

Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23

Title	Axle Loading Policy	Policy No:	PW008
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Legislation Reference	Motor Transport Act
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Purpose

To provide for implementation of axle loading restrictions on roads under the control and management of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23.

Policy Statement and Guidelines

The Director of Operational Services, or designate, has full power and authority to implement axle loading and other restrictions pursuant to the provisions of the Motor Transport Act, the guidelines included in this policy and in the Road Protection Agreement Policy.

Guidelines:

1. Roads will be inspected on a frequent basis to determine when axle loading restrictions should be placed in a particular area.
2. In general, axle loading restrictions will not be issued on a municipality wide basis. The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 is about 180 miles from north to south and over 200 miles from east to west. Conditions will not be uniform across this large geographic area.
3. Road bans will not be placed until absolutely necessary. Soft shoulders, rutting or other road damage should be imminent, or evident, before axle loading restrictions are put in effect.
4. Usually the axle loading restrictions will be removed when the frost is out and the water has drained away from the road side.
5. Should it be absolutely necessary to haul materials, a Road Protection Agreement may be entered into with the hauler.
6. Persons, or firms, who have entered into a Road Protection Agreement may be allowed to self-issue an authorization to haul the next higher level of axle loading restriction (i.e. if the axle loading restriction is 75%, they may self issue an authorization to 90% axle loading under the terms and conditions of the Road Protection Agreement by leaving a recorded telephone message.) During the worst period of spring break-up this option would not be available as the probability of damage to the road is too great.
7. A recorded announcement will be kept on a dedicated telephone line so that road users may easily find out what restrictions are in effect and where.
8. There will be no charge for the issuance of Road Protection Agreements.

By entering into a Road Protection Agreement a hauler with a tridem axle validates that tridem axle for maximum allowable axle loading for the tridem within the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 subject to any axle loading restrictions that may be issued. (Currently section 9(1),(f),(ii) of the Public Vehicle Dimension and Weight Regulation of the Motor Transport Act, states that "...no person shall operate a public vehicle on a highway when; in the case of a vehicle having a tridem axle group; on a local road, the gross weight on the axle group exceeds 17000 kilograms).

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