

14. ROAD CROSSINGS – GATHERING & PROCESSING PIPELINES

Policy:

Mountain View County permits the crossing of developed and undeveloped road allowances for the purpose of pipeline installation.

Definition:

1. Developed roads are roads usually referred to as local roads and may have finished surfaces of gravel or hard top.
2. Undeveloped roads are local right-of-ways that have not been developed..

Regulations:

1. At developed roads, pipelines shall be buried a depth of 3 meters below the ditch bottom to the top of the pipe for the entire width of the right of way and the pipe shall be bored under the roadway.
2. In situations where boring is not possible, the roadway may be open cut with the prior approval of Mountain View County.
3. At undeveloped road allowances where the possibility of future road development exists, the top of the pipeline shall be maintained at 3 meters below the minimum ground level throughout the 30 meter right of way.
4. Administration may waive the requirement for a 3-metre depth when it can be shown that the 3-metre depth cannot be attained.
5. The contractor shall cover the pipe under the roadbed with 3 meters of soil and complete the fill with pit run gravel to finish the road grade. If the road allowance is developed then the roadway shall be returned to its former condition.
6. Where ditching or other operations create the potential to interrupt traffic, barricades and warning signs shall be erected by the contractor at the crossing and at the entrances to the road affected.
7. Open ditches that cross the traveled portion of a road shall not be left unattended unless a detour has been provided.
8. Where traffic is to be detoured around ditching or other operations, signs shall be erected to direct the traffic throughout the detour.
9. During the hours of darkness or when visibility is less than 100 meters, warnings, detour signs and excavations shall be illuminated by flashing lights.
10. The backfill shall be placed and tamped in layers and, in the case of gravel roads or highways, a 150mm layer of gravel shall be applied at the road level.

11. The road is to be restored to its original condition and to the satisfaction of Mountain View County. Completed crossings are to be inspected and approved by the County's Public Works Superintendent. Such approval by the Public Works Superintendent will be provided in writing to the contractor.
12. Only grass seed that has a certification content approved by the Agriculture Fieldman prior to seeding shall be used for re-seeding purposes.
13. The applicant will pay a fee established annually by Council to cover administrative costs and inspections required to be undertaken by the County.
14. The County may establish conditions to accompany the approval. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, reclamation seeding and other conditions that would return the road to its original state and which would ensure the safety of persons.

Procedures:

1. Applications for road crossing agreements will be received by the Assistant Commissioner and be processed by the Secretary to the Assistant Commissioner. Applications must include the type of seed to be used for reclamation purposes.
2. The Secretary will forward applications to the Public Works Superintendent for review and comments, and to the Agriculture Fieldman for review of seed certification content.
3. The Public Works Superintendent and Agricultural Fieldman will provide any comments or conditions as are deemed necessary for the particular road crossing.
4. The Secretary to the Assistant Commissioner will prepare the agreements and forward them including any conditions to the company.
5. The company shall return the signed agreement along with the appropriate fee to the County prior to commencing any work.
6. Once the agreement and the fee are received by the County, the company may, with 2 working days notice (telephone), commence the road crossing as per the conditions established by the County.
7. The company shall within 2 working days of completing a road crossing notify the County Public Works Superintendent that the work has been completed.
8. The Public Works Superintendent or his designate shall inspect the finished road crossing and notify the company of any deficiencies within 2 working days of receiving notification that the crossing has been completed.

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