

Dust Control

Transportation and Utilities
Policy N8

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Policy Purpose

To establish the procedures and standards for Dust Control application on County roads.

Policy Statement

The County will deliver an Annual Dust Control Program that supports safe travel, reduces the impacts of road dust, and enables the movement of goods and people to and through the County.

Definitions

“Annual County Dust Control Program” means the annual program where the County accepts orders and payment for the application of Dust Control.

”CAO” also known as “County Manager” or “Chief Administrative Officer” means the person, or delegate appointed by Council to the position of Chief Administrative Officer under the Municipal Government Act for the County.

“Cemeteries” means designated land or facility for burials within the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

“Commercial or Industrial Dust Control” means a request for Dust Control primarily associated with, or benefiting, a commercial, industrial or resource-based operation.

“Council” means the duly elected Council members of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

“County” means the municipality of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 having jurisdiction under the Municipal Government Act and other applicable legislation.

“County-Funded Dust Control” means Dust Control for which the County pays the applicable cost because the County has determined that the treatment provides a broader public or community benefit.

“County Park” means a County operated park within the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

”Dust Control” means any County-approved product applied to a road surface of gravel roads to control or reduce the generation of airborne dust.

“Residence” means an occupied dwelling located adjacent to a County-maintained gravel road.

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“Residential Dust Control” means Dust Control applied adjacent to an eligible residence under the Annual Dust Control Program.

“Third-Party” means anyone other than the County of Grande Prairie No.1.

“Treatment Area” means the length of County gravel roadway approved for Dust Control application.

“Truck Route” means a roadway specifically identified and approved by the County as a truck route for the movement of commercial, industrial, or resource-related traffic.

Policy Guidelines

1. The County will administer an Annual Dust Control Program subject to approved service levels, available funding, operational capacity, road conditions, weather, availability of materials and other operational considerations.
2. Dust Control will only be applied to County gravel roads unless otherwise authorized by the County.
3. The County will determine the Dust Control products, treatment methods, treatment rates, roadway preparation requirements and operational standards used under the Annual Dust Control Program.
4. Dust Control products must be included on the Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors Products List (Dust Abatement – Proven Products) to be considered for use on County roads.
5. The County may establish application deadlines, treatment lengths, fees and other administrative requirements for the Annual Dust Control Program.

County-Funded Dust Control

6. The County may provide Dust Control at no cost to locations where the treatment provides a broader public or community benefit. Locations include:
 - 6.1. Residences adjacent to the gravel road providing direct access to the County Park;
 - 6.2. Residences adjacent to roads to County gravel pits during County gravel haul operations;
 - 6.3. Residences adjacent to designated Truck Routes ;
 - 6.4. Residents adjacent to County Landfill or transfer station access routes as identified by Transportation and Utilities
 - 6.5. Cemeteries located within the County; and
 - 6.6. Other locations determined by the County where the treatment is determined to provide a significant public benefit or address an exceptional operational need.
7. Receiving County-Funded Dust Control one year does not create entitlement to continued treatment in future years.

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8. Eligibility will be reviewed annually and may change as road use, access routes, land use and/or operational circumstances change.

Application for Dust Control

9. Each year the County will advertise the program application window for Residential Dust Control.
10. Residential Dust Control orders will be accepted until April 30th.
11. The County reserves the right to deny any requests for Dust Control received after the Annual Dust Control Program deadline.
12. The minimum Treatment Area for Residential Dust Control is 100 meters.
13. Residential Dust Control will be subsidized by the County at 50% of the total cost, with the applicant responsible for the remaining 50%.
14. Commercial or Industrial Dust Control applications are subject to full cost recovery.
15. Fees will be reviewed annually and established through the County's Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw based on the previous year's costs.
16. Dust Control will be applied upon lifting of spring road bans, and as materials and equipment become available.
17. The County does not in any way guarantee the effectiveness of the Dust Control.
18. Once a Dust Control application has been accepted no refund of the application fee will be made, unless authorized by the General Manager of Transportation and Utilities or designate.
19. The County reserves the right to maintain Treatment Areas in its sole discretion.

Third-Party Requests for Dust Control on County Roads

20. Applications to privately apply Dust Control on County roads may be considered in extraordinary circumstances if:
 - 20.1. the applicant completes the application to Apply Dust Control to County Roads and receives approval from the General Manager of Transportation and Utilities or designate;
 - 20.2. the Dust Control products have been approved by the County, including being listed on the Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors Products List (Dust Abatement – Proven Products);
 - 20.3. the County approves the Treatment Area;
 - 20.4. the Dust Control is applied in a professional manner that meets County standards;
 - 20.5. the applicant accepts full responsibility for the Dust Control application and Treatment Area;

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- 20.6. The applicant agrees to indemnify and save harmless the County with respect to legal liability arising from the Dust Control application and complies with all applicable laws, standards, regulations, and safety protocols.

References

Legal Authorities	N/A
Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, Etc.	Policy B1 – Policy Development
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