



## **MUNICIPAL POLICY MANUAL**

**CODE:** 3820

**CATEGORY:** Agricultural Services

### **ROADSIDE BACKSLOPING**

**Definition:**

May be defined as the preliminary cleanup, shaping and contouring of the roadside from a point on the shoulder or the road to a negotiated line within the private land to be backsloped for the purpose of facilitating private maintenance of the backsloped area. Backsloping is not intended for new roads, roads bordering uncleared quarter sections, or roads with fenced boundaries.

**Policy Statement:**

The Agricultural Service Board hereby approves the following backsloping policy:

1. That all weed and vegetation control will be the responsibility of the property owner one year after completion of backsloping and that a contractual maintenance agreement to that effect will be made prior to any works being commenced.
2. That the movement or replacement of any existing fences will be the sole responsibility of the property owner. Replaced fences will be set back from the road allowance a specified distance as determined by the County to allow the landowner to abide by conditions of his/her maintenance agreement and that the establishment of shelterbelts 40 meters from the edge of the road allowance will be encouraged.
3. That the landowner will work and/or maintain the backsloped area within one year of the completion of the backsloping project, and will ensure that neither himself nor anyone he/she has authorized to occupy the said lands will, in any manner whatsoever:
  - a) obstruct or cause to be obstructed, the ditch and the natural drainage created therein, or
  - b) cause the erosion of the ditch to any extent either by the deposit therein of any debris or material or by any cultivation or other agricultural practices that would result in either occurrence.
4. That upon authorization and/or approval, the amount of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00) per one-half mile may be paid to the landowner as compensation for:
  - a) roadside brushing
  - b) piling of brush and debris on the landowner's property.
  - c) disposing of brush and debris

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5. Prior to any work being done a requisition for the proposed construction will be approved by the Agricultural Services Board and authorized by the Agricultural Fieldman. The requisition will state:
  - a) the legal location (s) of the proposed work.
  - b) an estimated cost breakdown of the proposed work
  - c) the proposed date of commencement for the work.
6. All required signatures and owner approvals will be the responsibility of the Agricultural Fieldman and such approvals may be obtained by the local Councillor in consultation with the Fieldman.
7. Subject to all above conditions being met, the work may commence as specified.

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