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### Policy Statement

Lacombe County recognizes the need to facilitate the effective management of manure using the dragline method. Lacombe County will consider the placement of culverts in selective roads to accommodate draglines and allow producers the opportunity to reduce the amount of road damage and improve safety by placing delivery lines through the road structure, which in turn will allow for less truck and tractor traffic on the road system.

Lacombe County will consider requests for the installation of culverts to accommodate draglines subject to budget allocations and other priority maintenance requirements.

### Regulation

1. Culverts currently installed in the road shall be used where possible. New culverts may be required for the installation once the location is approved.
2. The culverts installed for manure management shall be placed in a location that does not affect natural drainage patterns and does not facilitate the drainage of water from one property to an adjoining property.
3. Lacombe County, at its own discretion, may remove the culvert(s) at any time.
4. Lacombe County may limit the number of culvert locations that any one producer may be allowed.
5. The producer shall submit an application to Lacombe County, providing the legal land location and the size of culvert being requested. Lacombe County will need a minimum of 30 days' notice prior to the culvert being required.
6. The producer shall meet with the Lacombe County representative at a mutually agreeable time to review the request and agree on the location of the culvert.
7. If approved, the producer shall enter into an agreement with the County prior to the work taking place.
8. The producer shall be responsible for the cost of the materials and pay the County for the materials prior to the installation.
9. The producer shall install the delivery line 24 hours prior to the work taking place and remove the line from the road allowance immediately after the work is completed.
10. The producer shall not impede access to land with the delivery line or any other associated equipment during the pumping operation.

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11. The delivery line shall be installed and removed in daylight hours.
12. The delivery line and associated equipment must not impede the general maintenance operations of Lacombe County, which includes, but is not limited to grass cutting, weed control, brushing, or drainage works.
13. Professional manufactured signs must be installed prior to the placement and removal of the delivery line to warn the traffic of the operation. Two signs placed on either side of the works shall be installed. The signs shall be installed 200 meters to 300 meters back from each end of the works and spaced a minimum of 100 meters apart. Signage must be removed once the delivery line is installed and/or removed.

The signs must be:

1. 60 cm X 60 cm (24" X 24");
  2. Black lettering on an orange background;
  3. Two - Construction Ahead;
  4. Two - Slow to 50 Km/h.
14. Lacombe County will not be liable for any damages associated with the installation, removal, or operation of the delivery line or drag line.
  15. The producer shall be financially responsible for all damages to the road allowance caused by the installation of the delivery line. The County will determine the extent of the damages and invoice the producer based on the cost of the repairs using County's current year Equipment Rates.
  16. Normally, culvert installations will not be considered under paved surfaces. If there is no other alternative, Lacombe County will consider allowing for the installation of a culvert under paved surfaces using a boring method of installation, with the producer paying for both the cost of the culvert and the installation of the culvert.
  17. Consent from other landowners may be required if the producer does not own the land adjacent to the proposed culvert location.
  18. All applicable municipal, provincial and federal legislation shall apply to the manure management project.
  19. The County Manager or designate is authorized to approve the request for culverts pursuant to this policy.

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