

Rural Municipality of Baildon No. 131

Dust Control Policy

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The Council of the Rural Municipality of Baildon No. 131 enacts the following policy:

1. Background

Dust control is meant to control dust on roadways, not eliminate it completely. When dust control product is applied, the substance will adhere to the gravel surface. These products retain moisture from rain and humidity, which weighs down the dust particles, making them less likely to become airborne after a vehicle has passed over the area. However, under extremely dry conditions, these products will not be able to perform as well, and residents might notice a slight increase in airborne dust.

Council for the Rural Municipality of Baildon No. 131, recognizes that, by reason of heavy traffic and speeds or other circumstances, some yard-sites experience dust generated by traffic on the road adjacent to the owner's property. Council recognizes that maintaining a dust-free surface in front of a yard-site may enhance the safety and well-being of the general public as well as the occupant(s) of the yard-site.

Council wishes to provide an optional dust control program available to its ratepayers. This policy will help administer the program and provide delivery of the service at the cost of the applicant.

2. Residents

Residents who wish to apply for dust control may do so by completing the Application for Dust Control (Form A) and submitting same to the RM office by April 15th of the given year to enter the program. The cost of dust control to residents may vary from year to year, and will depend on pre-application road preparation costs, the cost of the metered quantity dispensed at each location as well as the cost of product application by the distributor. Where application is made to the Rural Municipality of Baildon No. 131 office, in a timely fashion for the application for dust control to roads, the applicant agrees to pay 100% of the cost of application. There will be no administrative charges to arrange for the application of the product.

Residents will mark the area of road length with visible stakes on their property 10 business days prior to application.

No person shall apply any product, whether it be for dust control purposes or any other purpose, to roads under jurisdiction of the Rural Municipality of Baildon No. 131.

3. Limitations

Dust control product will not be applied until weight restrictions have been lifted by the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure, nor will it be applied during rainy conditions or to a heavily saturated road surface.

The Rural Municipality of Baidon No. 131 reserves the right to revoke this policy without notice to any persons who have participated in previous dust control programs.

No warranties or guarantees are offered respecting the product or the application.

The Rural Municipality of Baidon No. 131 will only apply dust control when there is enough interest to apply the product in full tanker loads as the cost savings are realized at these volumes.

4. Maintenance

If the condition of the road on which the dust control has been applied is deemed to be a road security issue or a public safety concern by the RM Foreman or Reeve, the road may require re-grading. It shall be understood by the applicant that if re-grading is needed due to road safety, that this shall take precedence and the Rural Municipality of Baidon No. 131 will not be responsible for product application loss due to the re-grading.