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Policy Title FENCING ADJACENT TO UNDEVELOPED ROAD ALLOWANCES	Date April 24, 2025	Resolution No. C/209/25

Policy Statement

Lacombe County has the direction, control and management of all roads within its boundaries and recognizes that the primary purpose of roads and rights-of-way is to provide public access. Council acknowledges that there may be circumstances where property owners wish to make an arrangement with respect to the location of fences adjacent to an undeveloped road allowance for the purpose of grazing livestock.

Guidelines/Procedures

1. Lacombe County will not require the construction of fences to be on both sides of the undeveloped road allowance where the owners or occupiers of property adjacent to an undeveloped road allowance enter into an arrangement with neighbouring property owners for the location, construction and maintenance of fences to accommodate the grazing of livestock or other farming practices.
2. The fencing arrangement between adjacent property owners will only be recognized in situations where public access will not be adversely impacted.
3. Unopened road allowances are generally to be left in their natural state.
4. If the adjacent property owners are unable to come to an agreement on fencing or if there is an objection to the fencing arrangement by the general public, the adjacent property owners who wish to control livestock will be required to remove any fencing located on the road allowance and erect a fence on the property line.
5. Lacombe County will not become involved in disputes between neighbours over the location, construction or maintenance of fences. Residents should contact the Alberta Farmers' and Property Rights Advocate Offices or refer to the Line Fence Act and Stray Animals Act for guidance in resolving disputes.
6. Lacombe County reserves the right to require adjacent property owners to remove any fences that may have been placed within the road rights-of-way.
7. Lacombe County will not assume responsibility for any costs or losses related to the construction, maintenance or removal of fences on road rights-of-way.

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