



County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 Municipal Policy

Department:

Policy No.

61.0 Planning & Economic Development

61.0.4

Title Seasonal Dock & Mooring Structure on County Managed Lands

1. Background:

The bed and shore of waterbodies in the County are the jurisdiction of the Province of Alberta. However, many docks and mooring structures extend from the shore onto land managed by the County such as municipal and environmental reserves, and County undeveloped road allowances. The purpose of this Policy is to grant consent, subject to conditions, for docks and/or other mooring structures to extend onto and be installed on County Managed Lands.

2. Policy Statement:

- 2.1. The County supports the installation of Docks and/or Other Mooring Structures, where the County is the upland landowner, adjacent to and on County Managed Lands next to a Waterbody.
- 2.2. This Policy is not to supersede the "Disturbance Standard for Temporary Seasonal Docks and other Mooring Structures for Personal Recreational Purposes" as set forth by the Government of Alberta, but rather facilitate citizens in being able to obtain approvals, as required, from the Government of Alberta for the installation of Docks and Other Mooring Structures adjacent to and on County Managed Lands.
- 2.3. This Policy only applies to the installation of Docks and/or Other Mooring Structures adjacent to and on County Managed Lands and does not include any installation or storage of other appurtenances, structures, buildings, development, materials, or otherwise as covered by the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA), Municipal, Environmental, and Conservation Reserve Bylaw, Land Use Bylaw, and other relevant provincial legislation or County Bylaws.
- 2.4. This Policy does not apply to any shoreline where the County holds a formal disposition from the Province to manage the use of the shoreline.

3. Consent to Use County Managed Lands

3.1. The County hereby consents to the installation of Docks and Other Mooring Structures adjacent to and on County Managed Lands without the requirement for any type of authorization, permit, license, etc. from the County of Wetaskiwin provided:

3.1.1. the Dock and/or Other Mooring Structure:

- a) does not extend further than three (3) metres (10 feet) onto the County Managed Lands from the adjacent Waterbody;

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- b) does not obstruct public access both over and through the County Managed Lands; and,
- c) notwithstanding 3.1.1 a), where more than three (3) metres (10 feet) is required for the operation of the Dock and/or Other Mooring Structure, Administration has the authority to extend the distance on County Managed Lands in extenuating circumstances subject to 3.1.1 b); and,

3.1.2. the County of Wetaskiwin is indemnified against all actions, claims, and demands brought or made against the County by the Dock and/or Other Mooring Structure owner or by any third party for any losses arising directly or indirectly from the Dock and/or Other Mooring Structure.

3.2. Any Dock and/or Other Mooring Structure that does not comply with Section 3.1 may be removed at any time by the County.

4. Definitions (if applicable): are created and maintained in the Definition Index and include the following:

- 4.1. **"County Managed Lands"** means lands under the care and control of the County including Municipal, Environmental, or Conservation Reserve, undeveloped road allowance, or other titled parcels owned by the County of Wetaskiwin.
- 4.2. **"Dock and/or Other Mooring Structure"** means any pier, wharf, or other structure constructed or maintained in a Waterbody, whether floating or not, used for the purposes of mooring a vessel and includes any walkway, terminal platform, or anchor if an anchor is used.
- 4.3. **"Open Water Part of the Year"** means the period of time during the year when the water in a Waterbody is not covered with ice.
- 4.4. **"Waterbody"** means a permanent and naturally occurring body of water or a naturally occurring river, stream, watercourse, or lake.

5. Related Documents:

- 5.1. Government of Alberta Disturbance Standard for Temporary Seasonal Docks and other Mooring Structures for Personal Recreational Purposes
- 5.2. *Municipal Government Act* (MGA)
- 5.3. County of Wetaskiwin Land Use Bylaw
- 5.4. County of Wetaskiwin Municipal, Environmental, and Conservation Reserve Bylaw

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