

**Policy statement**

Leduc County establishes criteria where dust control will be applied to designated roadways.

**Definitions**

*Road use agreement* means the agreement between a company and Leduc County in place to protect county infrastructure and ensure that residents of Leduc County receive the least impact possible while still allowing business to function on Leduc County roads.

*Top shoot dust control* means the application of a dust control product which is applied two times per season by spraying over the gravel surface.

**Policy authority**

*Legislative implications:*

- *Municipal Government Act* – subject to this or any other Act, a municipality has the direction, control and management of all roads within the municipality.

*Bylaw implications:*

- Fees and Charges Bylaw

**Policy standards**

1. Top shoot dust control will be the application used on designated dust control routes.
2. New roads to be considered for designated dust control must meet one of the three criteria:
  - Have an average daily summer traffic count greater than or equal to 250 vehicles per day and rising AND have a road speed greater or equal to 80 kilometres per hour.
  - Have an average daily summer traffic count greater than or equal to 250 vehicles per day and rising AND provides access to a county facility or county recognized tourism facility.
  - Be an unsurfaced road (excluding back alleys) within the boundaries of a recognized hamlet.
3. Prioritization and budgetary approval must be completed before a road will be added to the program.
4. Each residence on a road that has been approved through the criteria, prioritization, and budget process, will receive 122 metres of top shoot dust control adjacent to their residence at no cost. Additional length of dust control to be added to this strip shall be charged at a rate outlined in the fees and charges bylaw. No subsidy will be available for additional metres added.
5. If determined that a Road Use Agreement holder is required to provide dust control to residents along their haul route, it will be the same top shoot material and the length will be determined by the Director, Road Operations and Agricultural Services or their designate at a minimum of 122 metres. This dust control will be applied by the county during the regular dust control program and invoiced to the Road Use Agreement holder at full cost recovery rate as per the current Leduc County Fees and Charges Bylaw.

**Policy responsibilities**

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*Council responsibilities:*

Council will,

- Approve the Designated Dust Control policy.
- Approve the addition of any road to the program through the budgetary process.

*Administration responsibilities:*

Director, Road Operations and Agricultural Services will,

- Maintain, update, and adhere to this policy.
- Determine, by data provided by Engineering, which roads meet the criteria and make recommendation to Public Works Committee for approval.

Director, Engineering and Utilities will,

- Provide traffic counts for roads to be considered for designation under the program.

**Monitoring and updating**

- This policy will be posted on Leduc County’s website.
- This policy will be reviewed at least once every four years.

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