



# Roadside Mowing

Agricultural Services  
Policy D18

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## Policy Purpose

To establish a policy for the control of roadside vegetation and the spread of weeds along the County of Grande Prairie No.1 roadside right-of-ways to enhance weed control, facilitate better drainage, maintain County road integrity, control mosquito and rodent populations, and clear road visibility for traffic safety.

## Policy Statement

To control roadside right-of-way vegetation along road right-of-ways, including noxious, prohibited noxious, and nuisance weed control, and light brush management in a safe and cost-efficient manner.

## Definitions

“Brush” means woody vegetation such as shrubs, saplings or mature trees growing in a county right of way

“County roadside right-of-ways” means a publicly owned property typically used for the location of roads, services, watermains, sidewalks and walkways.

“Deleterious” means any item located in the road ditch with the potential to impede or block normal mowing operation, cause damage to mowing equipment or harm to the operator

“Noxious and Prohibited Noxious Weeds” means any plant regulated as per the Weed Control Act (2008)

“Nuisance Weeds” means any weed or plant not regulated by the Weed Control Act (2008)

“Right-of-way” means the publicly owned property typically used for the location of roads, sewers, water mains, sidewalks and walkways;

“Roads” means any trail, street, road or highway under the management and control of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 used as a public roadway including bridges and culverts



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“Road Ditch” means the open storm water system located on one or both sides of the roadway and which is used for the collection and conveyance of snow or storm water within a ditch system of a road to the nearest point of relief to maintain natural drainage as much as possible.

“Roadside Vegetation” means any regulated weeds, unregulated nuisance weeds or plant, grasses, tame forages, forbs, shrubs, and brush growing in the road ditch.

“Slashing” means removal of heavy, dense, or mature brush in the road ditch by manual methods using handheld cutting tools such as chain saws or brush axes or mechanical methods using heavy equipment with attachments for mowing, raking, crushing, or chipping

### Policy Guidelines

1. The County will mow a 4.57-metre (15-foot) shoulder cut on all designated County roadside right-of-ways where possible.
2. All County roadside right of ways shall receive at least one pass each season unless unforeseen circumstances arise. Priority will be given to all school bus routes and busy roads.
3. Roadside mowing addresses roadside vegetation that mowing equipment can effectively handle. All brush requiring slashing as well as rocks, culverts, tires, and other deleterious materials shall be noted for removal.

### Attachments

None

### References

<b>Legal Authorities</b>	None
<b>Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, Etc.</b>	Policy B1 Policy Development Policy D14 Nuisance Weed Control
<b>Other</b>	None

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