SOUTH W **GLENGARRY South Glengarry POLICY** Ontario's Celtic Heartland **Policy Number:** Review Frequency: Council of the Township Date Approved: March 27, 2000 Approved By: of South Glengarry Revision Date: October 11, 2011 Schedule 'A' to By-Law 11-00: Right of Way Policy Subject:

Amended Through 17-05, 27-06, and 45-11

1. INTRODUCTION

The Township of South Glengarry maintains 385 km of roadway of which 210km is granular surface and 175km is bituminous hardtop surface.

As specified in section 284 (1) of the Municipal Act the Council of the Corporation that has jurisdiction over a highway or bridge shall keep it in a state of repair that is reasonable in light of all the circumstances.

It is the objective of the municipality to maintain the existing right of ways in a state of repair that is reasonable, recognizing historical conditions and a level of service that is consistent with a low volume rural road system in the Province of Ontario.

A program to upgrade and improve the roadways will be established taking into account the traffic volumes, and expenditure required for the improvement.

2. STATEMENT OF POLICY

"The objectives of the Township Roads Department right of way maintenance activities shall be established to keep the right of way in a state of repair that is reasonable and consistent with the needs of a low traffic volume rural road system."

For standards and levels of service that are not identified in this policy, the Township commits itself to a standard and level of service as set out in the Provincial Minimum Maintenance Standards.

Amended by By-law 2011-45-27

3. TYPICAL SECTION

See attached diagram:

The right of way section will be a minimum of 20 metres with a desired right of way of 26 metres where warranted. The minimum platform width will be 8-metres with a 6-metre surface and 1-metre shoulders excluding rounding.

The granular base desired is 300mm of granular B and 150 mm of granular A.

The shoulder rounding granulars should be left exposed to allow for the drainage of water from the granular base.

The desired clear zone (the traversable area free of obstacles that allows errant vehicles that leave the travelled portion of the roadway to recover or come to a safe stop) is 4 metres.

4. SURFACE TYPE

The desired surface type is established based on the traffic volumes (AADT) on the roadway.

AADT	Surface Type
>400	Asphalt
300 to 400	Surface Treatment
<300	Granular

It is the objective of the Township that a Bituminous surface is preferred in hamlets and built-up areas.

5. LAND ACQUISITION

Land acquisition for road widening purposes will be established to accommodate a capital program that addresses the needs based on traffic, development, and the transportation patterns of the road system.

Land will be acquired whenever the opportunity presents itself to widen and improve deficient right of ways to the desired 20 metres, i.e. severances, surveys etc.

Council will establish compensation for land required for road widening at a fair per acre value. The Township will pay for the survey and legal costs to register the road widening. (This does not apply to severance applications.)

Compensation for land required for road widening will be established by Council at a fair per acre value.

When land is being acquired for road widening purposes and the land is zoned agricultural then the compensation for the land being acquired will be based on the assessed value of the property being purchased rather than the established policy of \$1500 per acre with a \$250 minimum offer.

Amended by By-law 2006-27

When land is acquired for road widening purposes and at the time of construction the township will provide for entrances existing or required as a result of this construction. The Township will install these entrances as part of the capital cost to the project and no compensation will be payable by the abutting land owner.

6. GRASS CUTTING

The grass cutting program will attempt to maintain the right of ways from fence to fence where accessible.

The desired level of service for this program will be that the grass and weeds along the right of way will not exceed 400mm in height and efforts will attempt to cut the grass and weeds before they seed.

7. BRUSHING/TREES

A program of brush and tree removal will be established by the Township to prioritize the brushing and tree removal required to achieve the desired 4 metre clear zone. This program will set priorities based on traffic volumes, the geometrics of the road (i.e. brush/trees at curves intersections) and the transportation patterns of the road system.

8. DITCHING

A yearly ditching program will be established based on the need to provide for adequate drainage of the road base.

Typically ditches will be constructed with a desired front and back slope of 3:1

It is preferred that open ditches be maintained on the municipal right of way.

If an abutting land owner wishes to close a ditch in they must file a written request to the municipality accompanied by an approved engineers plan detailing the closed drainage scheme being proposed. Any approved closure will be limited to a 2-meter setback from property line that must remain open and accessible for maintenance and drainage purposes

Any approved closed drainage systems will be constructed solely at the cost of the abutting landowner.

9. ENTRANCES

New entrances will be permitted on the municipal right of way with approval of an entrance permit and receipt of the applicable fee.

The minimum standard for entrance culverts will provide for a corrugated steel culvert of no less than 400mm diameter and a length to be established based on-site conditions and location.

End treatments for entrance will be constructed in granular or asphalt to a 2:1 side slope. No headwalls of any kind will be permitted.

Entrances on the municipal right of way will be maintained by the abutting landowner at their expense.

The municipality will replace or reset culverts that have failed as required and approved by the Public Works Director.

Entrances on the Municipal right-of-way will be maintained by the abutting landowner at their expense.

The Municipality will replace or reset culverts as required when a capital project is undertaken or when the integrity of the road drainage is being adversely affected as determined by the Public Works Director.

Amended by By-law 2005-17

10. Maximum Speed Limits

Unless stipulated otherwise, the Maximum Speed Limit on Township Roads will be determined as per the Highway Traffic Act Regulations.

Amended by By-law 2011-45

