



COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

BALANCING RURAL HERITAGE WITH A DIVERSE ECONOMY

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

The County of St. Paul No. 19 desires to provide landowners with the opportunity to assist the County in maintaining the safety of County right-of-ways by clearing trees, weeds and rocks on maintained road allowances. This will benefit both the County and landowner by reducing the control of brush and weeds along the roadway and reducing snow drifting onto the road, and by extending the landowner's cultivated land to the edge of the roadway. Moreover, this ensures that brush is controlled along roadways ensuring safety of County roads for the travelling public.

POLICY STATEMENT:

A) BACKSLOPING

1. Landowners who are clearing trees on their land and positively affecting the County's right-of-way may be eligible for backsloping assistance. Landowners must contact the Director of Environmental and Emergency Services prior to commencing any clearing of brush to be eligible under this policy.
2. The attached Backsloping Application form will be completed and submitted to the Director of Environmental and Emergency Services.
3. The Director of Environmental and Emergency Services along with the Superintendent of Public Works or their designates will inspect the proposed area to determine the amount of brush, rocks and debris that has to be removed to complete the backsloping. This inspection will be recorded on an Inspection Report attached in Schedule B and indicate to the resident how much will be paid under this policy. The report will also indicate if the resident would be required to plant grass, and/or trees for conservation or snow purposes. If trees are required the landowner can access trees as per the Shelterbelt Compensation Policy. It also will indicate the responsibilities for weed and brush control. Upon the initial inspection, the resident will confirm that they accept the terms and level of payment indicated.

4. Payment will be made according to five levels up to a maximum of \$2500 per 0.5 miles /0.8 k.m.
 - a) Level 1 -\$500.00
 - b) Level 2 - \$750.00
 - c) Level 3 -\$1000.00
 - d) Level 4 - \$1500.00
 - e) Level 5 - \$2500.00
5. Once the backsloping is completed, the resident will notify the Director of Environmental and Emergency Services to have a post-inspection of the project. This inspection will ensure that the project has been completed as per the application and pre-inspection. Following this inspection, the payment will be approved and processed for the resident.
6. Funding may not be approved if the road along which the backsloping is proposed to be completed is on the 3 year construction plan.



