Mackenzie County

Title Road Fencing Policy No: PW032

Purpose

To establish the responsibility and standards for fencing alongside municipal roads on an adjacent landowner's property (section 1) and on road allowance (section 2).

Policy Statement

Fencing alongside municipal road allowance is generally the responsibility of the landowner. Fencing on private property must be constructed inside private property to a minimum of one foot from the municipal road allowance. Fencing cannot be constructed on any municipal road allowance unless a road license agreement is entered into in advance, according to existing Mackenzie County policies.

- Where municipal work, such as road, drainage, or utility construction, requires the removal of existing functional fences it will be the normal practice of the municipality to replace the fence according to what previously existed. Higher quality fencing may be used if the landowner agrees to pay the difference in cost between that and the existing quality.
- 2. Where a landowner wishes to build a temporary fence on municipal road allowances, the landowner is responsible for installation, maintenance, and relocation of the temporary fence. Such operations are only to be permitted on low volume farm access, field access, and forestry classes of roads as defined by the Mackenzie County road classification map.

The temporary fence may be constructed a minimum of 5 feet from the shoulder of the road or as approved by Mackenzie County. Any costs of repairs to the fence due to damages will be the landowner's responsibility. Adequate signage and/or flags must be installed by the landowner to ensure visibility of the fence. The landowner is responsible for identifying the temporary fence with reflective taping at a minimum of 15 meter intervals.

Temporary fences in the road right of way may be installed after May 1 of each year and must be removed prior to October 1 of each year. Temporary fences not removed prior to October 1 may be removed by Mackenzie County at the landowner's expense. The landowner must sign an agreement each year with Mackenzie County prior to installation.

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