



POLICY

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Policy Title ROAD DESIGNATIONS & STANDARDS	Date: June 11, 2026	Resolution No. C/307/26

Policy Statement

To facilitate the orderly and effective management of roads under the jurisdiction of Lacombe County, the following classification system and standards have been adopted. The classifications and standards may be varied to address specific needs or unusual conditions.

Guidelines/Procedures

1. Primary Local Main

Roads designated as Primary Local Main will normally be designed and constructed to a paved standard that will not require weight restrictions and/or bans. Specifications for the design and construction of a Primary Local Main are identified in the Lacombe County Standards Manual. The purpose of Primary Local Main roads is to:

- facilitate the flow of commodities during all four seasons
- accommodate large volumes of traffic (more than 500 vehicles/day)
- provide connector routes to trading centers within Lacombe County
- allow for year-round movement of legal loads

Primary Local Main Roads are to be designated by resolution of Council and will be reviewed by Council at least every three years.

The following roads are designated as Primary Local Main:

Aspelund Road	Lacombe Lakeshore Drive	Prentiss Road
Clive North Access	Lakeside/Sargent Road	Rainy Creek Road
D & M Road	Last Hill Road	RGE RD 27-4 (south of Hwy 12)
Eckville North Road	Milton/Gadsby Lake Road	Rock Pine Road
Eckville West Road	Milton West Branch Road	Spruceville Road
Freedom Road	Nova North Access	Woody Nook Road

2. Secondary Local Main

Roads designated as Secondary Local Main will normally be designed and constructed to a paved standard that may require weight restrictions and/or bans to be placed on the road during certain seasons. Specifications for the design and construction of a Secondary Local Main are identified in the Lacombe County Standards Manual. The purpose of Secondary Local Main Roads is to:

- facilitate the flow of light vehicle traffic
- provide connector routes to urban areas and other paved roads
- provide for the limited flow of commodities on a seasonal basis
- minimize maintenance procedures (grading, gravelling, dust control)

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Secondary Local Main Roads are to be designated by resolution of Council and will be reviewed by Council at least every three years.

The following roads are designated as Secondary Local Main:

Alix North Road	Centreview Road	Lockhart Road
Barnett Road	Duckett Road	Otto Road
C&E Trail	Haynes Road	

TWP RD 41-2 south of SW 15-41-26 W4 (Old Milton Road)
RGE RD 25-3 west of SW 21-38-25 W4 (Old 815 south of Hwy 11)
RGE RD 26-4 North of City of Lacombe Limits to Hwy 2A
RGE RD 27-3 south of Highway 597 to NW 15-39-27 W4
RGE RD 28-2 from Highway 12 to Highway 12A
RGE RD 28-4 from Highway 12 to Highway 12A
RGE RD 1-1.5 from Highway 12 to Highway 12A

3. Local Roads

Roads designated as Local Roads will normally be designed and constructed to an all-season gravel standard that may require weight restrictions and/or bans to be placed on the road during certain seasons. Specifications for the design and construction of a Local Road are identified in the Lacombe County Standards Manual. The purpose of Local Roads is to:

- facilitate the flow of all types of traffic
- provide connector routes between paved roads
- facilitate the flow of commodities during all four seasons
- accommodate moderate to low volumes of traffic (less than 500 vehicles/day)
- provide connector routes to trading centers within Lacombe County
- allow for year-round movement of legal loads

Local Roads are to be designated by Council at the time the road is constructed or reconstructed.

4. Residential Subdivision – Main Access Road

Roads designated as a Residential Subdivision – Main Access Road will normally be designed and constructed to an all-season paved standard that may require weight restrictions and/or bans to be placed on the road during certain seasons. Specifications for the design and construction of a Residential Subdivision – Main Access Road are identified in the Lacombe County Standards Manual.

The purpose of a Residential Subdivision – Main Access Road is to:

- provide access to a Country and/or Lakeshore residential development
- provide access from the residential area to a Primary Highway or Local Main road

Residential Subdivision – Main Access Roads may be designated by Council at any time but normally at the time the road is constructed or reconstructed.

The following roads are designated as Main Access Roads:

Birch Bay Drive	Shores of Sylvan
Burbank Road	Sunbreaker Cove Road
Jarvis Bay Access	Westend Landing Road
McLaurin Lane	Westside Country Estates

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Meridian Road	Wilson Beach Road
RGE RD 1-4 (The Slopes)	Sandy Point Road
RGE RD 2-4 (Eagles Quay)	TWP RD 41-4 (Degraff)
RGE RD 28-2 (Wilson's Beach)	

5. Residential Subdivision Road

Roads designated as a Residential Subdivision Road will normally be designed and constructed to an all-season paved standard that may require weight restrictions and/or bans to be placed on the road during certain seasons. Specifications for the design and construction of a Residential Subdivision Road are identified in the Lacombe County Standards Manual.

The purpose of a Residential Subdivision Road is to:

- provide access to residential lots from the Main Access Road
- accommodate low traffic volumes and low speed traffic within a residential area

Residential Subdivision Roads are to be designated by Council at the time the road is constructed or reconstructed.

6. Industrial Subdivision Internal Road

Roads designated as an Industrial Subdivision Internal Road will normally be designed and constructed to an all-season paved standard that may require weight restrictions and/or bans to be placed on the road during certain seasons. Specifications for the design and construction of an Industrial Subdivision Road are identified in the Lacombe County Standards Manual.

The purpose of an Industrial Subdivision Internal Road is to:

- provide access to industrial lots within the subdivision

Industrial Subdivision Roads are to be designated by Council at the time the road is constructed or reconstructed.

The following roads are designated as Industrial Subdivision Internal Roads:

Roads within the Aspelund Industrial Park
Roads within the Burbank Industrial Park
Roads within the Iron Rail Industrial Park
Roads within the Aspelund South Industrial Park
Roads within the Wildrose Business Park

7. RV Campground Internal Road

Roads designated as an RV Campground Internal Road will normally be designed and constructed to an all-season paved standard that may require weight restrictions and/or bans to be placed on the road during certain seasons. Specifications for the design and construction of RV Campground Internal Road are identified in the Lacombe County Standards Manual.

The purpose of an RV Campground Internal Road is to:

- provide access to campground lots within the subdivision

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RV Campground Internal Roads are to be designated by Council at the time the road is constructed or reconstructed.

8. Access Road

Roads designated as an Access Road will normally be designed and constructed to an all-season gravel standard that may require weight restrictions and/or bans to be placed on the road during certain seasons. Specifications for the design and construction of Access Roads are as identified in the Lacombe County Standards Manual.

The purpose of an Access Road is to:

- accommodate low volumes of traffic from a single source or destination
- facilitate the flow of commodities from an agricultural operation, industrial facility or residence to a Local or Local Main road
- provide limited access to residential, agricultural, industrial or commercial operations
- provide limited access to a recreational area

Access Roads are to be designated by Council at the time a road is constructed or reconstructed.

9. Farm Machinery Road

Improvements to roads designated as a Farm Machinery Road will normally be limited to the brushing of trees and minor excavation that will allow for the limited movement of machinery in dry conditions. Specifications for the design and construction of a Farm Machinery Road are identified in the Lacombe County Standards Manual.

The purpose of a Farm Machinery Road is to:

- facilitate the limited movement of farm machinery to fields where no other access is available
- facilitate the limited movement of farm produce during harvest time
- facilitate the limited movement of livestock to pastures

Farm Machinery Roads are to be designated by resolution of Council and are to be signed to advise travelers that use is at your own risk.

10. Unopened Road Allowance

Road allowances that are unnecessary or impractical to open for general public travel shall be designated as an Unopened Road Allowance. There will normally be no improvements made to an unopened road allowance and access is typically limited to walking, horseback or ATV. There is no planned use for an unopened road allowance.

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