

# COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

*Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences*

## **PW-7 Summer Road Maintenance Policy**

**Department: Public Works**

### **POLICY OBJECTIVE:**

The County of St. Paul desires to ensure that roadways are maintained to a standard that allows for safe passage.

### **POLICY STATEMENTS:**

#### **1.0 Criteria**

1.1 The Director of Public Works or their designee, shall ensure that all County roads are inspected on a regular basis to determine, prioritize and correct maintenance requirements using the following criteria:

- (a) Public safety;
- (b) General condition of the existing road;
- (c) Traffic volumes and type of traffic (includes compliance to applicable road standard for road designation; Arterial, Collector, Local, etc.);
- (d) Traffic patterns and alternative roads available;
- (e) Service for new development and growth strategies;
- (f) Cost of maintenance; and
- (g) Future road construction.

1.2 In general, the desired road grading maintenance schedule is as follows unless otherwise instructed:

- (a) Arterial roads;
- (b) Collector roads;
- (c) Local roads; and
- (d) Utility rights-of-way and alleyways.

#### **2.0 Maintenance**

2.1 Approaches will be constructed to a minimum width of 8 meters and, if necessary, will incorporate a minimum 400 mm galvanized culvert. Any variances

to the minimum standards set forth in this policy are at the discretion of County Council and/or administration.

- 2.2 Cold mix and asphalt roadways shall be inspected on an ongoing basis and repairs will be prioritized on a safety basis by the Director of Public Works or their designee, and completed as required given the budgetary restrictions allotted or Council approved (if expense is over budget).
- 2.3 Crack sealing on Asphalt Concrete Pavement roadways will be done as deemed necessary by Director of Public Works or their designee.
- 2.4 Emergency patching (cold mix and/or asphalt) will be undertaken on a case by case basis with the emphasis on preserving safety. A stockpile of patching material is always to be kept available.
- 2.5 Line painting will be evaluated on a yearly basis and repainting will be done when deemed necessary by the Director of Public Works or their designee. Painting will be done after crack sealing and patching whenever possible.
- 2.6 If no extraordinary condition (i.e.: potholes, washboards, ruts etc.) exists on roadways, routine maintenance will be performed on a planned route as deemed efficient by the Superintendent of Public Works, or designate, grader operator and/or patching foreman.