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Policy Title:	Gravel Testing Policy – Lease Lands
Authority:	
Government of Saskatchewan Sand and Gravel Policy revised June 20, 2011	<i>The Municipalities Act Section 143, 144</i>
Resolution # 292-12	
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Whereas The Rural Municipality of Beaver River # 622 deems it desirable to ensure future gravel supplies for municipal use, the following policy has been adopted:

1. All applications for lease land purchases shall automatically have the following designation placed on the Purchase Agreement: "Subject to gravel testing by the RM of Beaver River # 622".
2. The RM will try to secure permission from the lease holder to access land for the purpose of gravel testing at the time that the application is submitted to council for approval.
3. Once approval has been received from Sask Agriculture and Food – Lands Branch, and the Ministry of Highways has, where applicable, released their gravel claim interest on the land, the RM shall proceed as soon as possible to complete a preliminary assessment of the lease land to determine available access and potential gravel deposit locations in a matter that suits council.
4. Where there is access and a potential of gravel, council or an appointed member shall proceed with drilling test holes with backhoe and auger.
5. In circumstances where gravel testing is carried out on lease land held by an RM 622 councillor or by a member of the councillor's immediate family, the councillor shall declare pecuniary interest and be excused from discussions and voting on any resolutions pertaining to this lease property.
6. In circumstances where the provisions of #5 (above) apply, the gravel testing shall be carried out under the supervision of the following people: i) an alternate, unrelated councillor; ii) the maintenance foreman, and iii) any other expert or consultant that council, at its discretion, deems appropriate.
7. Lease holder(s) or designated representatives are welcome to be on site during testing.
8. The findings shall be reported to council at their next regular meeting, at which time council can determine whether further testing is warranted, or whether or not the RM is prepared to release the leased property for sale.
9. It is further acknowledged that the maintenance staff are not geotechnical experts and subsequently, the tests performed are intended to provide representative samples only.
10. If the RM wishes to retain the right to future gravel supply, a written notification shall be sent to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food – Lands Branch indicating that the RM wishes to hold in reserve the leased land for future gravel quarries.
11. The RM may proceed with subdivision of gravel deposit if necessary to allow for the release of portions of lease land without gravel deposits, thereby allowing additional lands to be added to gravel quarry reserves.



12. If leaseholder wishes to purchase balance of quarter that is not required for gravel quarry prior to the RM reaching the maximum allowable 1280 acres, the leasehold may request a subdivision and the leasehold shall be responsible for all costs associated with subdivision.

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