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Policy Statement

Approaches located within County road allowances 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 Manager 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 allowance 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 Standards Manual* as generally listed below:
 - a) Approaches onto gravel or dirt roads must have minimum sightlines of 150 meters in both directions.
 - b) Approaches onto paved roads must have minimum sightlines of 200 meters in both directions.
 - c) Approaches onto gravel or dirt roads must be a minimum of 150 meters from an intersection.
 - d) Approaches onto paved roads must be a minimum of 200 meters 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 meters with 4:1 slopes.
 - i) Maximum width for residential approach is 10 meters with 4:1 slopes.
 - j) Minimum width for residential shared approaches is 9 meters with 4:1 slopes.
 - k) Maximum width for residential shared approaches is 10 meters with 4:1 slopes.
 - l) Minimum width for industrial approach is 11.5 meters with 4:1 slopes.
 - m) Maximum width for industrial approach is 14 meters with 4:1 slopes.

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- n) Approach must have the same surface as the road that it enters onto.
 - i. Gravel (100 mm thick) the width of the surface of the approach up to property line on gravel roads.
 - ii. Asphalt approaches must have a structure of 250mm granular base course and 125mm asphalt concrete pavement the width of the surface extending to property line for residential and oilfield access and 4 meters from the edge of the pavement for all other accesses. The applicant will provide \$5,000.00 security prior to approval that will be reimbursed upon completion of paving. The applicant will have 12 months from approval date to have the access installed and paved or the security will be forfeited to the County.

- 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 approaches 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 the applicant wishes to have an access road located parallel to a road allowance approval for an approach will only be considered if the road is located a minimum of 30 meters from the boundary of the right of way.

- 5. 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.

- 6. Where a farm residence has been subdivided on a parcel of land zoned agriculture a maximum of two approaches will be permitted.

- 7. 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 31, 2007.

- 8. 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 OP (27).

- 9. 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.

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10. With the exception of a request made under Section 9 of this policy the applicant 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.
11. 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.
12. All requests for access off a Provincial highway must be submitted to Alberta Transportation for review and approval.
13. If a landowner chooses to remove an access, it is to be done at the landowner's expense. All reclamation work must be completed to the satisfaction of Lacombe County.

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