

BYLAW 1127/07

ERECTION OF SIGNS WITHIN COUNTY ROAD ALLOWANCES STURGEON COUNTY, MORINVILLE, ALBERTA

A BYLAW OF STURGEON COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE ERECTION OF SIGNS WITHIN COUNTY ROAD ALLOWANCES.

WHEREAS, Section 61 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26 provides for a By-law requiring a permit from the Council or an official designated for the purpose as a condition of erecting any signboard, billboard or other advertising device; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Sturgeon County deems it expedient and necessary to control the erection of signs on road allowances by the issuance of permits;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Sturgeon County duly assembled hereby enacts the following:

1. Signs for the sole purpose of providing directions to the location of any of the following may be permitted in accordance with the terms and conditions hereinafter contained:
 - a) Religious
 - b) Educational institutions
 - c) Community facilities
 - d) Municipal, Provincial and Federal parks and recreation areas
 - e) Declared historical sites or points of interest
 - f) Privately operated campgrounds approved by Alberta Tourism
 - g) Recreation vehicle parks approved by Travel Alberta
 - h) Marinas approved by Alberta Environment
 - i) Golf courses
 - j) Approved picnic and day use areas available to the general public
 - k) Ski hill developments and cross country ski areas
 - l) Guest ranches and country vacation developments approved by Travel Alberta
 - m) Trail riding facilities as recognized and listed by Travel Alberta
 - n) Farmers markets approved by Alberta Agriculture
 - o) Museums recognized by Alberta Culture
 - p) Hostels which are members of the Canadian Hostelling Association
 - q) Any private tourist attractions which are approved municipally or by Alberta Tourism
 - r) Any other development, facility or activity of interest to, or available for the use of the general public and considered acceptable for directional signage by the Council of Sturgeon County.

Approval will not be granted for the erection of any signs or signs in road allowances for the purpose of advertising and/or providing direction to the location of individual commercial or industrial businesses that do not qualify under items (1) to (r) above. The Council of Sturgeon County shall be the sole and final judge of such qualification.

2. Terms and Conditions

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- a) Applications for the erection of signs in County road allowances shall be submitted to the Manager of Transportation for the Sturgeon County on the form prescribed in Schedule "A" hereto attached. For each request for a permanent sign installation, the applicant shall attach to the application a dimensioned drawing showing the location relative to;
- i) the road surface and road allowance boundaries
 - ii) the location of the nearest public road intersection
 - iii) the location of any existing property entrance(s) within 100 m of the requested location
 - iv) the location and description of any existing signs in the road allowance within 100 m of the requested location
 - v) description of the property adjacent to the requested location by legal description and/or landowner name.
- b) An application fee of \$10.00 shall be submitted with each application for a permanent sign installation. Should the application be for the installation of two or more of the same or similar type signs, an additional application fee of \$5.00 shall be submitted for each additional sign. An application fee of \$10.00 shall be submitted with each application for the installation of one or more temporary signs. The application fee for temporary or permanent signs will not be refunded if the application is approved or refused.
- c) The applicant for the erection of a sign on a road allowance may be required to pay a proportionate share of the cost of a bond of indemnity indemnifying the municipality and all concerned against claims, demands, actions, proceedings, and costs for loss, damage or injury to persons or property arising by reason of the erection, maintenance, use or existence of any such sign.
- d) No sign shall in surface area exceed:
- i) 12 square feet for signs to be installed in County road allowances.
- e) All permanent signs approved pursuant to the provisions of this By-Law shall consist of the colors and shall be constructed and installed in accordance with the Sturgeon County Municipal Servicing Standards. The latest version of these specifications is available from the office of the Manager of Transportation. Where applicable, any directional signs for recreational facilities or tourist attractions shall be designed using the symbols and/or message format as contained in the Alberta Transportation and Utilities Signing Manual for Facilities Services.
- f) The installation of illuminated signs or signs having moving parts will not be permitted.

- g) No sign shall be installed on a road allowance unless an application for it has been approved by the Manager of Transportation and County Commissioner for the Sturgeon County. No installation will be permitted at a location other than that specifically stated in the application approval.
- h) Each sign installation approved pursuant to the provisions of this By-Law shall be maintained by the applicant in a condition acceptable to the Manager of Transportation. Sturgeon County shall not be responsible for any damage or vandalism that might occur to the installation(s) except where such may be caused by the negligence of the County or its servants.
- i) Sturgeon County reserves the right, at no cost to itself, to direct the removal, relocation or modification of any approved sign installation which it determines is a safety hazard, confusing to the traveling public or interferes with the proper operation or maintenance of the roadway. The Manager of Transportation may also direct the applicant to temporarily remove and replace, at his/her own cost, any approved sign installation to facilitate upgrading or reconstruction of the roadway.
- j) The applicant shall be responsible, at his own cost, for the location and protection of all existing utilities and other installations in the road allowance and shall be responsible for obtaining the approval of any owner of a utility or other installation which may be affected by the proposed sign installation.

3. Temporary Signs

The Manager of Transportation and County Commissioner of Sturgeon County may approve the installation of temporary signs in road allowance for the advertising of, and direction to any special events at locations as described in Article 1 of this By-Law, or any other special events considered acceptable by the Manager and Commissioner, subject to the following conditions:

- a) That an application and application fee has been received from the applicant and found acceptable.
- b) That the signs do not exceed the size as specified in Article 2(d) of this By-Law.
- c) That the standards of construction and installation as proposed are acceptable to the Manager of Transportation.
- d) That the proposed location is acceptable to the Manager of Transportation.
- e) That unless otherwise specifically approved in the application approval, the sign(s) not be erected prior to 72 hours before the commencement of the special event and be removed not later than 48 hours following completion of the special event.

4. Removal of Signs

- a) Any signs located on road allowances for which a permit has not been issued, or for which an application for a permit has been refused, may be removed and destroyed by the Sturgeon County without notice first having been given to the owner of such sign or signs.
- b) Any sign(s) for which direction has been given to the owner by the Manager of Transportation for the removal, relocation or modification as provided in Article 2(i) of this By-Law, and where such direction has not been complied with within 30 days of it being given, may be removed and destroyed by the Sturgeon County without further notice.

5. Exemptions

- a) The operation of this By-Law shall not extend to signs erected by the Sturgeon County, Government of the Province of Alberta, Government of Canada, or their servants, contractors, or agents.
- b) Signs advertising a candidacy in Municipal, Provincial or Federal elections are herewith exempt.
- c) The Council of the Sturgeon County may in its sole discretion, exempt any application from any or all of the terms and conditions specified in Article 2 of this By-Law.

6. Penalties

- a) Any person who erects or places or causes to be erected or placed any sign, billboard or other advertising device within the boundaries of a road, street or highway which is subject to the direction, control and management of Council without first obtaining a permit under this By-Law or who fails to comply with the provisions or conditions contained in or attached to any permit issued under this By-Law is guilty of an offence and is liable for the penalties provided for in the Sturgeon County General Penalty By-Law.
- b) Any person or persons who fail to remove a sign, billboard or advertising device at the end of the period specified in the permit or within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of the notice provided for in Article 4 of this By-Law, is or are guilty of an offence and liable to the penalties provided for the Sturgeon County General Penalty By-Law.

READ a first time this 18th day of July 2007.

READ a second time this 18th day of July 2007.

READ a third time this 18th day of July 2007.

“SCHEDULE “A”

STURGEON COUNTY
APPLICATION TO ERECT A SIGN ON COUNTY ROAD ALLOWANCE

Applicant’s Name: _____
Address: _____

Application No. _____
Application Fee _____
Telephone No. _____

Purpose of Sign: _____

Proposed Size and
Message of Sign
(Draw Sketch):

-Permanent
 -Temporary
**If temporary,
Date to be Erected

Date to be Removed

Requested Sign Location on _____ Road,
_____ from _____
(distance and direction) (intersecting road or other landmark)

For a proposed permanent installation, attach a dimensioned drawing showing requested location relative to road allowance boundaries, the nearest public road intersection, any existing signs or property entrances within 100 m of the requested location and legal description or ownership of property adjacent to the requested location.

Covenants of Applicant: In consideration of the issue and delivery of the approval of the Sturgeon County for the sign installation as herein applied for, I agree;

- a) to erect the sign in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Sturgeon County and the conditions of approval as might be specified on the face of this permit
- b) to at all times maintain the sign installation in a condition acceptable to the Sturgeon County
- c) to accept all liability and costs for any damage or disturbance to any municipal improvement or utility as might be caused by the erection and maintenance of the sign installation, and
- d) to obey and comply with any direction that might be issued by Sturgeon County pursuant to the provisions of By-Law No. 1127/07
- e) contravention to this bylaw will be penalized as per Bylaw 433/82

Signature of Applicant
(or Authorized Representative): _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Application Approved

Application Refused

Conditions of Approval/Reason for Refusal: _____

THIS APPROVAL/REFUSAL DECISION ISSUED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20___, A.D. BY THE STURGEON COUNTY.

MANAGER,
TRANSPORTATION

COUNTY COMMISSIONER