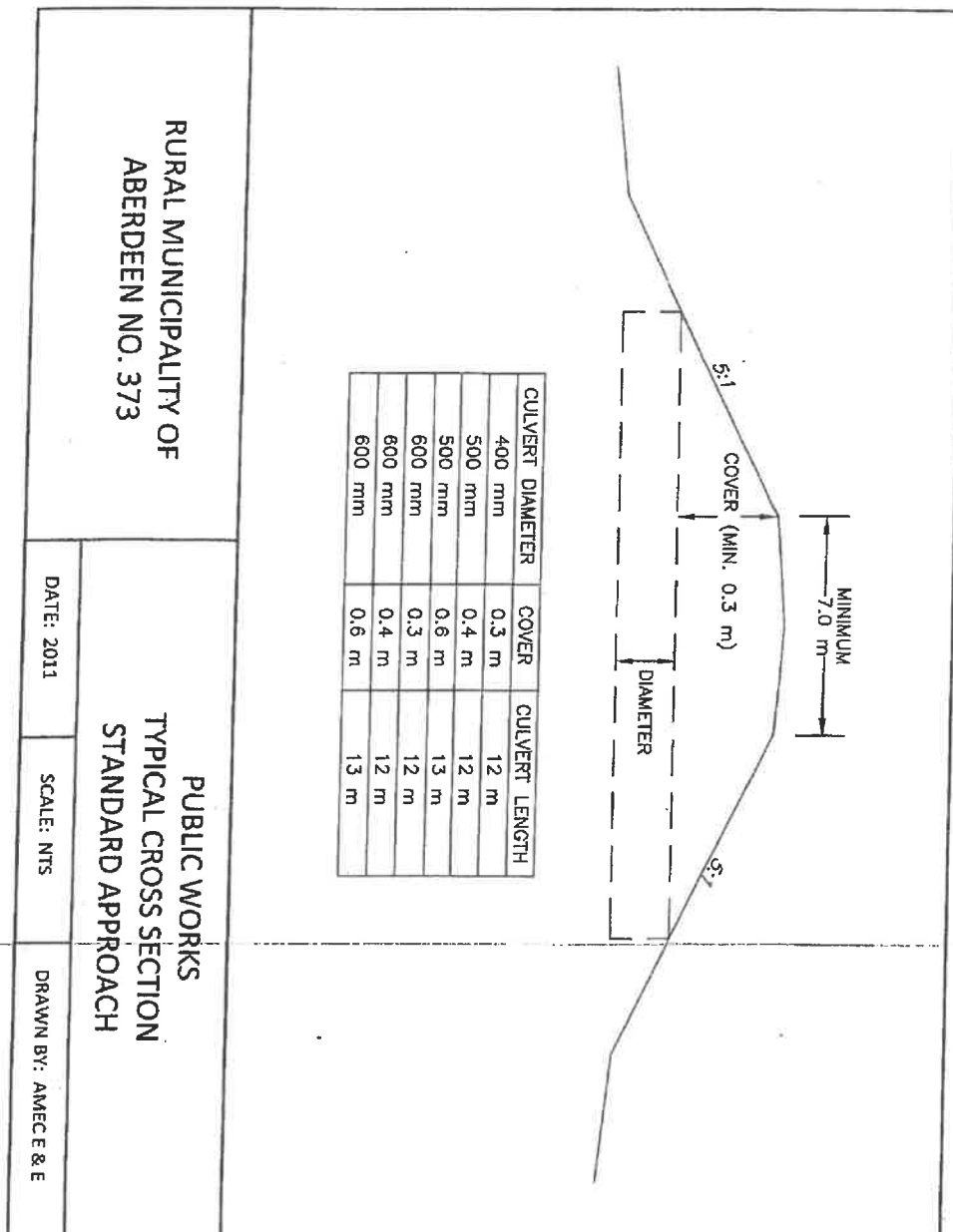
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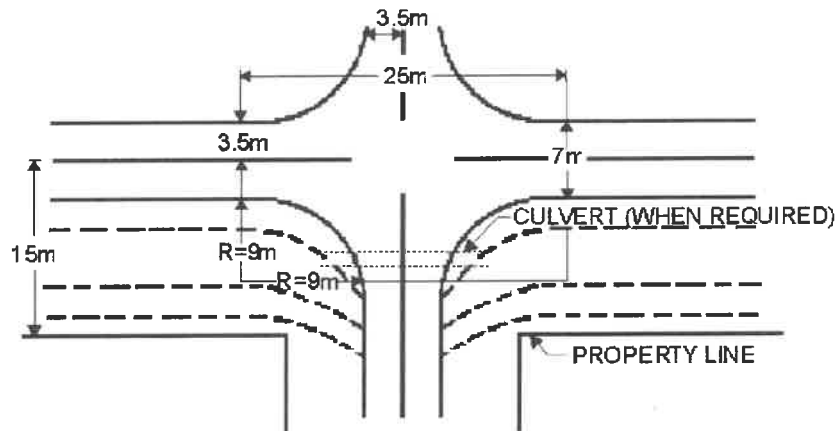
Approach Standards

1. Culverts and approaches shall not interfere with the natural flow of water.
2. All approaches shall be constructed to a minimum of 7 meters wide.
3. All approaches shall have a culvert installed, if required. Requirement and size of the culvert will be at the discretion of the RM.
4. All approaches should be constructed with a minimum 5:1 side slope.
5. All side-slopes on approaches shall incorporate 2" (min.) topsoil and grass seed upon completion
6. The final decision of the location of an approach shall be at the discretion of the RM.
7. All approaches shall be a minimum of 100 meters from the intersection of any municipal roads and 155 meters from the intersection of a Provincial Highway.



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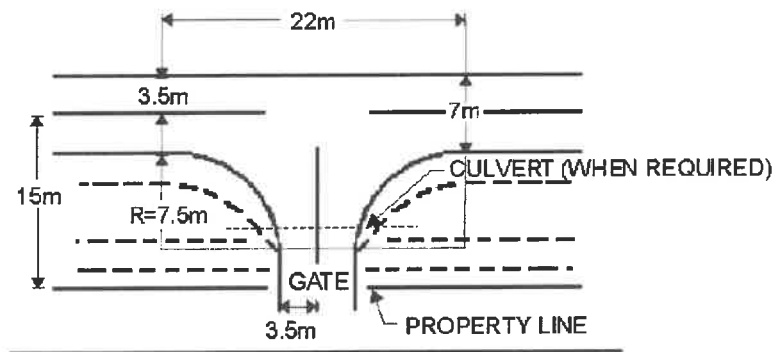
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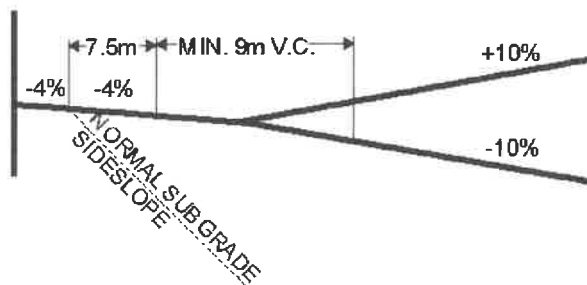
NOTE:

USE $R=15M$ FOR ALL MAIN FARM ACCESS, PRIMARY GRID AND HIGHWAY INTERSECTIONS

FARM ENTRANCE AND FIELD APPROACH



APPROACH CROSS SECTION



NOTE:

1. USE MIN. 9m V.C. FOR FARM ENTRANCES AND FIELD APPROACHES.
2. TRAFFIC GRAVEL SHALL BE PLACED TO THE EDGE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON ALL ROAD INTERSECTIONS AND FARM ENTRANCES



**Highways and
Transportation**

STANDARD APPROACHES - MUNICIPAL Subgrade Construction

RECOMMENDED BY:		DIRECTOR TECH. STDS. & POLICIES	DATE		STANDARD PLAN NO.	53111
APPROVED BY:		ASSIST. DEPUTY MINISTER OPERATIONS DIVISION	DATE		SHEET	15 of 32

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