

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BAILDON NO. 131

Annual Ditch Mowing and Hay Salvage Policy

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BACKGROUND

Council recognizes the need for our ratepayers to mow ditches for hay salvage. Priority for cutting and baling ditches is given to the adjacent landowner before July 8th of a calendar year. After July 8th, the hay can be recovered by anyone without the permission of the adjacent landowner, providing salvage operations have not already begun.

POLICY

1. Cutting of municipal right of way ditches is given to the adjacent landowner first before June 15th of a calendar year. The adjacent landowner must contact the RM office before June 15th and let the office know the land location(s) in which they are cutting. If a non-adjacent landowner wants the right to cut, they will have to seek permission from the adjacent landowner before June 15th and notify the RM office of the permission and land location(s).
2. Contracted mowers and the Foreman for the RM of Baidon No. 131 will then be contacted and these areas will be marked on the RM map to avoid cutting. If it not marked on the map to avoid, the RM and contracted mowers will proceed to cut ditches on June 16th of the calendar year.
3. Cutting must be initiated by July 8th of the calendar year.
4. Bales or broken bales of hay must be removed by July 15th of the calendar year.