

Rural Municipality of Heart's Hill No. 352

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6.10 GRADING, MOWING and PLOWING OF PRIVATE ACCESS ROADS, Revised December 2021

DEFINITION:

A private access road, where the Municipality does not own the right-of-way, leading to a residential yard site or bin yard.

POLICY:

If a ratepayer wishes to have his private access road leading to his yard site or bin yard graded or mowed by the Municipality, the ratepayer must first sign a *Contract for Custom Work* with his Division Councilor or at the Municipal office. The *Contract for Custom Work* may serve for a single or multiple requests as determined at the time of signing.

The *Contract for Custom Work*

- discharges the Municipality from being held liable for any damages that occurs to the ratepayer and his property while the Municipality was performing the requested custom work
- informs the ratepayer he will be held liable for any damages to Municipal equipment that occurs while providing the requested service
- informs the ratepayer he will be billed at current Municipal rates, with a minimum charge of ½ hour for the requested work (*see current Municipal rates*)

The ratepayer is to contact his Division Councilor every time he wishes to receive services. When a *Contact for Custom Work* request is received from a ratepayer, the Municipality, at the discretion of the Councilor and at the convenience of the maintenance crew, may grade or mow the private access road. Yard site requests will be individually evaluated as to the manageability of Municipal equipment within the area.

The Municipality will **NOT** engage in the plowing of snow of private access roads and yards.

RATIONALE:

The priority of Council is to ensure the main corridors of the Municipality are open and maintained for public accessibility. Depending on the immediate demands and availability of the maintenance crew, requests for private access grading and mowing will be considered but will not take priority over public roads. As this service is on private land and only provided at the request of the landowner, it will be considered custom work and individual ratepayers shall be billed accordingly.

As yard sites pose a variety of issues for the maintenance crew, each yard site request will be individually assessed and the request may be approved, modified or denied.

Snow plowing of public roads will be the main focus of the Municipality therefore plowing will **NOT** be offered as custom work. Ratepayers are to explore other service providers or options for snow plowing of private access roads and their yard sites.

AUTHORITY:

Municipal Rates 2022
The Municipalities Act, 405
Contract for Custom Work