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|  | Policy Number: | Date Approved: April 2026 |
| | Policy Name: Mowing Policy | Adoption Resolution Number: |
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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. To prevent damage to infrastructure located within the RM right of way (phone lines, power lines, gas lines and fiber optic cables). 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:

All measurements are from the road shoulder

1. Primary Grid Roads - a top and bottom (2 passes) cut will be completed annually, weather, equipment functionality, and budget permitting (as per RM map) this is equivalent to 28 feet.







Where there is no crop (3 passes) will be completed, this is the equivalent of 42 feet. Any culvert inlet and outlet will receive 1 full width cut of 14 feet.

2. On Grid Roads and Special Grid Roads, a top and bottom (2 passes) cut will be completed annually, weather, equipment functionality, and budget permitting (as per RM map) this is equivalent to 28 feet. Any culvert inlet and outlet will receive 1 full width cut of 14 feet.
3. Main Farm Access Roads, a top and bottom (2 passes) on the TWP 530 (Baseline Grid, CTP Corridor) cut will be completed annually, weather, equipment functionality, and budget permitting (as per RM map) this is equivalent to 28 feet. Any culvert inlet and outlet will receive 1 full width cut of 14 feet.

All other Main Farm Access Roads will be 2 passes unless crop exists then 1.5 cuts (21 feet) will be done. Any culvert inlet and outlet will receive 1 full width cut of 14 feet.

4. Graded and Drained Roads will get 1 full top cut annually, weather, equipment functionality and budget permitting (as per RM map) this is the equivalent of 14 feet.

5. 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.
6. Road allowances that are not marked on the map will not be cut.
7. If backslopes exist, they are to remain un-cultivated to facilitate proper drainage and maintain the integrity of the currently existing, engineered road structure.
8. The operator, in consultation with the foreman, may choose to do additional cuts of grass and/or brush on roads that may hold back snow or 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 discretion to ensure regrowth is minimized.
9. Mowing is to begin no later than July 31st on an annual basis.
10. Haying of the ditches may be requested by producers prior to June 15, on a yearly basis by contacting the RM office.
11. 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.
12. As per the RM map road designations the following will be the passes per type of roadway:

-  **Primary Grid Road 2 passes (unless no crop exists then 3 passes)**
-  **Grid Road 2 passes**
-  **Special Grid Access 2 passes**
-  **Main Farm Access 2 passes on the TWP 530 (all other 1.5-2 passes)**
-  **Bladed and Undrained Road 1 pass grass only**
-  **Graded and Drained Road 1 pass**

References and Authorities:

The Municipalities Act section 12