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Policy Statement

Lacombe County recognizes there may be circumstances when individuals wish to erect a roadside memorial in order to memorialize a fatality as a result of a motor vehicle accident. Roadside memorials can cause safety concerns for the travelling public and maintenance staff. Therefore, roadside memorials on roads under the control and jurisdiction of Lacombe County will only be considered in circumstances where other types of memorials are not available or suitable.

Regulation

1. The County Manager or designate, at their discretion, is authorized to make decisions with respect to erecting roadside memorials.
2. Persons who wish to apply for the placement of a roadside memorial within Lacombe County shall submit a written request to the County Manager with the legal land location and description of the memorial to be placed.
3. Roadside memorials will not be allowed to remain permanently. Approvals for roadside memorials will normally be granted for a period of one to five years.
4. It is the responsibility of the person erecting the roadside memorial to remove it after the approval period has elapsed.
5. Lacombe County reserves the right to remove or relocate a roadside memorial if, at the sole discretion of the County Manager, the memorial poses a hazard to the travelling public or maintenance staff or in the event that the memorial object is in a state of disrepair.
6. The following objects will not be allowed within the County's road allowance:
 - a) Objects placed on the roadway surface.
 - b) Memorials that are constructed from heavy materials or any large object that has a solid base or is secured in such manner that creates a hazard to an errant vehicle.
 - c) Memorials that hinder or impede construction and maintenance operations, restrict driver's sight lines, distract the travelling public or interfere with or obstruct traffic control signs or devices.
 - d) Memorials made of reflective material or illuminated by any means.
 - e) Memorials placed on bridges or around culverts, street lighting fixtures, signs, or other roadway appurtenances.
 - f) Memorials that pose concerns for landowners of adjacent properties.

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7. The applicant is responsible for the maintenance of memorials.
8. Lacombe County will not be held liable for any loss or damage of roadside memorials that may occur due to road maintenance, construction, or other activities.

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