



PURPOSE:

The Municipality has a responsibility to maintain its publically travelled roadways and roadside allowances to a safe standard. All potential users will have safe access to entrances and intersections. Roadways are to be adequately cleared of obstructions to provide improved:

- Sight lines by removing obstructions of vision for the travelling public to all entrance driveways, intersections, curves, hills and other danger areas.
- Overhead clearances for larger vehicles by removing obstructions that may cause damage.
- Roadside clearances for road maintenance equipment to operate safely unimpaired by roadside obstructions during the snow clearing operations.
- Snow storage areas adjacent to the road for the snow that is removed from the travelled portion of the road surface and roadside shoulders.
- Winter driving surfaces by opening the overhead tree canopy and roadside access for the natural sunlight to reach the road surface to promote improved melting of the snow and ice pack conditions.
- Provides areas allowing for proper roadside drainage by removing obstructions.

The Township is required to balance its responsibility to provide safe roads and clear sight lines while also maintaining control of the natural vegetation within the road allowances. The intent of the brushing program is to clear cut the Municipal road allowances (20 m) of all brush, shrubs, small tress, large trees and overhanging tree canopy that address any or all of the above noted improvements. Mechanical brushing techniques used by the Township will maximize production of the amount of area cleared for the budget dollars spent.

The Township recognizes that it is important to communicate its intentions to the property owners abutting road allowances that are scheduled for brushing. Brushing will generally be done in the fall and winter of each year.

APPLICATION:

Communications

The Township will communicate its intentions to homeowners at least thirty (30) days prior to commencing roadside brushing. Notice will be provided by the Deputy Manager of Operations or his designate by delivering an information card.

Removal

The Township will remove any obstructions by using a mechanical brushing head. Debris will be removed from the travelled road surface the day after brush clearing or as weather permits. Debris in the ditch will be pulverized by the roadside mower during the spring and summer months. Refer to Appendix A for more detail.

The Township will remove obstructions to the following standards:

- Obstructions within the 20m road allowance.
- Obstructions up to back of ditch.
- Obstructions 3m from edge of pavement.
- Obstructions up to 8m in height overhead.

Requested larger tree removal may be done by Operations staff or a qualified contractor (individual or company) with the knowledge, skills and ability to remove the trees. Trees will be assessed by a qualified professional to determine if a tree has become dangerous; healthy trees will not be removed.

Homeowner exemption requests may be done at the discretion of the Deputy Manager of Operations or his designate. Criteria for consideration will be traffic count, safety and overhead utilities. The homeowner will be required to obtain the required permits from the Township and hire a qualified professional to perform the works.

Policy # 5280.006

Certified Correct:

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Chief Administrative Officer

THE TOWNSHIP OF SPALLUMCHEEN
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Appendix A

