

Bylaw No. 2/2005

A Bylaw to Establish a **Drainage Process Policy** Pursuant to Section 249 of *The Rural Municipality Act* and *The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Act*.

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Moose Jaw No. 161, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. Any alteration/change to the natural drainage course must have the approval of the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority and any other agencies as may be required.
2. If a landowner wishes to change drainage which includes the addition of a culvert or damming a watercourse, s/he must get written consent from the affected downstream landowners and have approval from the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority and any/all other agencies as may be required.
3. If a change in drainage is going to affect a road allowance or right of way the landowner requires approval from the municipality and the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority. To receive approval from the municipality the landowner must submit a completed application showing the proposed alterations to the drainage course. The municipality has the authority to approve or reject any drainage proposal that may affect the municipality's road allowances, culverts and crossings.
4. A landowner may perform internal drainage on her/his own land but s/he cannot alter the drainage course by draining or withdrawing water that would go on or off her/his land without approval from the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority and any affected landowners.
5. Under Section 249 of *The Rural Municipality Act*, Council may declare any excavation, drain, ditch, pond, surface water or any other matter or thing in or on any private land a nuisance and dangerous to the public safety or health and order it be removed, pulled down, filled or otherwise dealt with by the owner, lessee or occupier of the land within the time specified by the Council in the order.
6. A notice shall be posted at or near the locality of the nuisance setting out the order made with respect to the nuisance.
7. Where the owner or occupant of the land on which the nuisance is situated does not comply with the order within the time specified, the Council may proceed to have any work done as it considers necessary for the purpose of carrying out the order and the cost of work shall be added to and form part of the taxes on the land on which the work was done.
8. Any and all costs associated with a private application must be incurred by the applicant.
9. It is the landowner's responsibility to secure all approvals, consents and permits from all affected individuals, agencies and departments.

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Administrator

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by resolution of Council on April 5, 2005

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