

## Mackenzie County

<b>Title</b>	<b>DUST CONTROL</b>	<b>Policy No:</b>	<b>PW009</b>
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<b>Legislation Reference</b>	<b>Municipal Government Act, Section 18</b>
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### **Purpose**

To establish the procedures and standards for dust control on municipal roads.

## **POLICY STATEMENT AND GUIDELINES**

### **1. Definitions:**

For the purpose of this Policy terms shall be defined as follows:

- a) A Senior Citizen residence is a residence where one primary resident is over the age of 65.
- b) High Traffic Roads are those gravel surfaced roads which are through roads or have a minimum of 4 residences that travel past the applicant's property, who live within 100 meters from the roadway.
- c) Property Owners are those private residents that own property in the County that is fronted by a municipal road.

### **2. Dust Control:**

- a) The municipality may apply dust control at their own cost on an annual basis, provided there is funding in the budget, in the following areas:
  - i) 1 passing zone every 30 km and at major intersections along County roads built to provincial highway standards.
  - ii) Areas where the County identifies a safety concern. ie. County haul roads, rural intersections
  - iii) Rural Cemeteries
- b) The municipality shall consider extending their dust control service on municipal roads to Property Owners at a fee established by the Fee Schedule Bylaw on a first come, first serve basis. The length of the dust control application shall be a maximum of 200 linear meters for any applicant and/or property owner.
- c) Rural commercial/industrial ventures must apply dust control, at their own cost, to problem areas as determined by the municipality. Non-compliance of this policy

shall result in the area being serviced by the municipality on a full cost recovery basis.

### 3. Type of Dust Control Application

- a) Unless approved otherwise, the municipality's dust control agents shall be applied once in late spring. The application rate shall be as determined by the municipality.
- b) The municipality shall consider the impact on the environment and the financial resources available when it chooses dust control agents. Dust control agents must be approved by the appropriate government agency and be used in accordance with any relevant regulations and specifications.
- c) The municipality may authorize petroleum companies to spread oily by-products on municipal roads provided that
  - (i) the petroleum company has authorization from Alberta Environmental Protection, and other appropriate government agencies,
  - (ii) the application can be coordinated with municipal road maintenance programs, and
  - (iii) the application will not negatively impact the road.
- d) The municipality may authorize private residents to apply dust control on municipal roads adjacent to their property, as outlined in the application forms.

### 4. Advertising and Application Process

- a) A notice in the local newspaper annually in December shall advise the ratepayers of this policy, its costs, and the procedure to have a dust control product applied on a road.
- b) Application forms will be accepted from January 1 to April 1 annually.
- c) After April 1 annually, ratepayers may purchase dust control product from the municipality, subject to availability, at full cost recovery for self-application. Dust control product fees are based on the fee established by the Fee Schedule Bylaw.

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