## POLICY



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Policy Title  ROADSIDE HAYING	Date: <b>April 13, 2023</b>	Resolution No. C/175/23

## **Policy Statement:**

Lacombe County recognizes the value of legumes and grass growing in municipal road allowances during times of drought. As such, Lacombe County will work cooperatively with agricultural producers who wish to hay Lacombe County road allowances for use on their farming operation.

## **Guidelines/Procedures:**

- 1. Lacombe County shall accept written requests from residents wishing to hay municipal road allowances adjacent to their lands until May 15<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year.
- 2. Residents will be required to enter into a written agreement with Lacombe County providing permission to the resident to hay the road allowance.
- 3. Cutting and baling of hay must be completed by July 15th of each year.
- 4. Bales are to be removed from road allowances within 72 hours or by July 15th, whichever occurs first. Failure to remove bales within 72 hours will result in the removal of the bales by Lacombe County. Costs associated with the removal of the bales will be charged to the resident granted permission to hay the road allowance.
- 5. Bales must not be located on the foreslope of the roadside ditch.
- 6. Bales must not be located within drainage courses.
- 7. Requests to hay municipal road allowances must be submitted annually. Lacombe County reserves the right to refuse permission to hay municipal road allowances.
- 8. Lacombe County reserves the right to manage vegetation and carry out operations within the road allowance at any time.
- 9. All hay produced from Lacombe County road allowances is used at the producer's own risk. Lacombe County will not be held responsible for any adverse effects due to herbicide that may be active in hayed vegetation.