



RM of Loon Lake #561

Policy Type:	Transportation
Policy Title:	Cattle Guard on Road Allowances
Policy Number:	300-01

Authority:	
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SCOPE: This policy includes all cattle guards (Texas Gates) situated on road allowances and surveyed roads within the Rural Municipality of Loon Lake No. 561

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, installed and maintained to a standard satisfactory to the RM of Loon Lake No. 561 and to ensure the safety of users of municipal roads.

REGISTRATION:

Registration of existing cattle guards on road allowances and surveyed roads will be required, and will include the owner’s name and land location.

PROPOSALS FOR NEW CATTLE GUARDS:

- Written request must be made to the council for the installation of a cattle guard on a road allowance or on a surveyed municipal road.
- A detailed plan, illustrating the proposed placement of the cattle guard must be submitted in writing to the RM of Loon Lake No. 561 prior to installation.
- Written requests for an installation of a cattle guard are approved at the discretion of council.
- Cattle guards must meet the RM specifications and standards as outlined in this policy.
- The RM public works staff will purchase cattle guard and install to the standards set below.
- “Cattle at Large”, “Texas Gate Ahead” and/or “Advisory Speed Signs” shall be purchased and installed by RM public works staff on all road allowances and surveyed roads
- All cattle guards shall be installed in the center of the municipal road.
- The applicant shall pay a deposit equal to the estimated cost associated with the cattle guard.
Costs charged will include:
 - Cattle guard plus freight costs + 10% administrative fee
 - Installation of cattle guard at rates set out in RM 300-04 Custom Work Policy
 - Signs
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- Fence adjoining cattle guards must be construct of a wood/wire structure. No steel panels allowed.
- A cattle guard cannot be gated or closed for any reason, therefore it is the responsibility of the landowner shall make provision for an alternate crossing in the form of a minimum 24 foot gate in the fence beside the cattle guard, and an approach to the fence gate to accommodate passage of wide or heavy equipment.
- No cattle guards will be allowed on primary or grid roads.

STANDARDS:

- Minimum weight requirements according to Provincial weight restrictions.
- Space between cross members shall be a minimum of 5 inches on 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch pipe.
- Pipe cross members shall be a minimum of 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches.
- Cross members shall be supported by a minimum of 4 – 6”x6”x $\frac{1}{2}$ ” I-beam, “T” iron or pipe of equal strength.
- Size: minimum of 20 feet by 6 feet on municipal roads.
- Removable wings on either side of cattle guard are required, and shall be a minimum of 4 feet in height, and must be marked with reflective tape.
- Material shall be all steel construction top, sitting on steel, concrete and or treated timbers (minimum of 3 inches by 1 foot) foundations.
- If the cattle guard is being requested on a road that services more than one land owner, all other land owners utilizing the road to access owned or leased land must sign off that they are in agreeance with the cattle guard being installed.
- If not, all parties are in agreeance of the cattle guard being installed approval from the RM may not be granted.

CATTLE GUARDS:

- All Cattle Guards within the RM shall be inspected annually by the Public Works Foreman and a report will be prepared and submitted to Council identifying any cattle guards that do not meet the specifications of this policy. The Public Works Foreman shall investigate any complaints received regarding cattle guards, and take appropriate action.
- If any of the standards are not met, Council can order the cattle guard to be upgraded, repaired or removed. If the landowner does not comply, RM maintenance personnel may be directed to remove the cattle guard, repair the road site, and invoice the landowner for the costs of repair or removal.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Landowners that currently have cattle guards installed have one year from the date this policy is adopted to comply with 300-01 Cattle Guard on Road Allowances Policy

Effective Date/Repeal

This policy will come into effect on January 1, 2021 unless otherwise specified and shall be implemented as outlined in this policy. This policy repeals and replaces all resolutions and any policies pertaining to Cattle Guards and replaces all past practices. This policy may only be amended or repealed by resolution of Council.