



## AGENDA ITEM

### Two Year Brushing Program

November 28, 2019

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#### BACKGROUND

On February 23, 2012 Council approved policy OP (40) Brushing Program. A two year listing of brushing projects will be maintained to deal with the issues of public safety, road maintenance and the movement of vehicles and equipment that may be hindered due to vegetation within road allowances. Additional projects are also added to the Brushing Program, where required, to facilitate road construction based on the Long Range Road Construction Schedule.

Per policy the criteria for the Brushing Program is established as follows:

- a) Public safety
- b) Compliance with road construction program
- c) Road maintenance concerns
- d) Reserve maintenance requirements
- e) Cost of brushing project
- f) Traffic volumes and type of traffic
- g) General condition of existing road
- h) Number of benefiting residents – agreement from adjacent landowners
- i) Facilitating the movement of equipment

The Brushing Program generally takes place in the off season for the construction crew and will normally run from December to March each year.

#### ANALYSIS

Over the course of the year we receive numerous concerns regarding vegetation within road allowances. Each concern is evaluated by staff and priority for brushing is determined. If staff determine that an immediate safety hazard is evident, the brushing will be completed immediately. Other requests that are determined to be long-term transportation needs are noted and added to the Brushing Program.



The updated Two Year Brushing Program is attached. The Program is revolving and each year additional projects will be added to maintain a two year listing.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Receive the Two Year Brushing Program for information.
2. Take other action as determined by Council.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of the brushing program is standard yearly costs as per approved operating budgets.

## **LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

As per County Policy OP (40) – Brushing Program, Lacombe County will maintain a two year listing of brushing projects in accordance with the criteria outlined in this policy.

Municipal Government Act – Section 18 (1) - Subject to this or any other Act, a municipality has the direction, control and management of all roads within the Municipality.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Pursuant to Policy AD(40), Public Participation, the level of engagement utilized for the Two Year Brushing Program is to inform. The County is committed to keeping all stakeholders informed through the following engagement tools:

- County Website
- County News
- Media
- Social Media

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

The following elements of the County's Strategic Plan are relevant to this issue:

Core Strategy #6 – Infrastructure

Manage the County's infrastructure



**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the following resolution:

That Council receive the Two Year Brushing Program for information.

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