

COUNTY OF BARRHEAD NO. 11

SECTION: AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

EFFECTIVE DATE:

SUBJECT: ROADSIDE BACKSLOPING MAINTENANCE REVISION DATE: May 11, 1999

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The Agricultural Service Board believes that roadside backsloping enhances both the economic and aesthetic benefits for the farmers and the community. Due to the gradual slope of the ditch, it can be maintained with greater ease because of the ability to establish legumes and other crops on an obstruction free surface. It is then the discretion of the farmer to use the general slope of the ditch by appropriate utilization of the land in the road allowance. This will give the farmer extra acres of crop and hay land that will maintain weed and brush control in the ditch area. The backsloped ditch areas will become more appealing due to these factors.

The County of Barrhead No. 11 will backslope roads that are being upgraded or newly established should it be economically feasible to do so.

The County of Barrhead No. 11 will give priority and will encourage land owners to place new or leave native shelterbelts sixty (60) meters or greater from the center of the road to give reasonable access to equipment to farm the road allowance and prevent snow drifting onto the road. Where shelterbelts are not acceptable the land owner will be encouraged to place his fence back sixty (60) meters.

Land owners will farm this land in a responsible manner as to prevent weed and brush growth and to avoid erosion or the privilege of farming the road allowance will be discontinued.

The County of Barrhead No. 11 will ensure that newly constructed roads and upgrade roads are left initially in farmable conditions where possible.

Priority for construction and feasibility will be at the discretion of the Public Works Superintendent.