



**Policy Name: Mowing**

**Policy: 102.07**

**Intent:**

To ensure consistency and provide guidance for mower operators and the agricultural community. To ensure ditch structures are maintained and protected to allow for proper functionality of the ditches and for proper drainage to occur throughout the RM as per legislated requirements. To ensure that brush is not allowed to grow unchecked and create snow drifting concerns on RM roadways.


**Scope:**

This policy applies to the mower operators in the RM of Paddockwood.

**Policy Statement:**

1. Primary Grid Roads a top, bottom and backslope cut (3 passes) will be completed annually, weather, equipment functionality and budget permitting (as per RM map) this is equivalent to 42 feet.
2. On Grid Roads, Special Grid Roads and Main Farm Access Roads a top and bottom cut (2 passes) will be completed annually, weather, equipment functionality and budget permitting (as per RM map) this is equivalent to 28 feet.
3. Graded and Drained Roads will get a top cut annually, weather, equipment functionality and budget permitting (as per RM map) this is the equivalent of 14 feet.
4. Bladed and Undrained Roads will get a top cut annually of grass/brush only, weather, equipment functionality and budgeting permitting (as per RM map). In areas with grass/brush this is equivalent to 14 feet where possible.
5. Road allowances that are not marked on the map will not be cut.
6. The operator, in consultation with the foreman, may choose to do additional cuts on roads that may hold back snow, have a fence line, powerlines or backslopes which would cause overgrowth of brush between fields and ditches within the right of way. Areas where brush mulching has been completed may also be mowed at the RM's discretion to ensure regrowth is minimized.
7. Mowing is to begin no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> on an annual basis.

8. Haying of the ditches may be requested by producers prior to June 15, on a yearly basis by contacting the RM office.
9. Road work will take priority over the mowing policy, if roadwork is required within the RM right of way the RM will contact the landowner adjacent to the work to be done, if work will exceed the RM right of way. Emergency repairs may be completed with no notice in the RM right of way.
10. As per the RM map road designations the following will be the passes per type of roadway:

	Primary Grid Road	<b>3 passes</b>
	Grid Road	<b>2 passes</b>
	Special Grid Road	<b>2 passes</b>
	Main Farm Access Road	<b>2 passes</b>
	Bladed and Undrained Road	<b>1 pass grass only</b>
	Graded and Drained Road	<b>1 pass</b>

**References and Authorities:**

*The Municipalities Act section 12*  
*Resolution 2024-0087*