

Ditch Mowing & Haying	Policy No. 01-2020	Version 1.0
Controller: Administrator, Council	Approved by Council: December 9th, 2020	

1. Purpose

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Connaught No. 457 has implemented a permit system for all landowners within the municipality wanting to hay municipal right of way. All roads are intended to be mowed twice a year commencing June 1. The purpose of the permit system is to minimize conflict between the municipality and landowners who want to cut and bale hay along municipal right of way as well as to be consistent with the Ministry of Highways and surrounding municipalities.

2. Policy

- A. Landowners must apply for a Roadside Haying Permit from the RM of Connaught No. 457 **prior to May 15** of each year. All landowners permitted to hay municipal right of way must have their haying completed **before August 15** of each year. Permits are available at the Municipal Office or online at <https://www.rm457.net/bylaws-minutes>.
- B. The adjacent landowner or lessee in the case of rented land, have first option to salvage hay along municipal roads. Other interest parties must contract the adjacent landowner or lessee to salvage hay.
- C. After July 8th, any person may cut and salvage hay without the permission of the adjacent landowner or lessee, provided the adjacent landowner or lessee has not begun salvage.
- D. The right of way must be left in a neat appearance and any ruts must be fixed, by the person salvaging hay.
- E. All bales must be removed from the right of way no later than August 15. Any bales remaining in the right away after August 15 may be removed by the municipality with the costs incurred charged back to the rate payer responsible.
- F. Bales of hay must be at least 3 meters from the edge of the shoulder of the road.
- G. No person shall cut hay on any portion of a public highway located in the municipality during the period from ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise.

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- H. No person shall cut hay on any portion of a public highway located in this municipality without first notifying the councillor of that division or in the absence of the councillor the reeve.
- I. The municipality assumes no liability for laborers, machinery or bales relating to the salvage of hay operations.
- J. The Council reserves the privilege and right for its members, employees, and/or agents to enter upon said right of way for the maintenance and/or reconstruction of said roadway or for other such purposes as may be deemed necessary and at no compensation or reimbursement to the party salvaging the hay therefrom.
- K. In the event Council needs to exercise clause (J), the person salvaging hay will be provided with notice of the intended activity as soon as practically possible.
- L. The Rural Municipality of Connaught No. 457 may suspend future haying privileges of persons not complying with these conditions.

Registration to Hay Municipal Right of Ways

Pre-registration to mow and hay municipal right of ways must be received at the Municipal Office no later than June 15 of each year in order to allow planning for the mowing program.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Date of Request: _____

<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Mailing Address:</i>	
<i>Town & Postal Code</i>	
<i>Phone Number:</i>	
<i>Email Address:</i>	

I agree to the following terms as per Policy 01-2020, the Municipal Haying Policy:

1. *I am the adjacent landowner or lessee (in the case of rented land) that has the first option to salvage hay along the municipal road.*
2. *I understand that after July 8th any person may cut and salvage hay without my permission as the adjacent landowner or lessee if I have not already begun salvage operations.*
3. *I will leave the road right of way in neat appearance.*
4. *I will leave bales of hay a minimum of 3 meters from the edge of the shoulder roadway.*
5. *I will remove all bales from the road right of way by August 15 of the current year or the RM will have the right to remove the bales. Should the RM be required to remove the bales, they will become the property of the RM and the cost of the said bale removal will be considered custom work and charged to me as the original party salvaging the hay.*
6. *The Council reserves the privilege and right for its members, employees and/or agents to enter upon said road right of way for the maintenance or reconstruction of said roadway for other such purposes that may be deemed necessary, and at no compensation or reimbursement to the party salvaging hay therefrom.*
7. *The Municipality assumes no liability for labourers, machinery or bales relating to the salvaging of hay operations.*

I further understand that the Municipality reserves the right to conduct mowing operations in certain areas prior to July 8th as required for safety, aesthetic and weed control reasons, without notice to the adjacent landowners and/or lessees.

Applicant Signature: _____

Witness Signature: _____

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<i>Date Received:</i>	
<i>Division(s):</i>	

