

Back-sloping and Brushing Policy

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The County of Northern Lights will provide funding to ratepayers who request to back-slope and brush County roadsides to improve sightlines, drainage, road maintenance and overall safety.

Ratepayers will be approved on an application basis and enter into a 50/50 cost shared agreement with the County, to a maximum of \$4,000.00 per mile for back-sloping and brushing, or \$2,000.00 per mile for either back-sloping or brushing.

Chief Elected Official

Chief Administrative Officer

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The County will encourage ratepayers to help improve our roadways through a back-sloping and brushing program.

2.0 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 Will provide direction, support, supervision and resources to the Agricultural Fieldman for carrying out this policy.

3.0 AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Will administer the program and negotiate with ratepayers to establish operational rates and length of work to be completed.
- 3.2 Will determine if the proposed project is environmentally safe and beneficial to the County.
- 3.3 Will work in conjunction with Public works to make sure the project doesn't cause a problem in the foreseeable future.

4.0 PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 Will contact the Agricultural Fieldman to submit a request to back-slope and brush within the County infrastructure boundaries.
- 4.2 Will establish agreed rates and carry out the work to an acceptable level, set forth by the Agricultural Fieldman:

- Minimum 3:1 slope for back-sloping project.
- Removal of all woody debris from county right of way.
- Piles burned and removed within 2 years of piling.
- A grade to minimize erosion or utilize erosion prevention techniques.
- Slopes re-seeded at the end of completion, the County will provide the grass seed.
- Complete all work in safe, effective manner.

- 4.3 Agrees to payment terms set forth by the County, as follows:

- A maximum of \$2,000.00 per mile for back-sloping.
- A maximum of \$2,000.00 per mile for brushing.
- Trees less than 3 m in height will be paid a maximum of \$1,000.00 per mile for brushing.

- 4.4 Ratepayers will be held accountable for the quality of work done to satisfaction of the Agricultural Fieldman.
- 4.5 Ratepayers waive the right to file complaints where they carried out the work, and will be responsible or liable for erosion issues caused by said work.
- 4.6 Failure to adhere to the County's guidelines will render the participant liable for the improvement of the said project.
- 4.7 Ratepayer is responsible for detecting electricity, gas, water and all other pipelines. Ratepayer will be held responsible in an incidence of disturbance.
- 4.8 Ratepayer acknowledges and assents full liability for their own and the public's safety while commencing work within the County infrastructure boundaries.
- 4.9 Exceptions to the guidelines set within can be subject to change upon a Council motion.

5.0 RECOVERY OF EXPENSES

- 5.1 The County will administer a 50/50 cost shared Back-sloping and Brushing Program.
- 5.2 Cost shared program will be subject to the length, height and quality of work provided. The County has the right to deny projects based on the fiscal years reserves for said projects.
- 5.3 Anyone wishing to participate in the Back-sloping and Brushing Program must not be indebted to the County in any amount greater than \$50.00.