**Cattle Guard Policy on Road Allowances**

**Policy #003-2024**

***Scope***

This policy includes all cattle guards (Texas Gates) situated on road allowances and surveyed roads within the Rural Municipality of Glenside No. 377.

***Purpose***

  a) to ensure that the RM is aware of the existence of all cattle guards within the Municipality;

  b) to ensure that cattle guards are built and maintained to a standard satisfactory to the RM Council and to ensure the safety of users of municipal roads, and are constructed to withstand the weights and sizes of vehicles and equipment traveling on them.

***Registration***

Registration of existing cattle guards on road allowances and surveyed roads will be required and will include the owners’ name and location of the g.

***Proposals for New Cattle Guards***

• written permission must be obtained before a cattle guard may be placed on a road allowance or on a surveyed municipal road.

• cattle guards must meet the RM specifications and standards.

 • a detailed plan of the cattle guard must be submitted in writing to the Council of the RM prior to installation. Including written approval from adjacent landowners.

 • maintenance of the cattle guard is the responsibility of the landowner.

 • “Cattle at Large”, Texas Gate Ahead” and “Advisory Speed Signs” shall be posted on all road allowances and surveyed roads with Texas Gates; and the cost for signs and installation to be charged to the landowner.

 • the landowner shall provide an alternate crossing in the form of a minimum 24-foot gate in the fence beside the Texas gate and an approach to the fence gate to accommodate passage of wide or heavy equipment.

***Standards***

   • minimum weight requirements according to Provincial weight restrictions.

   • space between cross members shall be a minimum of 5 inches on 2 7/8 inch pipes.

   • pipe cross members should be a minimum of 2 7/8 inches.

   • cross members shall be supported by a minimum of 4 – 6 X 6 X ½ I beam, T iron or pipe of equal strength.

    • size – minimum of 20 feet by 6 feet on municipal roads, undeveloped road allowances or bladed trails.

   • wings on either side of cattle guard shall be a minimum of 4 feet in height.

   • materials shall be all steel construction top sitting on steel or concrete foundations.

***Cattle Guard Inspections:***

The Cattle Guard Inspector shall be appointed as the Foreman of the R.M. of Glenside No. 377

Duties:

* The Cattle Guard Inspector shall inspect all cattle guards in the R.M. annually and report any which do not meet specifications to the council. The cattle Guard Inspector shall investigate any complaints received regarding cattle guards, and report back to the R.M. of Glenside Council.
* If any of the standards are not met, council can order the cattle guard repaired or removed. If the landowner does not comply, R.M. personnel will remove the cattle guard and repair the road site and invoice the owner of the cattle guard for the costs of repair or removal.