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Approaches located within the road rights of way are under the direction, control and management of Lacombe County and as such Council retains full discretion over the installation and/or removal of approaches. In the interest of public safety the County wishes to limit the number of new accesses and ensure that all approaches meet approved standards. The County Commissioner or designate is hereby authorized to approve the installation of new approaches in accordance with the regulations.

REGULATION

1. The construction of an approach located within a road right of way requires the prior approval of Lacombe County. An approval for the construction of an approach will only be granted where the requested location is considered practical and safe by the County.
2. All approaches shall be constructed in accordance with the standards set out in the latest edition of the Lacombe County Road and Infrastructure Standards Manual as generally listed below:
 - a. Approached onto gravel or dirt road must have minimum sightlines of 150 m in both directions
 - b. Approached onto paved roads must have minimum sightlines of 200 m in both directions
 - c. Approaches onto gravel or dirt roads must be a minimum of 150 m from an intersection
 - d. Approaches onto paved roads must be a minimum of 200 m from an intersection
 - e. Gradient must be no more than plus or minus 2%
 - f. Minimum culvert size must be 400 mm if access has the potential to restrict the flow of water. The culvert must be new and installed properly.
 - g. Material for approach must be non-organic
 - h. Minimum width for residential approach is 6 m with 4:1 slopes
 - i. Maximum width for residential approach is 10 m with 4:1 slopes
 - j. Minimum width for industrial approach is 11.5 m with 4:1 slopes
 - k. Maximum width for industrial approach is 14 m with 4:1 slopes
 - l. Approach must have the same surface as the road that it enters onto. Gravel (100 mm thick) to property line on gravel roads and asphalt (75 mm thick) extending 4 m towards property line and the width of the approach from the edge of pavement on paved roads.

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3. The number of approaches allowed will normally be limited to:
 - a. A maximum of four approaches on agricultural parcels that are 80 acres in size or greater with no more than two approaches per parcel permitted on a township road and no more than two approaches per parcel permitted on a range road.
 - b. A maximum of two approaches on agricultural parcels that are less than 80 acres in size with no more than two approaches per parcel allowed on a township road and no more than two approached per parcel allowed on a range road.
 - c. One approach on industrial lots located in an industrial park.
 - d. One approach on residential lots located in a residential subdivision.
4. Where a farm residence or farm yard exists on a parcel of land zoned agriculture two additional approaches may be considered providing the approaches can otherwise meet the standards and specifications. In this circumstance four approaches per parcel will be permitted on a range road or township road.
5. Where a farm residence has been subdivided on a parcel of land zoned agriculture a maximum of two approaches will be permitted.
6. Existing approaches to parcels of land that have been created as a first parcel out or agricultural subdivision may be allowed to remain provided they meet all or most of the above criteria and had been installed prior to December 31st, 2007.
7. The construction of a new approach must be inspected by Lacombe County. A fee for the inspection of an approach may be levied in accordance with Policy PW (27).
8. Where there is no access to an un-subdivided quarter section of land used for agricultural or residential purposes, and where there is an existing roadway adjacent to the land, the County will, upon request by the landowner, construct one access approach to the land provided that County equipment is available and in the vicinity.
9. With the exception of a request made under regulation 4 of this policy the developer, landowner or resident requesting permission to construct an approach is responsible for all costs related to the construction of the approach including any gravelling, surfacing or culverts that may be necessary.
10. Where a parcel exists adjacent to an internal subdivision road and also borders on an external grid road, consideration will only be given to a possible additional access to the internal subdivision road.
11. All requests for access off a Provincial highway must be submitted to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation for review and approval.