

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PINEY

“Road and Route Priority Policy”

Subject: Road and Route Priority Policy

Effective Date: December 18, 2013

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A. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Policy shall be to establish guidelines and specifications to be followed for maintenance on municipal roads within the Rural Municipality of Piney.

Any request to deviate from these guidelines and specifications must be forwarded, in writing, to the Chief Administrative Officer at The Rural Municipality of Piney, Box 48, Vassar MB R0C 2J0. Telephone No. 1-204-437-2284; Fax No. 1-204-437-2556.

The party requesting the change shall clearly outline their justification for the deviation and their proposed change(s).

Only replies in writing from the Chief Administrative Officer of the Rural Municipality of Piney shall be considered as being valid replies to the requested deviations from this policy.

B. POLICY:

The following terms are intended to provide the Municipality with basic guidelines for maintenance on developed road allowances within the Rural Municipality of Piney to standards able to safely transport today's vehicular passenger and truck traffic.

The Rural Municipality of Piney has classified roads in accordance to service needs and priority. Three tiers of service will be established, designating roads based upon residency, use and road surface design. The follow three categories are to be used;

Level 1: High priority, receiving regular maintenance and snow clearing.

Level 2: Secondary priority, receiving periodic maintenance based upon need and request.

Level 3: Minimal maintenance roads.

1. Summer Blading (Schedule "A")

Level 1 Roads: Level 1 roads will receive regular maintenance blading. Maintenance intervals may vary based upon weather trends, heavy traffic and spring thaw. This road would classify as an all-weather road.

Level 2 Roads: Level 2 roads will receive 2 to 3 blading per year, one after spring thaw and one prior to winter. A third blading may be warranted based upon summer conditions and traffic use. These would be all-weather road, but may not have favorable driving condition during poor weather conditions.

Level 3 Roads: Level 3 roads are minimal maintenance roads; these will only receive spot repairs and blading as warranted at the discretion of the Public Works Supervisor. These are not deemed all weather roads.

2. Summer Mowing (Schedule "B")

Level 1 Roads: Level 1 roads will receive a minimum of one top cut mowing per year and may receive a second top cut at the discretion of the Public Works Supervisor.

Level 2 Roads: Level 2 roads may receive a minimum of one top cut mowing per year.

Level 3 Roads: Level 3 roads may receive a minimum of one top cut mowing per year, but these roads will be placed last on the priority list.

3. Winter Snow Clearing (Schedule “C”)

Level 1 Roads: Level 1 roads will receive snow clearing when accumulated snow depths exceed 4”. Snow clearing activities will commence after the snow conditions have ended and there is no risk of additional snow fall within the next 36 hours.

Level 2 Roads: Level 2 roads will receive snow clearing when accumulated snow depths exceed 8”; there is a permanent assessable dwelling on a parcel of land adjacent to the road and/or at the discretion of the Public Works Supervisor. The road will be cleared when the municipality has equipment working in the area. If there has been no request for clearing throughout the winter, a spring snow removal effort will be attempted to remove the moisture from the road surface.

Level 3 Roads: Level 3 roads will not receive any snow clearing activity throughout the winter. A spring snow removal effort may be attempted to remove the moisture from the road surface and at the discretion of the Public Works Supervisor. Requests for snow removal will be handled on a user pay system; fees to be established by cost plus 15% administration.

4. Winter Sanding and Salting

Level 1 Roads: Level 1 roads will only receive winter sanding and salting as deemed necessary and when hazardous conditions warrant. During winter driving conditions, motorists are responsible to drive according to the conditions that exist.

Level 2 Roads: Level 2 roads will not be sanded or salted.

Level 3 Roads: Level 3 roads will not be sanded or salted.

5. Snow Ditching

The Rural Municipality of Piney will only undertake snow ditching in emergency circumstances as deemed necessary by the Public Works Supervisor and where the real potential exists for property damage to homes, farm sites or infrastructure.

6. Culvert Steaming

The Rural Municipality of Piney will only undertake culvert steaming in emergency circumstances as deemed necessary by the Public Works Supervisor and where the real potential exists for property damage to homes, farm sites or infrastructure.

7. Street Lighting

Street lighting priorities exist within the development centers of the municipality. Street lighting is to remain at the same consistency for any new developments and requests.

Street lighting request outside of the development centers will be considered on a case by case circumstance, only those cases showing a high hazard potential will be carried forward.

C. MAPS

At least once a term, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Piney will review the service level maps, here attached as Schedules A, B and C. Amendments will be adopted by resolution.