

Mackenzie County

Title	Dust Control	Policy No:	PW009
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Legislation Reference	Municipal Government Act, Section 18
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Purpose To establish the procedures and standards for dust control on municipal roads.
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POLICY STATEMENT AND GUIDELINES

1. Definitions:

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

“Senior Citizen Residence” – is a residence where one primary resident is over the age of 65 and is currently residing.

“Applicant” – is the person applying for the Dust Control service, whether the service is for a regular or senior application.

“Dust Control Agents” – are either oil and/or calcium.

“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.

“Proof of Senior Citizen Status” – means providing two pieces of current identification (ID) establishing the age of the applicant or resident receiving the service, as age 65 or older; with one piece of ID being picture identification.

“Property Owners” – are those private residents that own property in the County that is fronted by a municipal road and currently reside when the service is being provided.

“Provincial Highway Standards” – means any public road owned by the Province of Alberta and built to their provincial standards.

“Rural Cemeteries” – are cemeteries that are located outside of the hamlet’s boundaries.

“Secondary Location of Service” – means a second application of Dust

Control completed by the same Applicant and /or Property Owner, for the same land location, at full recovery cost as dictated by the Fee Schedule Bylaw.

“Self-Application” – is when an Applicant or Property Owner applies Dust Control products themselves with no assistance from the County.

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. i.e. 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) If a Secondary Location of Service is requested, a second application will need to be completed and the full cost recovery fee as dictated in the Fee Schedule Bylaw must be paid, regardless if first application was completed under Senior Citizen Status.
- d) Proof of Senior Citizen Status is required by the County. Two pieces of identification documents are required and must be current and have an expiry date. At least one piece of identification is required to be picture ID. If proof of Senior Citizen Status cannot be provided at the time of the application, the Applicant or Property Owner will be required to pay the regular rate with no exception.
- e) 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.
- e) Property Owners who wish to apply their own oil Dust Control are required to apply each year.

4. Advertising and Application Process

- a) Advertising shall occur annually in December and 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. Late applications may be accepted depending on inventory and budget limitations.
- c) After April 1 annually, ratepayers may purchase Calcium 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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