

Rural Municipality of Moose Jaw No. 161

SALVAGE OF HAY/GRASS

BACKGROUND

Council recognizes the value of hay and grass growing on municipal road rights-of-way, and where possible, will co-operate with local farmers and ranchers in order to allow them to salvage hay and grass for their own use.

POLICY

1. Where favourable conditions exist, hay/grass may be salvaged (cut and baled) on municipal road rights-of-way prior to July 8 in any year by the adjacent landowner, lessee, or their designate. Persons wishing to take advantage of this provision but will not have the hay/grass cut prior to July 8 in any year ***must*** register the municipal rights-of-way they intend to cut and bale with staff at the municipal office ***each year*** in order to have the hay/grass left standing on their behalf after July 8.
2. Should a person register to have the hay/grass left standing on a municipal road right-of-way in order to facilitate the salvage of hay/grass for his or her own use, and then fail to cut the hay/grass prior to August 1 in any year, Council may cause to have the hay/grass cut on that municipal road right-of-way and the resulting expense charged to the person who registered that section of municipal road right-of-way for the purpose of the salvage of hay/grass.
3. Non-adjacent landowners or lessees who want to harvest roadside hay/grass prior to July 8 are encouraged to contact the adjacent landowner or lessee and make arrangements to become their designate.
4. After July 8, any person may salvage hay without the permission of the adjacent landowner or lessee, provided the adjacent landowner or lessee has not commenced salvage operations, all subject to the provisions outlined in No. 1 and 2 above.
5. The hay/grass must be cut at a uniform height leaving a neat appearance.
6. Bales of hay/grass weighing 100 kilograms or greater must be situated at least two (2) metres from the shoulder of the roadway.
7. Bales of hay/grass must be removed from the municipal road right-of-way on or prior to August 8 in any year.
8. In order to minimize hazards to the motorists, any bales not meeting the requirements of the provisions outlined in No. 6 and 7 above may be moved, removed and/or destroyed by Council without notice to, or retribution by, the person who placed the bales on the right-of-way.
9. Mowing on municipal road rights-of-way may take place by Council prior to July 8 for any reason, or as required for the control of noxious weeds, safety and aesthetic reasons or in order to secure a contractor to perform the work.
10. It is the responsibility of the landowner or lessee to follow safe operating procedures when mowing or salvaging hay in the Municipal right-of-way. The landowner or lessee will be liable for any damages they caused to Municipal or private property, such as, ditches, culvert markers, culvert ends, signs, utilities, etc.
11. Council reserves the right to revoke this policy without notice to any person or persons who have participated in any similar program offered in the Municipality in the past.