

# Mackenzie County

<b>Title</b>	<b>Municipal Walkways</b>	<b>Policy No:</b>	<b>PW033</b>
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## **Purpose**

To define responsibility for ownership, financing, planning, constructing, and maintaining municipal sidewalks and recreational trails.

## **Policy Statement**

The responsibility for ownership, finances, planning, construction and maintenance is dependent on the type of municipal walkway constructed.

## **Definitions**

For the purpose of this policy the following definitions shall apply:

**Walkway** is a pedestrian corridor including either a sidewalk or a recreational trail.

**Sidewalk** is typically constructed within roadway allowances in an urban development and to municipal engineering standards. Sidewalks are primarily for pedestrian safety and to link residential areas to different amenities such as schools and downtown services.

**Recreational Trails** are typically constructed in either urban or rural open space/park land and may be constructed to a lower level standard than a sidewalk. Recreational Trails are for the primary purpose of recreational use such as walking, hiking, biking, and roller-blading. Recreational trails may be constructed by either a community or Mackenzie County.

## **Guidelines**

Mackenzie County will:

- Construct sidewalks in areas deemed feasible to provide for the safety of pedestrians and as approved in the 10 year capital plan.
- Include conditions within development agreements for the construction of sidewalks within urban subdivisions.
- Provide the maintenance requirements as approved within the annual operating budget for municipal owned walkways.
- Inspect municipal walkways and ensure records are kept on inspections.

- Annually review community organization requests for construction of recreational trails and allocate the approved funds to successful community groups.

Community groups must have Council approval for location and design of recreational trails prior to any construction.

**Responsibilities**

The following table illustrates the agencies area of responsibilities as they relate to municipal walkways:

	<b>SIDEWALKS</b>	<b>RECREATIONAL TRAILS</b>
Funding	Mackenzie County / Developer	Community
Planning	Mackenzie County / Developer	Community
Construction	Mackenzie County / Developer	Community
Maintenance & Ownership	Mackenzie County / Developer	Mackenzie County

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