



## LAC LA BICHE COUNTY POLICY

TITLE: CLEARING OF UNDEVELOPED ROAD ALLOWANCES	POLICY NO: PI-30-005
RESOLUTION: 10.007	EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 12, 2010
LEAD ROLE: MANAGER, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	NEXT REVIEW DATE: NOVEMBER 2011
SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS REFERENCE: IS-31-005 PW-001	AMENDMENT DATE:

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

Lac La Biche County promotes the preservation of undeveloped road allowances in their natural state to control wind and erosion, while allowing pedestrian access and limiting the ability of vehicle access.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Lac La Biche County will permit the removal of trees on undeveloped road allowances for the purpose of road construction and fencing. The County will not permit the removal of trees on undeveloped road allowances for the purpose of commercial tree harvesting, agricultural, industrial pursuits or any other reason.
2. Prior to granting approval for clearing a road allowance, the County will contact the adjacent landowners by letter to determine any local concerns and advertise the County's intentions in the local paper.
3. The person requesting to clear the brush from the undeveloped road allowance shall be responsible for all costs incurred in the clearing and brush disposal project.
4. The County shall allow clearing of a 4 meter strip of land adjacent and inside the undeveloped road allowance for the construction of fencing to be placed on the private lands adjacent to the property line. The fence shall be the property of the adjacent landowner.
5. The person requesting to clear the brush from the undeveloped road allowance shall be responsible for proper signage (Construction Ahead, Man Working) while undertaking the clearing and brush disposal project.
6. All surface disturbances shall be kept to a minimum with appropriate measures taken to control wind and water erosion.
7. All trees shall be salvaged or removed and disposed of by burning and other methods approved by the County. Merchantable timber shall be considered the property of Lac La Biche County and shall not be harvested without prior approval.

8. All debris from a person's equipment and facilities shall be removed from the site and all solid materials shall be either removed, or when necessary, buried with a minimum of 40 inches of soil cover.
9. The disturbed area shall be re-contoured to conform to the surrounding topography.
10. Top soil and root zone material should be spread evenly over the entire area after it is sufficiently settled.
11. The person requesting to clear the road allowance shall cut trees and brush, remove all roots, and remove, pile and burn all trees (except trees to be preserved), brush stumps, logs and roots within the limits of the right-of-way. All underbrush and down trees protruding into the right of way are to be disposed of in the same manner. Timber, brush, stumps, logs or roots shall not be piled and left upon adjacent lands or on the road allowance right of way.
12. All tree branches extending into the right of way, which hang within 6 meters of the ground, shall be cut close to the trunk in a neat and workmanlike manner.
13. If ordered by the County, certain trees within the right of way shall be preserved. Underbrush, down timber, snags and roots shall be removed from the vicinity of such preserved trees to a clear space within the right of way, and then burned.
14. The person shall be solely responsible for ensuring all fires are totally extinguished. If a fire results from an improperly extinguished fire, the person may be held responsible for the damage.
15. The person shall be responsible for the costs and construction of replacing existing fences and providing new fences where required by the County.
16. The person shall be responsible to preserve all signs, legal pins and monuments, and all utilities when completing the clearing and shall be responsible for all damages and costs associated with the repairs and placements.

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 "Original Signed"  
 Chief Administrative Officer

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 January 22, 2010  
 Date

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 "Original Signed"  
 Mayor

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