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Policy Title <b>UPGRADING OF ROADS TO SERVICE THE RESOURCE INDUSTRY</b>	Date <b>August 28, 2025</b>	Resolution No. <b>C/371/25</b>

### **Policy Statement**

Lacombe County recognizes that the resource industry may need to access sites that are not currently serviced by built-up municipal roads or where the road is not built to a standard required to accommodate the traffic to a site. If a resource facility (well, compressor station, etc) requires regular servicing and the municipal road used for access is not up to a standard required to accommodate the traffic to the site, the owner of the resource facility shall be responsible for the upgrading of the road(s). The County Manager or designate is hereby authorized to enter into Resource Road Construction Agreements and to make other determinations pursuant to this policy.

### **Regulation**

1. Where the owner of a resource facility is required to construct or upgrade a road under the control and jurisdiction of Lacombe County to access their facility, they must sign a "Resource Road Construction Agreement".
2. Unless otherwise specified, roads shall be constructed to an Access Road Standard as outlined in the Lacombe County Standards Manual.
3. Determination of the need and extent of improvements to a road is at the sole discretion of Lacombe County.
4. The owner of the resource facility shall provide security in the amount of \$150,000 per kilometre of road that may need to be improved or constructed, or in the event that the estimated cost of construction is greater than \$150,000 per kilometre, an amount equal to the estimated cost of construction.
5. Security shall be in the form of a bond, certified cheque, money order, or irrevocable letter of credit payable to Lacombe County.
6. The security will be released after the road has been constructed to Lacombe County standards and upon satisfactory inspection by the County, or in the event that the gas or oil well is not a producing well the owner of the well provides confirmation in writing that the well is not a producing well and that the well site has been reclaimed.
7. In the event that the owner of the resource facility does not build the road within one year, the security will be forfeited and the approval for access to the site from a municipal road may be withdrawn. Determination to withdraw an approval for access to the site from a municipal road shall be at the sole discretion of Lacombe County.
8. In the event that a gas or oil well is not a producing well and the owner chooses to abandon the site, the owner of the well will not be required to construct or upgrade the municipal access road provided the owner of the well returns the municipal access road to its original condition and to the satisfaction of the County.

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9. The owner of the resource facility is responsible for road maintenance until the upgrading is completed and upon satisfactory inspection by the County.
10. Unless otherwise directed by the County, public access must be maintained on any municipal road used to access a resource site.
11. Notwithstanding the requirements of this policy the County may waive the requirement to upgrade a municipal access road if the well is a coal bed methane well that requires minimal servicing, the life expectancy is of a short duration and the owner of the well provides maintenance security in the amount of \$20,000 per kilometre, to a maximum of \$50,000 per company, and the company enters into an agreement with Lacombe County ensuring they will provide road maintenance for the life of the well to the satisfaction of the County.
12. Approval for the location and construction of an approach to access a resource site must be done in accordance with Policy OP (29) Approaches.