

# Clearwater County

## ROAD SURFACING AND OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS – PRIORITY SETTING

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 26, 2003

**Revised date:** July 29, 2010, May 28, 2013

**SECTION:** Public Works

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

To guide administration in making recommendations to Council and to assist Council in determining road surfacing priorities in the County.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. The primary priority for the existing surfaced road network will be to the development of ban free road structures.
2. Typically, additional paved or surfaced road infrastructure development will only be expanded through funding partnerships such as: Provincial or Federal grant(s), third party funding (e.g. industry) or local improvement tax.
3. The maintenance overlays will be reflected on a priority list with a 3 year paving capital budget, as well as a 7 year forecast being used to assist in capital and financial planning.
4. Depending on the construction techniques utilized and the availability of funds, subgrade preparation work and surfacing work may occur in the same construction year.
5. All new asphalt surfaced road structures shall be constructed as to achieve a weight allowance minimum of 100% during ban season.
6. To assist in establishing a priority list the following factors will be considered.
  - **Provides network links to areas of the municipality, between the Province's Provincial Highways and to other municipalities;**
  - **Provides for a fair distribution of paved surfaces throughout the settled or sparsely settled portions of the municipality;**
  - **Cost benefits of installing a paved surface as opposed to maintaining a highly used gravel road.**
7. Notwithstanding other sections of this policy, council will also prioritize major projects that will be worked on as funds and opportunities present themselves. This list will include only paving projects or major grading/regravelling projects in more remote areas of the County.

To assist in planning and pursuing projects of this nature council will annually place approximately \$ 300,000 in the annual municipal budget. This money may be used for upgrades to these roads, for cost sharing with industry or the Provincial Government, or it may be placed in a reserve for future use.

Roads that may be eligible for funding under this program include:

- Red Deer River Access Road
  - North Fork road
  - O'Chiese Road
  - Chungo Road
  - Swan Lake Road
  - Cutoff Creek Road
8. Construction standards will be established by Council on a recommendation from the Director, Public Works for each project through criteria set out in the Clearwater County Road Standards Policy. In determining these standards consideration will be given to the long term road utilization.