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Policy Statement:

Yellowhead County, being the road authority, has the direction, control and management of all municipal roads within the County and recognizes that this infrastructure requires protection from overweight loads by way of limiting the weights on it's roads.

Purpose:

To provide guidelines and direction for the use and protection of Yellowhead County roads during periods of road bans.

Council Principal:

Council supports the use of road bans as required to protect the County's road infrastructure.

Management Guidelines:

The County will issue road bans at certain times of the year to protect the road infrastructure.

1. Permission/Permits

Any vehicle wishing to operate on a banned road at axle weights exceeding the maximum allowable will be considered overweight and will require a road bond agreement, a bond and a pre inspection prior to obtaining a permit from the County.

2. Road Bans

- a. The county is required to protect roads from damage and may restrict the weight upon them by way of a road ban order in the following manner:
 - i. All gravel/dirt roads, (unless specified otherwise), @ 75%
 - ii. All oiled roads, (unless specified otherwise), @ 75%
 - iii. All paved roads as per Alberta Infrastructure and Utilities testing criteria
- b. No vehicle shall exceed the maximum allowable weight for a bridge.
- c. When a road is banned, a temporary or permanent sign indicating the weight restriction shall be posted. Should a vehicle travel on a banned road where a sign was posted, but has been removed, damaged, struck or fallen to the ground, the current road ban order shall remain valid and the vehicle's axle weight must still be in compliance with the road ban order.
- d. Pursuant to the commercial vehicle dimension and weight regulations, the following vehicles are exempt from a road ban:
 - i. A vehicle in respect of which the combined gross weight of all the axles of the vehicle does not exceed 5000 kilograms.
 - ii. A school bus as defined in the Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation
 - iii. A rubber tired farm tractor if it is not pulling a trailer
 - iv. A vehicle crossing the highway
 - v. A vehicle operated by or on behalf of the Government for the purpose of testing pavement strength
 - vi. A vehicle transporting fresh milk and cream, or either of them from the place where the milk or cream is produced
 - vii. A vehicle transporting pregnant mare urine from the place where the urine is produced
- e. If a road ban is in effect, the following commercial vehicles may carry on the axles on the highway up to 90% of the maximum allowable weight permitted for that single axle or axle group:
 - i. A vehicle transporting bread

- ii. A vehicle transporting mail as defined in the Canada Post Corporation Act
- iii. Heating Fuel
- iv. Fertilizer
- v. A bus, other than a school bus, carrying passengers
- f. If a road ban is in effect, a commercial vehicles transporting drinking water may carry on the axles on the highway up to 80% of the maximum allowable weight permitted for that single axle or axle group.
- g. Road within Industrial subdivisions in Yellowhead County will not be subject to a road ban. 100% of legal axle weight will be permitted on these roads.

3. Road Bond Agreement

- a. Should a situation arise where by an overweight vehicle must travel on a banned road, a person or company may apply to the County for a road bond agreement. The bond holder shall accept full responsibility for all damages to the road and shall post a bond with the County in the amount of \$5,000 per km of road used for a maximum of 4 loads per day or a bond in the amount of \$25,000 per km of road used for over 4 loads per day. The bond shall be in the form of cash, certified cheque or an irrevocable letter of credit.
- b. A pre and/or post trip inspection may be done by the County. The assessment of the road condition and damages will be based solely on the County's inspection.
- c. Upon execution of the agreement, receipt of the required bond and a pre trip inspection, a permit allowing the move will be granted to the applicant.
- d. The County may apply conditions to the permit or take all actions as deemed necessary to preserve the integrity of the road.
- e. Under the road bond agreement a vehicle may exceed the road ban to a maximum of 100% of legal axle weight, but is still required to utilize the maximum amount of axles or combination of axles allowed on the vehicle or trailers and the axle weights are distributed effectively.
- f. After the expiration of the road bond agreement the person or company in question shall be refunded the bond amount less any costs assessed for damages to the road(s). A detailed statement of costs shall be included with the refund, if any. Road bond agreements will expire at the end of the road ban season each year.

4. Permit Conditions

- a. The County will not collect a fee for permits.
- b. The permit is valid for the route/vehicle(s) specified.
- c. All permits for a single conveyance shall expire at 11:59 pm on the day after the permit is issued unless otherwise stated on the permit.
- d. The County may apply conditions to these permits as deemed necessary to preserve the integrity of the road.



- e. Any deviation from the conditions imposed, including route information, vehicle or vehicle combination information, the Traffic Safety Act or any of its regulations shall be sufficient cause for the County to revoke or cancel the permit and to refuse further issuance of permits to the permit holder.

The permit holder shall be responsible for all damages to the roads as a result of their vehicle(s) traveling on it.

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March 13, 2007

Date
