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New County Road Use Agreement Bylaw taking effect on June 1st

The new Road Use Agreement Bylaw (2974) within the County of Grande Prairie boundaries will be taking effect June 1, 2013. The Bylaw is intended to protect the integrity of municipal roads without imposing weight restrictions and also ensure the safety of road users.

“The County has received a number of calls from residents concerned about their safety, dust control and road damage along our roads,” said Herb Pfau, County Public Works Superintendent. “This has prompted County Council and administration to create the Road Use Agreement Bylaw.”

Bylaw 2974 is meant to protect the County’s transportation network from deterioration. An important new condition of Bylaw 2974 is that going forward resource companies will be considered as Prime Contractors.

Prime Contractors and Contractors must all enter a Road Use Agreement which holds them liable for road damages they may cause while using County roads.

Another clause in Bylaw 2974 requires that any convoy of five or more trucks going to a single location provides a minimum of 24 hours notification to the County. If parties do not comply with regulations in the Bylaw, the County reserves the right to implement a road ban.

To obtain a full copy of Bylaw 2974 outlining all conditions, please visit www.countygp.ab.ca. For more information, please contact Deryle Penner, County Resource Coordinator at 780-532-7393.

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