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R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501

POLICY TITLE Brushing/Mulching Clearing of Road Allowance Policy		ADOPTED BY RM Council Resolution No. 2019-01-09-019 EFFECTIVE DATE January 9, 2019	POLICY NO. 300-15
ORIGIN/AUTHORITY RM Council	JURISDICTION RM of Frenchman Butte No. 501	Amended: November 22, 2023 Rescinded:	Resolution No. 2023-11-22-018 Resolution No.

1. PURPOSE:

To establish a policy by which brushing/mulching clearing projects of developed road allowances by the RM are prioritized.

2.0 DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 CAO:** Means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501.
- 2.2 Council:** Means Council for the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501.
- 2.3 Developed Road Allowance:** Means a road allowance that has been developed to a minimum standard whereby it maybe used as an access for agriculture and/or residential; and it must connect to another existing roadway.
- 2.4 RM:** Means Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501
- 2.5 R.M. Representative:** Means Public Works Foreman or designate of the RM.

3.0 SCOPE:

The RM has a responsibility to maintain its' publically travelled Developed Road Allowances in a safe condition and is committed to budgeting appropriate funds for a brushing/clearing of road allowances policy.

4.0 POLICY:

- 4.1** Council shall establish a budget every year for brushing/clearing of road allowances projects. The budget year for this policy shall run from May 1 to April 30.
- 4.2** The Public Works Foreman shall prepare annually for Council review and approval prior to January 31:
 - a)** A map showing the proposed brushing/mulching clearing of developed road allowances plan.
 - b)** A plan showing type removal method to be used such as
 - a. crew with chainsaw
 - b. dozer with brush pushed into piles to be burnt and buried at a later date
 - c. mechanical brusher/mulcher
- 4.3** Within the approved budget, the following priorities shall be used in the order that is listed to determine which roads will be brushed/mulched cleared first.

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- a) **Site Lines** by removing (vegetation, trees, brush, etc) obstructions of vision for the driving public and municipal equipment to all entrance driveways, intersections, curves, hills and other danger areas.
- b) **Roadside Clearances for Road Maintenance Equipment** to operate safely unimpaired by roadside obstructions during snow clearing or grading operations.
- c) **Clearances for Larger Vehicles** by removing brush, trees, limbs, etc that may cause damage to large vehicles such as school buses and commercial vehicles.
- d) **Snow Storage Areas** adjacent to road for the snow that is plowed from the travelled portion of the road surface and the roadside shoulders
- e) **Winter driving Surfaces** by opening up the overhead tree canopy and roadside accesses for the natural sunlight to reach the road surface to promote improved melting of the snow.
- f) **Roadside Clearances for Farm Equipment** by removing brush, trees, limbs, etc. that may cause damage to farm equipment.

5.0 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS (if applicable)

5.1 Amounts allocated to brushing projects may not exceed budgeted funds unless additional monies are approved by council resolution.

6.0 EXCEPTIONS – (if applicable)

6.1 If RM representative deems brushing or clearing of a road allowance a safety issue it can be completed without approval of Council.

6.2 Subject to resolution of Council, priority may be given to a brushing/clearing project if cost shared by an individual or commercial operation.

7.0 REPEALING:

All Appendices attached to this policy may be amended from time to time based on operational need.

This policy shall be administered and interpreted by the CAO; however, this policy cannot be amended without Council approval.

This policy replaces all previous policies and resolutions that have been passed by the Council with respect to the application of any and all parts of this policy and the terms and conditions contained herein.

This policy shall come into force and take effect on January 9, 2019 and shall continue in full force and effect until repealed or replaced by subsequent resolution of Council.

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