



## Approach Construction Policy

### APPROACHES – FARMER/LANDOWNER

1. Anyone wishing to have an approach must:

- a) Obtain permission from the Director of Operations or designate, prior to constructing the approach.
- b) Construct the approach at the applicant's cost and to County standards;
- c) Subject to availability of time, Vulcan County Public Works may construct one approach per quarter section at the County's cost, unless the quarter section is topographically inaccessible; extra approaches at the applicant's cost may be supplied upon approval of Public Works.
- d) Ensure that the approach has a sight distance of a minimum 300 metres (984 ft) in either direction.
- e) Adequate drainage must be maintained.
- f) The County will widen one approach per quarter section at the County's cost. If a new culvert is required, the landowner is responsible for the costs thereof.
- g) A maximum of two (2) approaches per quarter section will be allowed. Unless the quarter section is topographically inaccessible. Any more than two (2) approaches will require written permission from County Council, or as approved by the Director of Operations.
- h) Fees associated with this policy are listed in Schedule "A" in the Fees for Service Bylaw.

2. The County standards for approaches are:

- a) A minimum of 10.0 metres (33 ft) in width with side slopes of 4:1
- b) A maximum of 15.0 metres (50 ft) in width with side slopes of 4:1. Any width larger than 15.0 metres (50 ft) will require written permission from County Council or as approved by the Director of Operations.
- c) A culvert having a diameter of not less than 500 millimetres (20 in) must be installed, where required.
- d) All approaches onto developed roads shall be gravelled to the property line.
- e) All approaches onto paved roads shall be paved 2m (7 ft) from the roadway shoulder and then gravelled to the property line.

3. The County may supply used culvert, at the applicant's cost, to the applicant if it is available.

APPROACHES – RESOURCE AND OTHER

1. Anyone wishing to have an approach must:

- a) Sign an agreement giving permission;
- b) Construct the approach according to the requirements for Approaches contained in the agreement;
- c) Install the approach after the agreement has been signed;
- d) Remove the approach according to the terms of the agreement;
- e) Supply a written letter of refusal from the adjoining landowner that indicates that the applicant cannot use any existing approach within a quarter mile of the site chosen by the applicant;
- f) Wherever possible use existing approaches.

- g) Fees associated with this policy are listed in Schedule "A" in the Fees for Service Bylaw.
2. Temporary approaches may be granted for a period of 12 months. An extension to this time period must be requested by the applicant.
  3. All temporary approaches shall be gravelled.
  4. Once the temporary approach is no longer required, the applicant shall remove the approach and reclaim the site at the applicant's expense.
  5. A copy of the aforementioned agreement is attached and forms part of this policy.

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## APPROVAL

## TO CONSTRUCT ACCESS ONTO A ROADWAY

County File No. \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant/Landowner

Agent/Consultant of Utility

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Vulcan County hereby grants permission to construct an access from the location indicated below onto a public roadway in accordance with the terms and conditions specified herein which form part of this approval.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

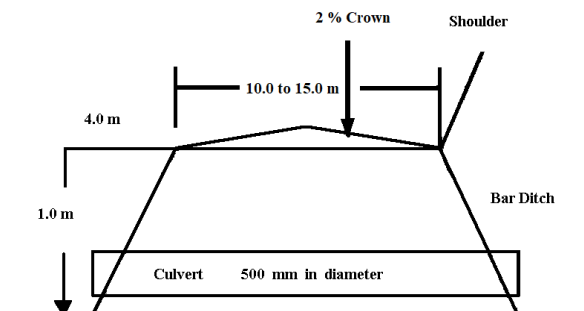
## GENERAL:

1. If an existing access is available within a quarter mile or 400 metres (1312 ft) or less of the proposed new access, the proposed new access will not be granted unless a written letter from the adjoining property holder objecting to using the said existing access is included with the application to construct the new access.
2. If the access is approved, the access must be constructed at a location which provides an unobstructed view of the roadway involved for a sight distance of no less than 300 metres (984 ft).

3. The travelable surface of the access shall not be less than 10.0 metres (33 ft) in width nor greater than 15.0 metres (50 ft) in width, accesses larger than 15.0 metres (50 ft) will require written permission from County Council or as approved by the Director of Operations. The access must be made wide enough to allow for free movement of all traffic.
4. A culvert of not less than 500 millimetres (20 in) in diameter must be installed if the access may obstruct the flow of the water.
5. The slope of all grades shall be 4:1.
6. The access shall be constructed at no cost to Vulcan County unless otherwise specified herein.
7. The grantee shall indemnify and save harmless Vulcan County from and against all loss, costs, charges, damages and expenses which Vulcan County may suffer or sustain as a result of the construction of the access.
8. The following conditions are hereby attached for the construction of an approach at the following well or roadside approach:

To wit: L.S.D \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ Twp. \_\_\_\_\_ Rge. \_\_\_\_\_ W4M

Requests to change any of the above or below mentioned specifications may be obtained from the Director of Operations for Vulcan County.



9. Any access onto any road must be compacted from the road to the property line.
10. Any access onto a developed road must be gravelled with 1" (25mm) crushed gravel, from the roadway shoulder to the property line.

11. Any access onto a paved road must be paved 2 metres (7 ft) from the roadway shoulder and then gravelled with 1" (25mm) crushed gravel to the property line.
12. The gravel surface on developed roads must be gravelled with 1" (25mm) crushed gravel for a distance of 100 metres (328 ft) in either direction, at a rate of 300 tonnes per mile for any developed road that has been disturbed to construct the access.
13. The approach must be of at least a 2% grade sloping away from the road surface towards the property line, ensuring proper drainage.
14. The culverts must be riprapped.
15. All disturbed ditch areas must be seeded and controlled for weeds.
16. If the conditions of this Agreement are not met, the approach will be removed at the expense of the Grantee.
17. Other conditions or specifications (if applicable):

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Specific:

1. Any access constructed according to the general terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be recognized as a temporary access to the site it was constructed for, for a period of twelve (12) months.
2. Immediately after the expiry of twelve (12) months or as soon as weather permits, the Grantee shall:
  - a) remove the access if it is no longer required, or
  - b) advise the Grantor in writing that the access will be required permanently.
3. If the access is declared to be permanent or on the expiry of twelve (12) months, any access adjoining a paved roadway shall be paved to the property line within twelve (12) months of that date or declaration.

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Acknowledged and agreed to:

Signed at or near \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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Signature of Landowner or Applicant

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For Vulcan County