

M.D. of Opportunity No 17
TRANSPORTATION POLICY

TITLE: **ROAD MAINTENANCE POLICY**

EFFECTIVE DATE: **APRIL 1, 1996**

POLICY NUMBER: **T.4**

Purpose of Policy:

This policy is intended to set out the maintenance standards for municipal roads.

Policy Statements

1. Asphalt surfaced roads will be patched and crack-sealed annually on an 'as required' basis. They will be resurfaced in accordance with the long range plans and annual road construction program for the M.D.
2. Gravel surfaces will be graded and repaired on an 'as required' basis. An annual gravelling program will be implemented in accordance with Policy T.5.
3. Winter grading operations will be in accordance with Policy T.6.
4. The Manager and the Manager of Transportation Services are authorized to approve all routine maintenance operations, having due consideration to the budget allocations. Capital projects such as road construction or bridge and major culvert (4 ft dia or larger) installations will be presented as part of the annual Capital Budget and be approved by Council.
5. Signage will be installed in accordance with generally accepted engineering standards. The "Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada" manual shall be used as a guide.
6. Inspections will be carried out in accordance with the following schedule:
 - a) Bridges (including major culverts of 4 ft diameter or greater) will be inspected at least once every year to ensure structural integrity;
 - b) Forestry and local roads will be inspected in conjunction with the routine grader maintenance operations to ensure structural integrity and freedom from hazardous situations; and,
 - c) Signage will be inspected at least once annually but during regular maintenance operations staff should watch for, and report to the Road Foreman, Area Operations Manager or Manager of Transportation Services, any instances where signage has been damaged.
7. An inventory of roads, bridges and culverts, and signage shall be maintained by the Manager of Transportation Services.

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APPROVED: APRIL 1, 1996

AMENDED: AUGUST 11, 2004 (Delete reference to Secondary Highways, correct titles, punctuation and grammar.)