

COUNTY OF WETASKIWIN NO. 10 Municipal Policy & Procedures Manual	FUNCTION: 6000 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
	SECTION: 6200 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

BACKSLOPING POLICY #6241

POLICY STATEMENT

The Council of the County of Wetaskiwin recognises the value of and promotes the backsloping of ditches as it increases total area of farmable land for producers, helps to promote weed control, eliminates potential traffic hazards and provides an aesthetic benefit to all travellers. It is therefore incumbent upon the County to provide or, in the alternative partially reimburse landowners for backsloping work in and around the ditches adjacent to their properties.

PROCEDURES

The County of Wetaskiwin shall ensure all landowners:

1. Have backsloping work performed when the County undertakes road building or road improvements on the local roads adjacent to their property, or in the alternative,
2. Have County equipment and staff carry out the requested backsloping work, contingent upon resources and as time permits; or in the alternative
3. Qualify for partial reimbursement of expenses incurred in performing backsloping work on the County road allowance ditches adjacent to their property with private resources and equipment, should the County not be able to carry out the request for backsloping in as expedient a manner as desired by the landowner.

In the event the landowner is not scheduled for road upgrading or building in the near future, the Landowner may choose to be placed upon a waiting list for work to be performed and the County will perform the backsloping upon the following conditions:

1. The landowner will complete an application for the provision of backsloping.
2. A physical site inspection is carried out prior to the commencement of the backsloping.
3. A final inspection is conducted after all work is completed.
4. The landowner shall be responsible for brush disposal and for fence removal and erection.

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In the event the landowner is not scheduled for road upgrading or building in the near future, and chooses not to be placed upon a waiting list for work to be performed, the County will fund 60% of costs in backsloping, up to a maximum of \$750.00 per half-mile upon the following conditions:

1. The landowner will complete an application for the provision of backsloping.
2. A physical site inspection is carried out prior to the commencement of the backsloping.
3. A final inspection is conducted after all work is completed.
4. Payments are made upon satisfactory completion of all work involved, and upon receipt of invoice.
5. Receipts must be submitted for all third party contract work and in-house work performed must be invoiced at the following rates:
6. Equipment rates: as per Alberta Road Builders Heavy Construction Rental rates Guide
7. Labor: \$10.00 per hour.
8. Eligible costs include brush removal on the backsloped area only, and removal and redistribution of soil.
9. Fence removal and erection, brush disposal, grass seed and fees for line relocation are not eligible for reimbursement.
10. The landowner shall be responsible for brush disposal and for fence removal and erection

Should the County perform the backsloping work, either through road upgrading activities or upon written request from the landowner, the landowner shall be eligible to have the ditches along the road backsloped at no cost to themselves. Should the backsloping work be performed for the benefit of the County, and at the recommendation of the delegated authorities, brush removal and fence removal and erection shall be performed at the expense of the County and shall not be the responsibility of the affected landowner.

Each division shall be eligible for a total of two (2) miles of backsloping per year. In the event the residents of a district do not request or receive the full allotment in a given fiscal period, the unused portion may, at the discretion of the Council, be allotted to any other district, upon request.

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