



Yellowhead County

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Policy Statement:

Yellowhead County will utilize dust control suppressants on County maintained roads in its ongoing efforts to ensure public safety, quality of life, and to realize road maintenance cost reductions.

Purpose:

To clarify and prioritize within budget limitations the areas in which dust control suppressants may be applied on County controlled roadways, and to establish user fees for the application of dust suppressant materials which are utilized for the sole purpose of quality of life.

Council Principles:

Safety:

Dust control suppressants will be applied at no charge on County controlled roads where in the sole opinion of the County, safety is deemed compromised due to the hazards caused by extreme dusty conditions.

1. Dust suppressant materials will be applied at no charge for safety reasons in the following areas:
 - a) School zones and adjacent to school/community playgrounds.
 - b) At major intersections and/or poor alignments considered hazardous due to dusty conditions.
 - c) At major railway crossings.



- d) On Elk River road and Wolf Lake road at areas of poor alignments considered hazardous due to dusty conditions, major intersections and every 5 km (approximately).

Quality of Life:

1. Dust suppressant materials may be applied at no charge on County controlled roads where the application of the suppressant improves the quality of life relative to a community facility/function and serves a greater community good. Areas given consideration include the following which are adjacent to County controlled roads:
 - a) Hamlets
 - b) Community Halls
 - c) Community/County Parks
2. Dust suppressant materials may be applied at no charge on County controlled roads wherein the sole opinion of the County, the applicant resides within 100 meters of the centerline of a road with an annual average daily traffic count in excess of 150 vehicles per day.
3. Dust suppressant materials will be applied to the entire roadway leading to a Community/County Park with an average daily traffic count in excess of 250 vehicles per day as determined by the County.
4. Applicants wishing dust control that do not meet the requirements under the headings of; Safety, clause 1 and Quality of Life, Clauses 1 and or 2, will be required to submit the fee (as established by council from time to time) for the application of the dust suppressant materials.

Fees:

1. Annually, administration will determine the required fees per application that will be charged for the various types of dust suppressant materials that the County may utilize in the Dust Control Program at a rate of 33% of the previous year's actual expenditure rounded to the nearest dollar.

Management Guidelines:

1. The application of this policy will be carried out per the established principles and direction of Council and within budget limitations.
2. The type of dust control suppressant utilized will be determined by the County in its sole discretion; however consideration will be given to cost of application, durability, and environmental safety issues.
3. All residents who desire dust control measures are required to apply annually under the program. Administration will then evaluate those applicants which meet the criteria for subsidized application and those which will be required to pay the application fee.
4. The County will not guarantee the effectiveness of the dust control suppressant. Once a dust control suppressant has been applied, no refunds will be made.



5. The County reserves the right to maintain treated sections of roadway as deemed appropriate by administration.
6. Dust control suppressants will be applied in the spring as materials and equipment become available.
7. Depending on the type of Dust suppressant utilized, a second application may be made in the fall of the calendar year.
8. A typical application of dust suppressant will cover an approximate distance of 200 meters of roadway.
9. Dust Suppressant will not be applied on private or leased roads or other roads not under the control or jurisdiction of the County.

Application:

10. Applications will be received until May 15 for the spring and fall application (depending on type of dust suppressant) and July 30 for the fall application (if applicable) in developing the annual dust control program.
11. All applications must be completed by the applicant and any necessary payment must be received by the County prior to acceptance of the application.
12. Application forms will be made available at the County offices in Wildwood and Edson and on-line.
13. In March and April the county will advertise that applications for dust control are being accepted.
14. Where an applicant has paid for two applications of dust control, the applicant may request a refund of the second application if he feels that the first application is sufficient to last through the entire dust season.
15. The applicant may determine the location where the dust suppressant will be placed.
16. For purposes of this policy, only one application per occupied dwelling (typically 200 metres) is permitted at the subsidized rate.
17. If an applicant requests more than the typical 200 metre application, the full cost of the additional application will be borne by the applicant.
18. At the sole discretion of the County, dust suppression may not be applied on roads scheduled for rebuilding or upgrading within the year.

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