

Approaches Constructed by Resource Companies

Planning and Development Services
Policy M19

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Policy Purpose

To provide direction for processing requests from Resource Companies to construct approaches for access to County roads.

Policy Statement

The County of Grande Prairie encourages economic development, growth and sustainability and seeks to provide clear guidelines and support to our partners in construction of infrastructure that meet the standards of the County.

Definitions

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

“Resource Company” means a company whose principal business includes but is not limited to oil and gas, energy, forestry, mining exploration, development, and/or production.

Policy Guidelines

1. All approach installations require the applicant to enter into a Resource Company Approach Agreement with the County.
2. Associated fees shall be defined in the annual Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.
3. The Resource Company must construct the approach to meet County standards and specifications.
4. All approaches will be inspected by the General Manager of Transportation and Utilities or their designate prior to, and upon completion of the installation.
5. The Resource Company is solely responsible for contacting the Transportation and Utilities Department upon approach installation.
6. Should the General Manager of Transportation and Utilities, or their designate, upon

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inspection, determine that the work is not completed as required, the Resource Company shall be notified to rectify the problem.

7. Failure to comply may result in the County denying, suspending, or revoking a Resource Company Approach Agreement.
8. Exceptions and exemptions to this policy may be considered and are at the discretion of the General Manager of Transportation and Utilities, or their designate.

Attachments

Schedule A – Resource Company Approach Agreement

References

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

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Schedule A – Resource Company Approach Agreement

Resource Company Approach Agreement

Between: **THE COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO.1**, 10001 84 Avenue Clairmont,
 Alberta T8X 5B2 in the Province of Alberta (hereinafter called “The County”)

And

(Resource Company Name)

(Address)

WHEREAS the Resource Company proposes to construct an approach adjacent to a Municipal Road allowance

(hereinafter called “the land”)

IT IS HEREBY AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS:

- I. All installed culverts must meet existing upstream requirements and be a minimum of 600mm in diameter. The Resource Company will install culverts as required by the General Manager of Transportation and Utilities, or their designate, and will maintain the culverts in a state of good repair.
- II. Approaches will be constructed such that they slope away from the road shoulder at a minimum 2% grade for a distance of four (4) meters and have a minimum of a 9.3-meter-wide finished top.
- III. The Resource Company will place required gravel on the approach, access, and the County Road in the immediate area of the approach as required. A minimum of thirty metric tons of 40 mm crushed gravel must be placed on the approach. In addition, thirty metric tons of 25 mm crushed gravel shall be placed on the County roadway adjacent to the approach.
- IV. The Resource Company agrees to indemnify and save harmless the County with respect legal liability in connection with the approach installation and will adhere to all applicable laws, standards, regulations and safety protocols.
- V. The Resource Company agrees to pay the associated fees in accordance with the most current annual Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw as amended from time to time.
- VI. The agreement remains in effect until such time as the Resource Company, upon ceasing of operations, removes the approach and restoration is completed to the satisfaction of the County or receives consent from the General Manager of

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Transportation and Utilities, or their designate, to leave the approach in place.

- VII. Upon reclamation, should the approach be approved to remain in place as a permanent approach, the approach must be a minimum of 9.3 meter to a maximum of 15-meter road top.

(Project Description)

Company Representative (Print):

County Representative (Print):

Contact Number:

Contact Number:

Signature:

Signature:

Date:

Date: