



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PEACE NO.135

AMENDED BY: Barbara Johnson	ADOPTED BY: COUNCIL	NUMBER: PW - 6
TITLE: Brushing of Municipal Road Allowances		DATE: March 12, 2019
<p><u>PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY:</u></p> <p>To control brush growth and regrowth along municipal road allowances, to allow roads to be properly maintained and to ease the implementation of a full ditch mowing/spraying program</p> <hr/> <p><u>POLICY STATEMENT:</u></p> <p>The Municipal District of Peace Public Works Foreman is authorized to undertake brushing of municipal road allowances on a regular basis.</p> <p>Brushing shall be undertaken on a systematic basis unless otherwise directed by Council. Annually, Council will be provided with the upcoming year’s proposed brushing program.</p> <p>In order to adequately advise landowners of the brushing program, landowners who are adjacent to the road allowance being brushed should be contacted/notified even when brushing is only being done within the road allowance.</p> <p>Unless authorized by the landowner, the MD must not do any brushing on private property. If the landowner authorizes brushing to be done on his private property, the MD should not be removing more than 1 blade width (12 feet) of brush.</p> <p>Brushing on private property should only be undertaken if it is the MD’s intention to landscape or reshape the backslope of the ditch in those cases where it is currently a straight cut backslope. Large trees may also be removed if it is determined that they are significantly affecting how quickly the road dries. A signed Brushing Agreement must be obtained before brushing on private property commences.</p> <p>If possible, all fruit bearing bushes such as saskatoons and chokecherries, growing on the backslope of the ditch or near fence lines, should be left. This is particularly important if the bushes are not in the road ditch.</p> <p>The Public Works Foreman shall advise the Municipal Office staff of those road allowances where brushing has been completed.</p> <p>Municipal Office staff shall record the brushed road allowances on a municipal map in order that the Manager of Agricultural Services can ensure that new growth in the brushed area is treated chemically as required to maintain control of the brushed road allowances.</p>		