



AGENDA ITEM

OP(8) Compensation for Road Construction

March 26, 2020

BACKGROUND

At the March 12, 2020 Council meeting an Operations Department policy review was undertaken. At that time it was noted that policy OP(8) Compensation for Road Construction likely had a redundant clause regarding compensation for crop or forage damage.

ANALYSIS

Upon further review of the policy it was determined that the two lines regarding additional compensation for crop and forage damage were redundant and it is not our practice to use these amounts. Instead practice is to use the amounts as outlined in Schedule A.

Further investigation found that the additional compensation clauses were part of older versions of this policy from a time before Schedule A was added to address crop and forage loss more specifically.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Amend the policy as presented.
2. Make no change.
3. Other action(s) as determined by Council

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The policy changes as presented have no budget implications.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Municipal Government Act: Section 3 – The purpose of a municipality are

- (a) to provide good government,
- (b) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary for all or a part of the municipality, and
- (c) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities

Section 153(b) of the MGA states that one of duties of councillors is to: participate general in developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the municipality.



STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Key Principles:

- “Fair and Objective in our decisions and in how we treat individuals”
- “Accountability for our decisions and for our actions”.

Key Success Measures:

- Council Satisfaction: “Policy development, implementation and evaluation”,
- Process and Systems Improvement: “Delegating decisions making to most appropriate level”

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lacombe County sees the value in engaging and informing the public/stakeholders through a variety of mediums as outlined in the *Policy AD(40): Public Participation Policy*. The appropriate level of engagement for each public participation opportunity is selected on a project-to-project basis. For this item the following engagement will take place:

- *Inform:* To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions

Highlights of all County Council meetings are published on the County Website and in the County News. Additionally, all policies are publicly available on the County Website.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the following resolution:

That Council amend policy OP(8) Compensation for Road Construction as presented.

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