

<b>POLICY NO:</b>	AG 017
<b>POLICY TITLE:</b>	ROADSIDE HAYING AGREEMENT
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	AGRICULTURE
<b>APPROVAL DATE:</b>	79-09-15 (Sep 2015)
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The County of Vermilion River Agricultural Service Board recognizes some landowners wish to harvest hay from municipal roadside ditches rather than having them mowed.

**Objective:**

To provide by way of this agreement, a method of recording all roadsides that will be mowed by the landowner.

In response to requests by landowners who wish to control vegetation in roadside ditches that are adjacent to their property, the following guidelines will be followed:

**HAYING AGREEMENT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 31.**

**County of Vermilion River Program Guidelines:**

1. County of Vermilion River agrees to delay herbicide application/mowing operations along the listed roadside(s) until August 1 of that year, providing a Roadside HAYING AGREEMENT has been signed.
2. These HAYING AGREEMENT AREAS will be observed by County of Vermilion River Weed Control Crews, and every effort will be made to adhere to the HAYING AGREEMENT.

**In the event that County of Vermilion River Weed Control Crews mow or spray the ditches in the HAYING AGREEMENT AREA, under no circumstances will the County of Vermilion River be liable for any perceived damages.**

**County of Vermilion River Responsibilities:**

1. If the landowner cannot meet the commitments of proper brush and weed control in the HAYING AGREEMENT AREA, the County of Vermilion River Agricultural Service Board crews will undertake the control work and this agreement will be terminated.
2. If a hazard caused by grass or brush growth exists in the HAYING AGREEMENT AREA, the County may remove the grass or brush by using herbicides or mechanical means, without notice or delay.

3. County of Vermilion River shall maintain the right to refuse to enter into this agreement with any landowner.

**Landowner Responsibilities:**

1. Agrees to control all brush and restricted and noxious weeds in the HAYING AGREEMENT AREA, under Provincial and Municipal Regulations.
2. Delivery of a completed HAYING AGREEMENT application to County of Vermilion River by May 31.