



# Dust Control

## Public Works Policy N8

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### Policy Purpose

To establish the procedures and standards for dust control suppressant application on County roads.

### Policy Statement

The County of Grande Prairie No.1 will endeavor to undertake dust control measures on County roads subject to available funds and as indicated annually in the municipal budget.

### Definitions

“Annual County Dust Control Program” is the Annual program where the County accepts orders and payment for the application of dust control suppressant.

“Chief Administrative Officer” (CAO) means the person appointed by Council to the position of Chief Administrative Officer under the Municipal Government Act for the County or designate.

“Council” means the duly elected Council members of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

“County” means the municipality of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 having jurisdiction under the Municipal Government Act and other applicable legislation.

“County Park” means a County operated park within the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

“Dust Control Suppressant” is the application of a dust suppressant, such as calcium chloride or spec crude oil, to gravel roads to minimize road dust.

“Other Parties” is anyone other than the County of Grande Prairie No.1.

### Policy Guidelines

1. The application of Dust Control Suppressant will be carried out by the County in accordance with this Policy and:
  - 1.1. An approved Annual County Dust Control Program developed by Council and the Public Works Department.



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- 1.2. Within Annual County Dust Control Program budget limits.
- 1.3. Dust Control will be applied to County Infrastructure and to certain locations in municipalities contained within the boundaries of the County on a cost recovery basis.
2. Areas to receive Dust Control as required, and at no cost are indicated in the following priority order:
  - 2.1. Residences adjacent to roads to County Parks;
  - 2.2. Residences adjacent to roads to County gravel pits during County gravel haul operations;
  - 2.3. Residences adjacent to Secondary Highway with the approval from Alberta Transportation;
  - 2.4. Residents adjacent to County Landfills as primary access roads are to be identified by Public Works; and
  - 2.5. Other sites identified with the approval from Public Works and Council.

#### Application for Dust Control

3. Each year the County will advertise the opening and closure dates to order Dust Control Suppressant as part of the Annual County Dust Control Program.
4. Dust Control Suppressant may be applied for a minimum length of 100 meters in front of residences.
5. All orders must be completed by the applicant and necessary payment must be received by the County prior to the acceptance of the order.
6. Orders will be received until the last day of April for consideration in developing the Annual Dust Control Program.
7. Orders received after the Annual Dust Control Program deadline may be subject to full cost recovery fees.
8. Fees will be reviewed annually and approved in the County Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.
9. Dust control for Capital Construction Projects will be completed in accordance with contract documents.

#### Application of Dust Control

10. Dust Control Suppressant will be applied upon lifting of spring road bans, and as materials and equipment become available.



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11. The County does not in any way guarantee the effectiveness of the Dust Control Suppressant. Once the suppressant has been applied no refunds of the application fee will be made, unless authorized by the Director of Public Works or designate.
12. The County reserves the right to maintain Dust Control Suppressant treated sections of roadway as deemed appropriate by the Public Works Department.
13. Exceptions and exemptions to this policy may be considered and are at the discretion of the Director of Public Works.

#### Application of Dust Control Suppressants by Other Parties

14. Applications from County residents and resource companies to privately apply Dust Control Suppressants on municipal roads may be considered in extraordinary circumstances if:
  - 14.1. the applicant completes the Application to Apply Dust Control to County Roads and receives approval from the Director of Public Works or their designate;
  - 14.2. the Dust Control Suppressants have been approved by the County;
  - 14.3. the County approves the desired location of the Dust Control Suppressant;
  - 14.4. the Dust Control Suppressants be applied in a manner that meets County standards (in a professional manner);
  - 14.5. the applicant accepts full responsibility for the Dust Control Suppressant applied;
  - 14.6. The applicant agrees to indemnify and save harmless the County with respect legal liability in connection with the approach installation and will adhere to all applicable laws, standards, regulations, and safety protocols.

## References

<b>Legal Authorities</b>	N/A
<b>Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, Etc.</b>	Policy B1 – Policy Development
<b>Other</b>	Application to Apply Dust Control Suppressants to County Roads – available on County website

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