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1 POLICY

- 1.1 This policy has been developed to provide specific guidelines for dust suppressant applications for the Public and Public Works Department to follow in the R.M. of Canwood No. 494.
- 1.2 A Clearing The Path (CTP) corridor describes a municipal roadway that:
- Is able to carry primary weight traffic;
 - Connects one primary weight road/highway to another;
 - Is at least 15 km from a parallel primary weight roadway/highway;
 - Allows primary weight traffic in and out of a land-locked area (i.e. a river or valley).

Municipalities that have municipal roads designated as CTP can receive \$1,000 per kilometer per year for the incremental maintenance costs incurred by the municipality to allow primary weight traffic to utilize the corridor. CTP funding is a top up to what the R.M. currently spends. As long as CTP roads are maintained to primary weight status, maintenance is at the discretion of the rural municipality. R.M.'s have the choice to apply dust control on the CTP corridor.

2 PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of this policy is to set out parameters of dust suppression and ensure consistent practices for dust suppressant through out the municipality.

3 SCOPE

- 3.1 This policy applies to all employees, councillors, landowners, and ratepayers.

4 RESPONSIBILITY

- 4.1 The R.M. has a duty to keep its roads in a reasonable state of repair, having regard to the character of the road and the area in which it is located. The source of that duty is Section 343 of *The Municipalities Act*. A road is to be considered in a reasonable state of repair if those who use it can, exercising ordinary care, do so with safety. The Act goes on to say that the municipality is liable for damage caused by failing to perform its duty. However, it also says that a municipality is not liable if it proves that it took reasonable steps to prevent the disrepair from arising; and further that a municipality is liable only if it knew or should have known of the state of repair or disrepair.
- 4.2 The Councillor is required to communicate areas of concern within his/her division.

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- 4.3 The public works supervisor is responsible for ensuring that the public works employees know and understand the particulars of this policy. The public works supervisor is responsible for advising the division councillor(s) when necessary.
- 4.4 The maintenance of municipal infrastructure shall take precedent and the R.M. of Canwood reserves the right to gravel roads where dust suppressant may have been applied, or grade the road, if, in the municipalities' opinion, the road becomes a safety concern.
- 4.5 The municipality will not reimburse property owners for any costs related to the placement of dust suppressant under these circumstances.

5 PROCEDURE

5.1 PROPERTY OWNER APPLICATION

Property owners shall make application annually to the RM of Canwood No. 494 prior to the placement of any dust suppressant products being applied to the road.

A minimum of 5 business days is required, from the date the application is received, to the placement of the dust suppressant, for the application to be processed, approved and to allow adequate time for the road to be prepared to ensure the best result after the dust suppressant is applied.

It shall be the property owner's responsibility to apply or make arrangements to apply the dust suppressant and to flag the location.

Property owners adjacent to the municipal roads designated as part of the Clearing The Path Corridor System shall be reimbursed up to 25% of the cost of one (1) application per year upon submission of paid invoice to the office.

5.2 MORIN LAKE SUBDIVISION

The Morin Lake Subdivision and Victoire will receive dust suppressant arranged by the R.M. of Canwood at the discretion of the division councillor every third year beginning in 2021.

6 CONCLUSION

This policy has been developed to provide general guidelines for both Municipal personnel and the property owners. This policy intends to cover the majority of situations normally encountered with dust suppressant. If certain situations arise that are


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not part of the above policy, the R.M. of Canwood Council will deal with them on a case-by-case basis.

7 ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Clearing The Path Corridor System Location
Attachment B – Dust Suppression Application


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Attachment A

CLEARING THE PATH CORRIDOR SYSTEM LOCATION



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