



Guard Policy

1. Approval

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2. Policy Statement

This policy establishes guidelines with respect to the installation of cattle guards (Texas gates) within road allowances under the administration & control of the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 (RM).

3. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the RM and the public is aware of the existence of cattle guards within the RM;

To ensure that cattle guards are constructed and maintained to the satisfaction of the RM Council; and

To ensure the safety of users of roads under the control & administration of the RM.

4. Registration

Registration of cattle guards (Texas gates) on road allowances will be documented through a bylaw.

Right of Way - means the area below, or above the roadway in which the municipality has an interest.

Shoulder - means that part of a right-of-way immediately adjacent to the roadway and having a surface of asphalt, concrete or gravel, for the use of vehicles;

5. Procedures

- 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 R.M. specifications and standards.
- A detailed plan of the cattle guard must be submitted in writing to the council of the R.M. prior to installation.



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● Signs must be erected to Sask. Highways & Transportation standards as follows:

- 'Texas Gate' & 'Advisory Speed' signs ahead of the gates
 - 'Cattle at Large' sign at each end of area enclosed by Texas Gate or area of cattle running at large.
 - 'Chevron Hazard Reflectors' on each end of each side of each Texas Gate.
- The Landowner shall be responsible for all costs associated with installation & maintenance of the Texas gates and signage.
 - The land owner 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.
 - Landowner shall assume full responsibility and liability associated with the installation and use of said gates and shall provide a 'Release of Liability' form to the municipality.
 - If the road requirements of the municipality change in future, the municipality reserves the right to have the gates removed.

6. Construction Standard

- Minimum weight requirements according to Provincial weight restrictions.
- Space between cross members shall be a minimum of 5 inches on 2 7/8 pipe.
- Pipe cross members should be minimum of 2 7/8 inches.
- Cross members shall be supported by a minimum of 4 - 6 x 6 x 2 I beam, T iron or pipe of equal strength.
- Size - minimum of 20 feet by 6 feet on municipal roads.
- Size - minimum of 16 feet by 6 feet on undeveloped road allowances or bladed trails.
- Wings on either side of cattle guard shall be a minimum of 4 feet in height.
- Material shall be all steel construction top sitting on steel or concrete foundations.
- Installation must be supervised by R.M. personnel.



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7. General Regulations

1. The Foreman shall inspect all cattle guards in the R.M. annually and report any which do not meet specifications to the Council. The Foreman shall investigate any complaints received regarding cattle guards, and take appropriate action.
2. 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.
3. Bylaw required declaring the road allowance “open herd”.
4. The applicant shall be responsible to locate all existing utilities within the right-of-way and ensure that approach development does not result in any damage or interference.