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Policy Statement

Lacombe County has a responsibility to ensure that the construction of approaches and other works within or adjacent to a road allowance under its jurisdiction are constructed in accordance with County standards, specifications, policies, and approvals. The purpose of this policy is to ensure public safety and the protection of the infrastructure.

Verification of compliance with standards, specifications, policies, and approvals will normally be completed through a visual inspection on a fee for services basis.

Regulation

1. Visual inspections will normally be required for:
 - a) Installation of approaches.
 - b) Utility crossings.
 - c) Seismic work within rights-of-way.
 - d) Road use agreements.
 - e) Pipelines and power lines running parallel to a right of way and located within 30 meters of a right-of-way.
 - f) Any works or undertakings within rights-of-way that are not authorized by blanket agreements.
2. Approaches constructed to accommodate agricultural operations or first parcel out subdivisions will require an inspection but are exempt from the inspection fees.
3. Unless prior arrangements for credit have been made, payment for the inspection fee must accompany the request for an inspection.
4. The inspection fee shall be for a single inspection. If follow-up inspections are required, an additional inspection fee may be levied.
5. Time permitting, the inspections will normally be completed and approvals processed within ten working days of receipt of a request and inspection fee.
6. Inspections will be accomplished in a manner to minimize travel.
7. Inspections will include but not be limited to:

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- a) Compliance with standards, specifications, policies, and approvals.
- b) Condition of the road and road right-of-way prior to and following an activity.
- c) Topography.
- d) Sightline issues.
- e) Number of approaches per parcel.
- f) Elevation of approach relative to the road surface.
- g) Works within 30 m of a road allowance.
- h) Drainage.

8. Fees shall be set in accordance with the Rates and Fees Bylaw.

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