

Secondary Access Maintenance Fee

Council meeting
March 26, 2019

Transportation and Agriculture Services

Access to roads under the County's jurisdiction

- Controlled by
 - Land Use Bylaw 6-2015, Section 3.2
 - Unauthorized Use of County Property Bylaw 8-2007
 - Access to Roads Under the County's Jurisdiction Policy SER-009-016
- Most-recent Policy re-approval was July 4, 2017
- All accesses are the sole benefit of the land-owner, and are exclusive use
- The safety of road users is the primary factor in access review / approval, impacted by the Transportation System Bylaw 2-2017 and the County's Design and Construction Standards

Second access

- Typically desired for ease of use on private land
- \$75 application fee (pre- and post-construction inspections)
- Free for agricultural parcels of 80 acres or greater
- Free for parcels divided by a geographic feature (railway or highway right-of-way, watercourse or waterbody, etc...)
- Must meet engineering requirements and location guidelines

Maintenance fee for second access

The \$3,000 maintenance fee is partial compensation for increased County operating costs to the exclusive-use private access, accommodating for:

- Future culvert replacement (2018 dollars)
 - Culverts range from typical \$800 to \$1,100 to a max of \$1,350
 - Delivery \$600 per site
 - Installation \$5,400 per site
- Spring steaming / blockage clearing
 - Crew of two
 - Typical duration of 1hr (30min to 2hr)
- Increased material blending during pavement overlay or re-gravelling

Practices of our municipal neighbours

Lamont County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$150 application fee - Culvert maintained by municipality - One access only except agricultural or when due to natural separation
Parkland County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$350 application fee - No culvert maintenance; landowner responsibility - One access only for parcels less than 10 acres
Sturgeon County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No culvert maintenance; landowner responsibility - One access only except agricultural
Leduc County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$350 application fee - No culvert maintenance; landowner responsibility - One access only for parcels less than 10 acres
Beaver County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Culvert maintained by municipality - One access only except agricultural

Unintended consequences of second accesses

- The Planning and Development Services department has seen an increase in complaints and enforcement cases with respect to non-permitted business activities precipitated by an approved second accesses
- A total of 61 second accesses have been granted between 2014-2018

Questions and Thank You