

Rural Municipality of Heart's Hill No. 352

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6.8 CLOSE PROXIMITY REQUESTS – OIL and GAS

DEFINITION:

With respect to the Municipality, the juxtaposition between two points and/or objects, with one point being the center line of the right-of-way

POLICY:

Council shall review all close proximity requests that are received by the Municipality. As the Government has more stringent standards than the Municipality, a licensee may request approval from the Municipality to proceed with a project at a reduced distance from the center line of right-of-way.

Council is at liberty to deny the request, increase minimum standards, or approve with conditions. To be granted approval, all requests shall meet the Municipality's minimum standard of being

- at least 150 feet from the center line of the road
- at least 300 feet from the intersection of roads. (*see Bylaw 1/68*)

RATIONALE:

The Government prohibits drilling areas within 250 feet from the edge of the right-of-way of any surface improvement and 130 feet from the edge of a surveyed road, road allowance or an underground utility, unless it is owned or operated by the licensee. If Council feels the proposed project will not jeopardize public safety or future development, it may grant approval for the project as long as the development meets the Municipal bylaw standards.

AUTHORITY:

Bylaw 1/68: Situation of Buildings

The Municipalities Act: Section 12(1)

Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations, 2012: 25(1-4)