



**POLICY**  
**Cattle Guard Installation and  
Registration**

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**1.0 PURPOSE:**

- 1.1 The purposes of this policy are:
- a. To ensure that the Rural Municipality is aware of the existence of all cattle guards situated on road allowances and surveyed roads within the municipality;
  - b. To ensure all cattle guards on road allowances and surveyed roads are constructed and maintained to a standard satisfactory to the RM Council that will safely withstand the weights and sizes of vehicles and equipment travelling on them.

**2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 2.1 Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) is responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy.
- 2.2 Responsibilities of Council:
- a. The cattle guard committee shall inspect all cattle guards in the RM annually;
  - b. The cattle guard committee shall investigate any complaints received regarding cattle guards, and take appropriate action;
  - c. Council shall review this policy once per year, unless it is deemed that changes are required sooner.

**3.0 IMPLEMENTATION-PROCEDURE**

- 3.1 The Cattle Guard Committee shall be a consist of council as a whole, whereby all council members are appointed. Matters pertaining to cattle guard installation proposals, and or maintenance issues shall be discussed at regular or special meetings of council.
- 3.2 Registration and Approval
- a. Registration of existing cattle guards on road allowances and surveyed roads will be required, and will include the land owners name and location.
  - b. Formal approval shall not be deemed given until the landowner has signed a Texas Gate Agreement with this municipality.
- 3.3 Proposals for new cattle guards
- a. Written permission from the RM must be obtained before a cattle guard can by placed on a road allowance or surveyed municipal road.
  - b. A detailed plan of the location and construction of the cattle guard must by submitted, in writing, to council of the municipality **prior** to installation.
  - c. Proof of liability insurance must be provided prior to approval
  - d. Adjacent landowners affected by the installation of a cattle guard will be notified by the municipality.
  - e. If the cattle guard is proposed to be installed on a surveyed road allowance, where it is deemed there is sufficient traffic to warrant public notice, approval will be given after notice has been advertised in the local paper.

### 3.4 Standards and Specifications

- a. Must meet the minimum weight requirements according to Provincial Weight Restrictions;
- b. Space between cross members shall be a minimum of 5" on 2 7/8" pipe or equivalent strength;
- c. Pipe cross members should be a minimum of 2 7/8" or equivalent strength;
- d. Cross members shall be supported by a minimum of 4 6x6 X ½ I beam or T iron, or equivalent strength;
- e. Cattle guard shall be a minimum of 20' x 7' on municipal all-weather roads
- f. Material shall be all steel construction sitting on a steel, concrete, or treated lumber foundation;
- g. An alternate crossing in the form of a minimum 30' gate in the fence within a reasonable distance of the cattle guard, and an approach from the road allowance to the fence gate on both sides, to accommodate passage of wide or heavy equipment.
- h. On undeveloped road allowances or bladed trails, size and standards shall be set by council.
- i. If any of these standards are not met, council may order the cattle guard repaired or removed. If the landowner does not comply, RM personnel will remove the cattle guard and repair the road site, and the landowner shall be invoiced for any and all costs associated with said removal and repair.

### 3.5 Installation and Maintenance

- a. The landowner is responsible for all costs incurred for the construction, and installation and ongoing maintenance of the cattle guard.
- b. The landowner will be responsible for the initial cost of signage and ongoing maintenance of the said signs. The municipality shall furnish the signs and provide the initial installation, with all costs charged to the landowner
- c. The following signs must be erected at the time of installation:
  - i. 'Cattle Guard' (or 'Texas Gate') signs ahead of the gates;
  - ii. Advisory Speed signs ahead of the gates;
  - ii. 'Cattle at Large' sign at each end of area enclosed by Texas Gate or area of cattle running at large.
- d. Installation must be supervised by RM personnel.
- e. The landowner shall assume full responsibility and all liability associated with the installation and use of said gates.

3.6 If the road requirements of the municipality change in the future, the municipality reserves the right to have the gates removed.

## 4.0 REVISION HISTORY

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