



Policy Type:	300 Transportation
Policy Title:	05 Cattle Guard Policy on Road Allowances
Authority:	
Bylaw 49	

SCOPE: This policy includes all cattle guards (Texas Gates) situated on road allowances and surveyed roads within the Rural Municipality of Beaver River #622

PURPOSE:

- a) to ensure that the RM is aware of the existence of all cattle guards within the municipality;
- b) to ensure that cattle guards are built, installed and maintained to a standard satisfactory to the RM Council and to ensure the safety of users of municipal roads.

REGISTRATION:

Registration of existing cattle guards on road allowances and surveyed roads will be required, and will include the owner’s name and land location.

PROPOSALS FOR NEW CATTLE GUARDS:

- Written permission must be obtained before a cattle guard may be placed on a road allowance or on a surveyed municipal road.
- Cattle guards must meet the RM specifications and standards as outlined in this policy.
- A detailed plan, illustrating the proposed placement of the cattle guard must be submitted in writing to the Council of the RM prior to installation.
- Purchase (supply) and installation is the responsibility of the landowner. Installation may be supervised by RM personnel.
- “Cattle at Large”, “Texas Gate Ahead” and/or “Advisory Speed Signs” shall be posted on all road allowances and surveyed roads with cattle guards, and the costs for signs and installation thereof shall be the responsibility of the landowner.
- The landowner shall make provision for an alternate crossing in the form of a minimum 24 foot gate in the fence beside the cattle guard, and an approach to the fence gate to accommodate passage of wide or heavy equipment.

STANDARDS:

- Minimum weight requirements according to Provincial weight restrictions.
- Space between cross members shall be a minimum of 5 inches on 2 7/8 inch pipe.
- Pipe cross members shall be a minimum of 2 7/8 inches.



- Cross members shall be supported by a minimum of 4 – 6”x6”x.” I-beam, “T” iron or pipe of equal strength.
- Size: minimum of 20 feet by 6 feet on municipal roads.
- Size: minimum of 16 feet by 6 feet on undeveloped road allowances or bladed trails.
- Removable wings on either side of cattle guard are required, and shall be a minimum of 4 feet in height.
- Material shall be all steel construction top, sitting on steel or concrete foundations.

CATTLE GUARD COMMITTEE:

The Cattle Guard Committee shall be appointed annually, and shall be comprised of three Council members and the RM maintenance foreman.

DUTIES:

- The Cattle Guard Committee shall inspect all cattle guards in the RM annually and report any which do not meet specifications to Council. The Cattle Guard Committee shall investigate any complaints received regarding cattle guards, and take appropriate action.
- If any of the standards are not met, Council can order the cattle guard upgraded, repaired or removed. If the landowner does not comply, RM maintenance personnel may be directed to remove the cattle guard, repair the road site, and invoice the landowner for the costs of repair or removal.