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Policy Statement

Guidelines/Procedures

1. Acquisition of Road Right-of-Way

The rate of compensation for acquisition of right-of-way is one and one-third times the fair market value as determined by Lacombe County Assessment Department.

Where agricultural lands are subject to restrictive covenants, a lesser rate may be paid to recognize the conditions of the restrictive covenants.

A lesser rate may be paid if it is determined that the preceding rates are not appropriate for the acquisition.

Crop damage payments are to be in accordance with established crop damage rates as per the active Rates and Fees Bylaw.

2. Backsloping

Where backsloping is undertaken by County initiative, compensation shall be paid for one acre per 800 meters at a flat rate of \$400. (For parcels less than 800 meters in length, the payment will be prorated accordingly.)

Where backsloping is undertaken at the request of an adjoining property owner, compensation may be negotiated at a rate less than \$400 per 800 meters.

The County will pick rocks one time after the first cultivation of the backsloped area, immediately following construction.

Crop damage payments are to be in accordance with established crop damage rates as per the active Rates and Fees Bylaw.

3. Borrow Pits

Compensation will be paid at the rate of \$1,000 per acre. Crop damage is to be in accordance with established crop damage rates as per the active Rates and Fees Bylaw.

Additional compensation of up to \$500 per acre may be paid for landscaped borrow pits on cultivated land to recognize crop yield reduction in subsequent years.

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4. Fences

At the choice of the landowner, the County will:

- a) Replace existing fence with an equivalent or better standard fence with a minimum standard of four wires with posts at one rod spacing (160 posts per 800 meters). Landowners may be compensated for fence removal at a rate of \$2,000 per 800 meters if they choose not to have the fence replaced.
- b) Pay compensation at the rate of \$300 per 800 meters for any fence that is set back a minimum of one rod from the property line and is not required to be moved during road construction.

Where backsloping is undertaken at the request of an adjoining property owner, lesser consideration under fencing may be negotiated.

The County Manager or designate is authorized to negotiate and approve agreements for the replacement of trees, loss or relocation of buildings and severance of lands that may be impacted by road construction.

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