

# Rural Municipality of Riding Mountain West

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Policy Title: <b>Haying within Road Right-of-Way</b>	Pages: <b>2</b>
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## 1. POLICY

This policy is developed to permit, with conditions the mowing of road allowance for hay salvage.

## 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to remind ratepayers that haying of road allowances is a common practice with mutual benefit to landowners and the municipality and to stipulate that no cultivation can take place beyond the bottom of the ditch as actual road slopes will be adversely affected.

## 3. SCOPE

This policy applies to all employees, councillors, contractors, landowners and ratepayers.

## 4. RESPONSIBILITY

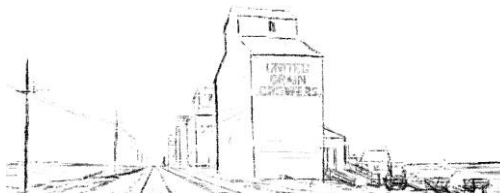
Landowners/ratepayers – responsible to advise the Municipal Administration where haying will occur.

Councillors – required to document where haying of road allowances does not meet the requirements of this policy.

## 5. GUIDELINES

- a) Landowners/lessees must advise the Municipal Administration, prior to June 1 of each year, the area where haying will occur.

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- b) Adjacent landowners or lessees have first choice. Other persons must contact the adjacent landowner or lessee to salvage hay prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- c) After August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, any person may salvage hay without the permission of the adjacent landowner or lessee provided the adjacent landowner or lessee has not begun salvage operations.
- d) The right-of-way must be left in a neat appearance by the person salvaging the hay.
- e) Bales must be at least five metres from the edge of the shoulder of the highway.
- f) All bales must be removed from the right-of-way by August 30th of each year.
- g) In situations where the ditch becomes rutted because of wet conditions, it becomes the responsibility of the individual performing the haying to level and remedy the ditch to its original state.
- h) The Municipality reserves the privilege and right for its employees and/or agents to enter upon the said right-of-way for the maintenance and/or reconstruction of said roadway or for other purposes as may be deemed necessary at no compensation or reimbursement to the party salvaging the hay therefrom.
- i) The Municipality assumes no liability for labourers, machinery or bales relating to the salvage of hay operations.
- j) In order to minimize hazards, any bales not meeting the requirements of items e) and f) above may be removed by the RM, and any bales so removed will become the property of the Municipality.
- k) No person shall cut hay on any portion of road right-of-way in the Municipality so as to obstruct the travelled portion of the road.
- l) No person shall cut hay on any portion of road right-of-way within the Municipality during the period one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.
- m) Mowing may take place by the Municipality in certain areas prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> as required for safety and aesthetic reasons.