

**Secondary Approach Access Maintenance Fee****Report Purpose**

To report back to Council on Second Access Maintenance Fee

**Recommendation**

None.

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Goal 2 - Manage, invest and plan for sustainable municipal infrastructure

**Report**

Consultations with the Agriculture Services Board leading to the Policy review and approval by Council on July 4, 2017 were in relation to ingress / egress issues brought about by the ever-increasing size of agricultural equipment in relation to access design and seeking the ability for secure accesses to properties split by geographic features.

Since the revised Policy and its supporting Procedure and Application documents went into force in mid-2017, the Transportation and Agriculture Services (TAS) department has received 19 applications for second access, for which there were no applications relating to agriculture, six applications were processed without fees due to geographic features, and the remaining 13 applications were for convenience issues on residential properties, for which three have resulted in enforcement issues for the Planning and Development Services department due to non-conforming land uses. Dating back to the prior Policy review, for the period 2014-2019, there have been a total of 50 second access applications; 20 without fees.

In 2018 and to-date in 2019, TAS has repaired / replaced 20 culverts in private accesses, with costs ranging from \$6,000 to \$7,000. There are approximately 7,500 accesses in the County's Rural Service Area with an approximate liability of \$4.5 to \$5.25 million with respect to culvert replacements (2018/19 dollars).

The Policy is intended to again come before Council in 2020 as part of its three-year review cycle, and consultations will take place with the Agriculture Services Board prior to presentation in order to encapsulate any on-going issues.

Engineering standards relating to safe traffic operations on 80km/h grid roads require that accesses be located either directly opposite to, or spaced a minimum of 90 metres away from, any pre-existing access and that there be a minimum 170 metres of visible stopping sight distance. Typical parcels of 20 acres or less do not have the frontage sufficient to permit a second access on to an 80km/h grid road. See Enclosure 1 for representational frontages and access potential.

**Council and Committee History**

March 26, 2019	Council approved: THAT Item 8.2 Secondary Approach Access Maintenance Fee be referred to Administration for further work on options for reducing the fees related to secondary access for agricultural land smaller than 80 acres; and that the report be prepared by the end of the third quarter of 2019.
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- December 6, 2018 Council gave three readings to the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw (bylaw 37-2018)
- November 29, 2018 Council approved: THAT the motion [amendment to Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw that would remove fees associated with Secondary Access] on the floor (CB 30) be referred to Administration to provide a report to Council by end of Q1 2019 on the implications of the proposed amendment, and any recommendations.
- July 4, 2017 Council approved revisions to Policy SER-009-016 (2017/275)
- June 24, 2014 Council approved revisions to Policy SER-009-016 (2014/229)
- June 14, 2005 Council approved revisions to Policy SER-009-016
- August 19, 1986 Council approved Policy SER-009-016

**Other Impacts****Policy:** SER-009-016**Legislative/Legal:** n/a**Interdepartmental:** Planning & Development Services**Master Plan/Framework:** n/a**Enclosures**

- 1 Access Spacing diagram
- 2 Secondary Access Maintenance Fee Presentation
- 3 Policy SER-009-016 Access to Roads Under the County's Jurisdiction
- 4 Access to Roads Under the County's Jurisdiction – Procedure
- 5 Property Access Approach - Application