

POLICY

#458



	Title: Sidewalk Maintenance
Legal References: Municipal Government Act, RSV 2000, M-26, Part 6, Section 201(1)(a), Sections 5, 18, 532	Policy Category: Infrastructure and Operations
Cross References: Procedure PRO-458 – Sidewalk Maintenance Bylaw C-5775-2003	Effective Date: November 5, 2013 Revision Date: November 5, 2013
<p>Purpose: Together with the accompanying procedure, this policy shall be used: to define the County's roles and responsibilities pertaining to the inventory management and maintenance of sidewalks; to ensure that the approach to this maintenance is consistent and cost-effective across the County and to define equitable service levels for the maintenance of sidewalks throughout the County.</p> <p>Definitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Administration" means the General Manager of the Infrastructure and Operations Department or his designate. • "Council" means the Council of Rocky View County. • "County" means Rocky View County. • "Roads" means roads as defined in the Municipal Government Act, which includes both carriageways and rights-of-way. For the purposes of this policy, closed, leased, licensed, unbuilt and undeveloped road allowances are excluded. • "Rural" means all areas not included in urban areas. • "Sidewalk" means a hard-surfaced area for public pedestrian traffic usually adjacent to a public road and contained within the road allowance. • "Urban" means areas including but not limited to the Hamlets of Langdon and Bragg Creek, and the East Balzac commercial area. <p>Policy Statement Sidewalks are typically of concrete construction and are designated for the exclusive use of pedestrian and other non-motorized traffic in urban areas; motorized vehicles shall not be allowed except where designated for regular sidewalk maintenance or repairs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sidewalks shall be inspected annually in order to maintain them to a safe and reasonable standard. 2. County crews and contractors shall attempt to notify all adjacent landowners prior to commencement of any repair work in order to fully explain the extent of the planned repairs and any potential property encroachment issues, especially with respect to adjacent grassed areas and nearby trees and shrubs. 3. County crews and contractors shall attempt to minimise damage to areas immediately adjacent to the sidewalk being repaired. In most cases, 15-20 cms is required for installation of concrete forms. Once repairs are completed and the forms are removed, grassed areas shall be backfilled and reseeded and any repairs required to the roadway will be effected as soon as practicable, weather and available resources permitting. 	

4. Where roots from nearby trees and shrubs encroach within the work zone required for sidewalk repairs, said roots shall be removed to the extent required to effect the necessary sidewalk repairs. Damage to said roots shall be mitigated as much as possible.
5. Trees within the road allowance which have caused, or have the potential to cause, damage to sidewalks or other County infrastructure shall be removed and may be replaced at the discretion of the Maintenance Manager.
6. Snow clearing and control of any ice build-up on a sidewalk adjacent to a commercial or industrial property, howsoever caused, shall be the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.
7. Snow clearing and control of ice build-up on sidewalks adjacent to residential properties will be undertaken by the County.