



County of Lethbridge Policy Handbook

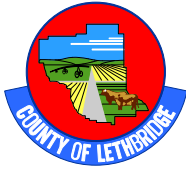
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1. Preliminary Procedures

- (a) It is important to assure that all road widenings are surveyed, and that all parcels of land are amended on the assessment roll to reflect a reduced acreage.
- (b) The County employee who will be assigned the authority of right of way purchase will be the Director of Municipal Services.
- (c) The movement of power poles and underground lines necessary in the course of road construction should be contemplated well in advance of the actual construction to avoid any conflict.
- (d) The value of the land to be purchased is to be established under the authority of the County Assessor.
- (e) Land agents shall, wherever possible, use the determined agricultural values per acre or minimum value as set out in this policy.

2. Administration of Policy

- (a) A right of way acquisition agreement is to be used and signed by the landowner.
- (b) The right-of-way acquisition should be registered through the legal registration process to be conducted by the survey firm approved by the County.
- (c) The agreement may be altered by authorized County personnel for the allowance of such items as fencing, trees, road approaches and culverts.
- (d) Where borrow material is required beyond the boundary of the right of way purchase, a separate right of entry agreement is to be obtained.
- (e) Fencing agreement is to be obtained and completed with the landowner according to the established Fencing Policy 313.
- (f) Crop Damage agreements are also to be negotiated with the landowner and/or the renter or lessee, in accordance with the established Crop Damage Policy 312.



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- (g) It is understood that the determined value of agricultural land within the County be established as follows:
- Dryland - \$3,000
 - Irrigated - \$6,000
 - Pasture - \$1,500
- Minimum purchase price \$1,000 per parcel.
- (i) Water rights on irrigated land will stay with the vendor.