

Clear Hills County

Effective Date: August 16, 2023	Policy Number: 3201
Title: ROAD CONSTRUCTION	

1. POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1 Clear Hills County will develop and enhance the vital road network system within the County for the safe transportation of passengers, tourists, industry and goods.
- 1.2 The County will evaluate and prioritize road construction.
- 1.3 All Road Construction Requests will require a completed road request application form to be filled out and submitted to the Clear Hills County office by March 1st to be considered for construction in the following year.
- 1.4 Prior to the approval of new or existing requests, the County will proceed with the required assessment standards set out by Alberta Environments within the MSSC.
Definition - The Master Schedule of Standards and Conditions (MSSC) identifies conditions that apply to formal disposition applications approved under the Public Land Act. Conditions in this document are part of multiple approval systems and processes.
- 1.5 Following the assessment, a full report will be brought back to Council to present compensation costs and requirements that will need to be met as per Alberta Environment standards prior to proceeding with construction.
- 1.6 MSSC Assessment Study
The County will cover ninety percent (90%) of the costs associated with the initial mandatory MSSC Assessments studies that will determine the compensation and requirements as per Alberta Environment standards. The applicant is required to pay the additional ten percent (10%) of the costs.
- 1.7 Study Outcome Compensation
The County will pay up to a maximum of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) of the Compensation Costs, per road construction application. All compensation costs will be required to be paid in full by the applicant prior to the commencement of construction.
- 1.8 Construction
The County will pay up to a maximum of \$200,000.00 (two hundred thousand dollars), per ½ mile, for the engineering and construction cost on approved road construction applications.

2. ROAD CONSTRUCTION PRIORITIZATION

- 2.1 The CAO shall present to Council the new road construction applications for Councils review and approval annually in March of each year.
- 2.2 The list will include estimated costs to construct new roads that are presented for prioritization.
- 2.3 Council will allocate an annual budget of \$1,000,000.00 for new road construction.

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2.4 All road requests will be on a first come basis.

3. TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT/LANDOWNER

3.1 Proof of ownership by applicant.

Name of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Legal Land Location: _____ Mailing Address: _____

3.2 Purpose for requesting new or upgraded road:

New Yard Site ☐

Existing Yard Site ☐

Upgrading Access ☐

Crop/Grazing ☐

Timber Salvage ☐

Subdivision ☐

Other ☐ Explanation: _____

3.3 2.3.1. If for farmland, do you have:

a. At least ½ (minimum 80 acres) in seedbed condition ☐

b. The property is fenced for pasture ☐

2.3.2 If for residential purpose, do you:

a. Currently live on the land? Yes ☐ No ☐

b. Where is your primary residence? _____ N/A ☐

c. When will you reside on the land and will be claiming it as your primary residence? _____ N/A ☐

d. Have you applied for utilities? Power ☐ Gas ☐ N/A ☐

e. Have you submitted a subdivision or development application? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

2.3.3 How have you been getting to this land previously?

2.3.4 What is the condition of the present access? Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ None ☐

2.3.5 Date the land was acquired? _____

2.3.7 Have you received and reviewed the County's policy for Road Construction requests, and will you provide the required compensation costs? Yes ☐ No ☐

Landowners Name _____ Signature _____

Witness Name _____ Signature _____

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Road Scoring Grid:

The following Road Scoring Grid will be used to evaluate road construction requests.

Priority	Scoring Criteria	Points
1a	No Access – To a Quarter Section with Residence	95
1b	No Access – To a Quarter Section with a Residence on a School Bus Route	90
1c	No Access – To a Quarter Section of Farm land or titled fenced pasture	85
2	Miles school bus route is reduced	5/mile
	Anticipated school bus years	Years
3	Reduced distance by existing roads	5/mile
	Miles reduced	
4	Number of groups/households served	5/group
	Basic access	minus 20
	Limited Access	minus 10
	Wet Years -No Access	50
	Wet Years- Limited Access	25
	Water Crossing Required: Bridge File	minus 50
	Water Crossing Required: 36-48"	minus 25
	Muskeg/Coulee	minus 20
	Distance	minus 5 per ½ mile over 1 mile
	Total Points	
Minimum Points to qualify		60

Notes:

*Applicants for roads that do not achieve minimum points will be notified in writing that the requested project is denied.

5. END OF POLICY**Related Policies:**

3202 Road Construction Specifications

3203 Approach Construction

3205 Land Need and Acquisition

ADOPTED

Resolution #C190-03

Date: March 25, 2003

AMENDED

Resolution #C876-03

Date: November 25, 2003

AMENDED

Resolution #C153(03/13/07)

Date: March 13, 2007

AMENDED

Resolution #C180(02/23/10)

Date: February 23, 2010

AMENDED

Resolution #C393-12

Date: July 10, 2012

AMENDED

Resolution # C398-12(07/24/12)

Date: July 24, 2012

AMENDED

Resolution # C405-14(06/24/14)

Date: June 24, 2014

AMENDED

Resolution # C413-17 08/22/17

Date: August 22, 2017

AMENDED

Resolution #C463-20(10-13-20)

Date: October 13, 2020

AMENDED

Resolution #C357-22(07-12-22)

Date: July 12, 2022

AMENDED

Resolution #C426-23(08-15-22)

Date: August 15, 2023