

POLICY PW 011	TEXAS GATE STANDARDS & PROCEDURES POLICY
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APPROVAL DATE AND MOTION:	June 2004 (66-06-04)	CROSS-REFERENCE:	
RESPONSIBILITY:	General Manager – Public Works Operations	APPENDICES:	Schedule A
APPROVER:	Council	EFFECTIVE DATE:	June 2004
REVISION DATE(S)/ MOTION #	May 28, 24 (2024-05-77)	NEXT REVIEW DATE:	May 2027

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.a. **Council** means the Council of the County of Vermilion River
- 1.b. **Chief Administrative Officer** or **CAO** means the Chief Administrative Officer of the County, or their delegate.
- 1.c. **Landowner** means a person who is registered under the Land Titles Act as owner of the land.
- 1.d. **Business** means a registered company that conducts their business within the County of Vermilion River.
- 1.e. **Texas Gate** means a barrier installed within the road surface that prevents animals from crossing the barrier and allows free movement of vehicle traffic.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.a. The **County of Vermilion River** recognizes the need and convenience of installing approved **Texas Gates** on road allowances within the **County of Vermilion River**.

3. OBJECTIVE

- 3.a. To provide the ability for a **Landowner** or **Business** to request approval from the **County of Vermilion River** to install a **Texas Gate** within a road right of way at the expense of the **Landowner/Business**.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.a. This policy was introduced as a way to allow for **Landowners** or a **Business** to request approval from the **County of Vermilion River** to install a **Texas Gate** within certain road right of ways throughout the **County of Vermilion River** at the expense of the **Landowner/Business**.
- 4.b. This policy addresses the costs of installation and maintenance of **Texas Gates**.

5. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 5.a. **Texas Gates** may only be authorized on municipal roads by motion of council. **Landowners/Businesses** requesting **Texas Gates** on municipal roads must install and accept total responsibility for the same. A form outlining these requirements must be signed by the **Landowner/Business** requesting the gate before the gate is to be installed; the applicant must also include the location and term of proposed use (Refer to Schedule "A").
- 5.b. It is the requesting parties' responsibilities to obtain written permission from adjacent **landowners** to the proposed **Texas Gate** installation site before the council motion is passed.
- 5.c. The **Landowner/Business** is responsible for the maintenance of the **Texas Gate** after the initial installation. If the **Landowner/Business** fails to complete maintenance, the **County of Vermilion River** will complete the work and the **Landowner/Business** shall reimburse the **County of Vermilion River** for all costs incurred by the **County of Vermilion River** in maintaining the **Texas Gate** after the date of initial installations, including expenses for labour, materials, travel, and equipment.
- 5.d. **Texas Gates** identified on **County of Vermilion River** road allowance that are not authorized by motion of **Council** shall be removed unless the owner takes responsibility and makes application to have the gate approved by motion.
- 5.e. **Texas Gates** are permitted only on road allowances that have an undeveloped road.

- 5.f. **Texas Gates** are not permitted to be installed on Industry built lease roads within the road right of way that the **County of Vermilion River** intends to take over the maintenance and replacement of in the future.
- 5.g. The **County of Vermilion River** reserves the right to order **Texas Gates** to be removed at its discretion.

6. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

ROLE/TASK	TITLE(S) OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE
HANDLING INQUIRIES	General Manager – Public Works Operations
MONITORING REVIEWS AND REVISIONS	General Manager- Public Works Operations in conjunction with the Executive Assistant to CAO and Council
IMPLEMENTING POLICY	Council
COMMUNICATING POLICY	Chief Administrative Officer
INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS	Administration, Council
EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS	Landowner, Business, Public

7. EXCEPTIONS

None.

8. POLICY EVALUATION

- 8.a. That the **County** will engage in a Policy evaluation every three years to monitor effectiveness of the policy and review opportunities for improvement.
- 8.b. Needs assessment if required.
- 8.c. Process evaluation to determine whether the policy has met its objective.

- 8.d. Outcome evaluation to determine whether the policy has met its objectives and whether additional opportunities for improvement in the policy can be identified.