



COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2024

REQUEST FOR DECISION - TO COMMITTEE

SUBJECT

TWP 522 TEXAS GATE DISPUTE

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River Policy and Priorities Committee recommend that the County of Vermilion River _____.

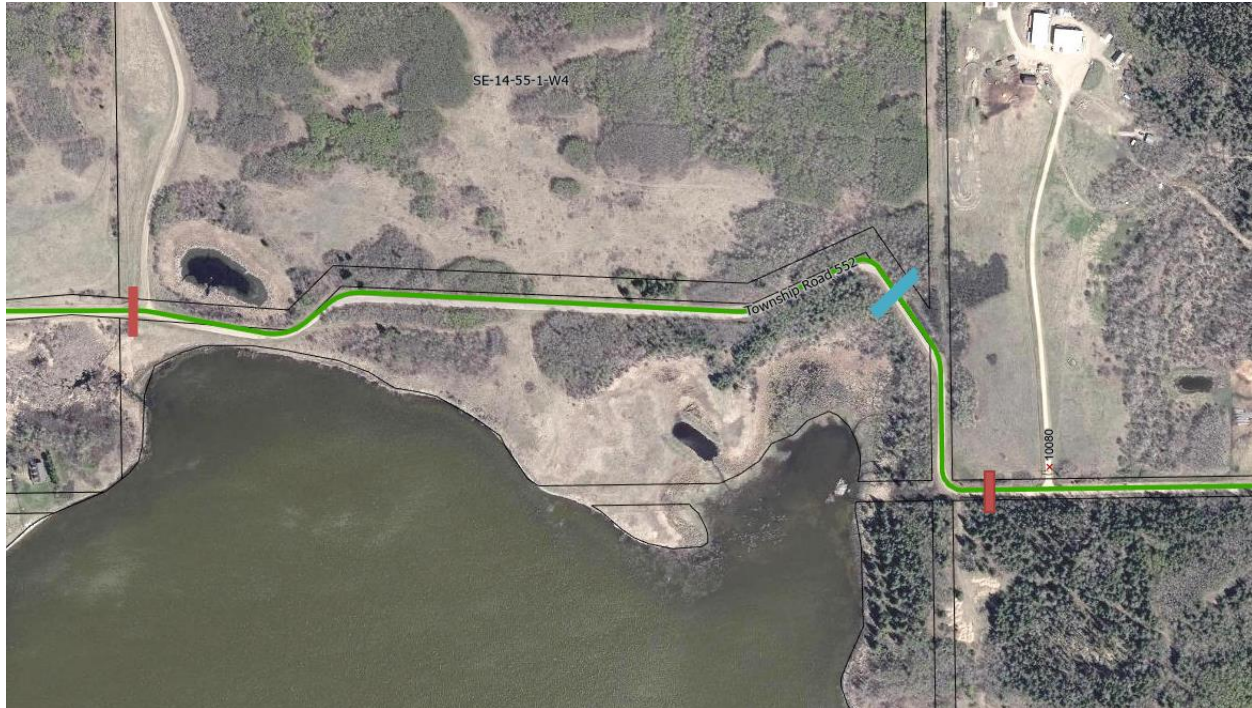
DETAILS

Background:

At the September 24 Council meeting, an application for the installation of a Texas gate was brought forward with the recommendation to deny the application. The circumstances surrounding the application is summarized in the following way:

- Texas gate was installed at the end of August by a property owner without consent of the County of Vermilion River.
- The County of Vermilion River received a complaint regarding the installed gate and engaged with the property owner that installed it, and requested the process be followed and an application be submitted.
- Property owner complied with the request and the item was brought forth at September 24 council meeting.
- The old Texas gate at the furthest East location is planned to be removed with new one being installed.
- The new gate itself meets the material requirements for the standard.
- With the gate being installed in a developed road allowance, it does not meet the requirements for approval as per policy.
- The bus driver has expressed safety concerns with the location of the new Texas gate.
- Council requested further engagement with the Burke Lake Cattle Association and the property owner that installed the Texas gate.

There are three gates now in this section of roadway. The two red lines are the older gates, and the blue line being the newly installed gate.



Discussion:

Public Works has had discussions with Burke Lake Cattle Association regarding the Texas gates. Their main points of discussion are:

- Access to the Lake at the South is needed for their cattle.
- This quarter section is primarily used as a holding quarter in the Fall before moving the cattle out from the area.
- They are indifferent to the location of the east Texas gate.
- They are wanting to avoid fencing the road right of way and prefers the Texas gates to be in place.
- The association is willing to take ownership of both Texas gates at the end of the process.



Lorne Larson:

- Lorne has expressed desire of where the new gate is installed.
- Lorne is willing to remove the old gate a restore the road.

Public Works also met with Buffalo Trail School Transportation Division on October 9, 2024. Buffalo Trails completed a safety assessment of the Texas gate and road access. During this discussion it was agreed between Lorne and the school division that Lorne would drive the kids further down the road and the bus does not require to go down the road.

After these consultations, Public Works recommends following the policy.

Public Works will be reviewing and updating the Texas Gate policy over the next few months and it will come back to Council.

Relevant Policy/Legislation Practices:

Desired Outcome (s):

Response Options:

- To not approve the newly installed Texas gate and leave the previous ones in place.
- To approve the newly installed gate and require the eastern gate to be removed.
- To not approve the gate and require the other two gates be removed. This will require a fence be built.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

Organizational: N/A

Financial: N/A

Communication Required: Response to the two parties regarding the outcome.

Implementation: Upon Council approval.



ATTACHMENTS

Texas Gate Policy

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DATE: October 9, 2024