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Policy Statement

Lacombe County recognizes that dust from gravel roads may create health, safety or general nuisance concerns for residents and, therefore, offers a dust treatment program to mitigate the impact of dust in front of residences.

Regulation

1. Rural Residences

- a. The County will arrange for dust control on roads in front of a residence with 33 1/3% percent of the costs for road preparation, dust treatment, and application to be paid by the applicant.
- b. Requests for dust control, along with payment, should be received by the County on or before May 15 of each year.
- c. The resident will have their choice of calcium chloride or other products as approved by the County Manager or designate.
- d. The cost will be the actual cost per lineal meter. Payment must be made in advance when the request for dust treatment is submitted. Requests are to be submitted to the Operations Department with advice on the number of meters required and the legal location of the residence.
- e. The length of the dust control eligible for the subsidized rate under this policy will normally be limited to 200 meters. Applicants requesting dust control in excess of 200 meters shall be responsible for 100% of the costs for road preparation, dust treatment, and application for that portion of the dust control greater than 200 meters.
- f. Dust treatment will normally be undertaken when approximately 10 applications in an area have accumulated. If an insufficient number of applications are received and dust treatment cannot be undertaken, the applicant's payment will be refunded.
- g. Lacombe County will be responsible for erecting proper signage.
- h. Any individual may, subject to approval by the County Manager or designate, arrange for their own dust treatment. The material must be evenly applied by use of a spray bar or similar mechanism and must meet the disposal requirements of Alberta Environment and Parks.
- i. Residents of neighbouring municipalities who reside adjacent to a road under the jurisdiction of Lacombe County may apply for dust treatment under this policy.
- j. Lacombe County reserves the right to rework or remove dust control applications at its own discretion. Normally, dust control applications are good for one dust control season.

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- a. The County may apply dust control on roads within hamlets and subdivisions at no charge if, in the view of the County Manager or designate, severe dust conditions that result from heavy traffic exist.
- b. The type and frequency for the application of dust control is at the sole discretion of Lacombe County.
- c. Dust treatment will normally only be considered where a minimum of 10 residences are affected.
- d. The dust control will be undertaken at the discretion of the County Manager or designate and will be applied annually.
- e. The County Manager or designate will take into consideration the views of residents when determining whether it is appropriate to apply dust control in a hamlet or residential subdivision.

3. Other

- a. Where dust control is requested by a commercial or industrial business that is not required to provide dust control as part of a development permit or agreement, the commercial or industrial operation may apply, pursuant to this policy, for up to 200 meters of dust control at the discretion or to the satisfaction of Lacombe County. The owner or operator of the commercial or industrial business shall be responsible for 100% of the cost of dust control for any distance in excess of 200 meters.
- b. Where dust control is a requirement of a development permit or agreement, the commercial or industrial operation may apply for dust control pursuant to this policy for up to 200 meters of dust control per residence.
- c. Where dust control is a requirement of a development permit or agreement and where the distance for which dust control is to be applied is greater than 200 meters in front of a residence, the owner or operator of the commercial or industrial business shall be responsible for 100% of the cost of dust control for any distance in excess of 200 meters.
- d. Where dust control is a requirement of a development permit or agreement and where dust control is at the discretion or to the satisfaction of Lacombe County, this shall mean that dust control must be provided using the same product, rates of application and frequency of application as Lacombe County provides pursuant to this policy.

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