

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

PW-9 Dust Control Policy

Department: Public Works

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

The County of St. Paul desires to use dust suppressants on certain County-maintained roads to enhance public safety and quality of life. This Policy intends to clarify and prioritize within budgetary constraints the areas in which dust suppressants may be applied on County-maintained roads.

POLICY DEFINITIONS:

Refurbish means working up the dust control and applying cold mix to the finished surface restoring the dust control to an acceptable standard.

POLICY STATEMENTS:

1.0 Dust Suppressant Product

- 1.1 The County will implement dust controls using a blend of calcium chloride and magnesium hydroxide.

2.0 Guiding Principles

- 2.1 To qualify for a residential dust control under this program, where residents will pay 25% of the previous year's actual costs, as set out in the Fee Schedule Bylaw:
 - the residence must be occupied and must be the primary yard site,
 - the residence must be within 150 meters of the center of the road.
- 2.2 Applications where a residence is over 150 meters from the center of the road, the resident will pay the full cost, based on the previous year's actual costs.
- 2.3 Dust controls provided under this policy will be two hundred (200) meters in length.
- 2.4 When a resident requests a dust control over 200 meters in length, the resident will pay the full cost of the section over 200 meters.
- 2.5 In the cases where there are three or more applicants in close proximity, a longer section of continuous dust control application may be provided at the discretion of the CAO or Director of Public Works.

- 2.6 Residents must submit an annual application for dust control along with the payment between January 1st and May 15th of each year. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
- 2.7 Dust suppressant will be applied between May 1st and July 31st of each year, at 2 litres/square meter.
- 2.8 Dust suppressant will not be applied on private roads, licensed roads or roads not under the jurisdiction of the County.
- 2.9 The County of St. Paul No. 19 reserves the right to rework or remove dust controls at its own discretion. Under normal conditions, a dust control application is good for one dust control season.

3.0 Exemptions

- 3.1 Residents whose quality of life is diminished by excessive dust due to a medical condition may request dust control, being a blend of calcium chloride and magnesium hydroxide, free of charge. Proof will be required in the form of a medical certificate or letter from a physician.
- 3.2 The applicant's residence must be less than 150 meters from the center of the road.

4.0 Warranty

- 4.1 The County does not guarantee or warranty any life expectancy of the dust suppressant application. The County in its sole discretion will determine when and if repairs and maintenance on the product are required after the initial application has been laid.
- 4.2 Once a dust control suppressant has been applied, no refunds will be made.

5.0 Oiled Dust Controls

- 5.1 Where an existing oiled dust control is in need of repair, as determined by Public Works, the resident may request to have the dust control refurbished instead of removed.
- 5.2 When a dust control is refurbished, the resident will be charged a flat rate, as set out in the Fee Schedule Bylaw. The rate will be reviewed annually.
- 5.3 A resident requesting a new oiled dust control will be charged 100% of the cost, based on previous year's costs.

6.0 Industry

Industry Partners will be charged for product and gravel for dust controls in areas where the majority of traffic is deemed to be as a result of industry, as per the County's Road Use Agreement.

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