County of Lethbridge Policy Handbook

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The purpose of this policy is to define the roadside mowing program.

1. Without limiting the program or its effectiveness, roadside mowing will generally be planned as follows:

   a) Paved or oiled roads will be mowed on an as needed basis during the growing season. Roads under this category will not be mowed a second time until all paved or oiled roads have received one round of mowing.

   b) Mowing all intersections a minimum distance of 100 metres each direction in the irrigated portions of the County will be the next priority.

   c) Mowing will be conducted so the least distance is travelled in order to carry out the program.

   d) Gravelled roads in the dryland areas of the County will receive one mowing, commencing approximately August 1st, or as soon as the vegetation becomes dormant and anticipated regrowth is minimal. The first areas to become dormant are traditionally the Sundial and West Barons areas of the County.

   e) When mowing is completed in the dryland areas, mowing will commence on the gravelled roads in the irrigated portions of the County.

2. It is recognized that inclement weather, such as an early winter could prevent completion of the program.

3. Road grading operations will be carried out in a manner that will not affect the efficiency of the mowing operations.

4. Spraying of roads will be coordinated to complement the Roadside Mowing Program whenever possible.