VEHICLE PERMITTING – TRAFFIC BYLAW

Rural Municipality of Prince Albert No. 461

BYLAW NO. 6 of 2025

A BYLAW TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF VEHICLE WEIGHTS, DIMENTIONS AND PERMITTING

Whereas, pursuant to Clause 18(1) of *The Municipalities Act, 2005*, a municipality may establish a system relating to vehicle weights or route designation in the municipality.

Whereas, pursuant to Section 36.1 of *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997*, the RM of Prince Albert has the power to issue a permit regarding overweight and over dimensional vehicles operating within the Municipality.

This Bylaw refers to the weights and dimension restrictions set out in *The Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations*, 2010; and

As it is necessary and advisable that every vehicle carry any such goods in the municipality shall follow the Bylaw with regards to weight restrictions, permits and designated routes for any overweight loads for all classes of vehicles as per *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997* and *The Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations, 2010*.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Rural Municipality of Prince Albert No. 461, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

PURPOSE

- To regulate the weight of vehicles, or vehicles with their loads that are using Public Highways.
- II. To limit weights on certain roads and to limit weights during certain periods of the year, such as spring thaw.
- III. To designate routes for overweight and over dimensional vehicles to follow when operating within the Municipality.
- IV. To apply a fee and penalty structure.

1.DEFINITIONS

Definitions of words in this bylaw are defined in the Interpretations contained in *The Municipalities Act, The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997 and The Vehicle Weight and Dimensions Act, 2010.*

Specific definitions of words not defined within this bylaw shall have the same meaning assigned to them under *The Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations*.

In this Bylaw, including this section:

- a) **Chief Administrative Officer** shall mean the employee or representative of the Municipality tasked with enforcing this Bylaw, or their delegate.
- b) Council shall mean the Council of the Municipality.
- c) Municipality shall mean the Rural Municipality of Prince Albert No. 461.
- d) **Municipal Weights** are the weights defined as Secondary Weight Limits in *The Vehicle Weight* and *Dimension Regulation*, 2010.
- e) **Designated Officer** shall mean an employee or representative of the Municipality, a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Community Safety Officer, Development Officer, Chief Operating Officer, or Chief Administrative Officer, or their delegate.
- f) Farm equipment shall mean equipment that is designated and intended for use in farming operations but does not include any of the following:
 - I. A truck
 - II. A semi-trailer
 - III. A full trailer
 - IV. A pony trailer
 - V. Farm equipment that is loaded on a truck, trailer or semi-trailer
- g) **Over-Dimension Route** shall mean a Public Highway that is designed for over-dimension vehicles as defined in *Appendix B*.
- h) **Over-Dimension Vehicle** shall mean a vehicle that is greater than 2.6 meters in width, 4.15 meters in height, or:
 - I. 12.5 meters in length for a single vehicle; and
 - II. 23 meters in length for any combination of vehicles and semi-trailers.
- i) Over-Dimension Vehicle Permit shall mean a permit allowing a person to operate an Over-Dimension Vehicle on select Public Highways.

Consideration will be given for vehicles that are over-dimension to travel on or over RM roads. The RM will determine the route within the RM of all over dimensional loads.

j) Overweight Vehicle Permit shall mean a permit allowing a person to operate a vehicle with a registered gross weight or load more than the maximum weight permitted by this Bylaw on select Public Highways.

Consideration will be given for vehicles that are registered to haul more than Primary Weight on RM roads that meet all the regulations for hauling a designated weight, according to SGI and *The Saskatchewan trucker's Guide 2021*, as repealed and replaced from time to time.

This will be a single load permit only and if any road damage is done due to the haul, the owner of the Company or Permit Holder will be responsible for the repair of the RM road.

- k) **Primary Weight** shall mean any vehicle hauling more than the allowed municipal and/or secondary weights up to primary weights as established in *The Vehicle Weight and Dimensions Regulations*, 2011, as repealed and replaced from time to time.
- Primary Weight Vehicle Permit shall mean a permit allowing a person to operate a vehicle with registered gross weight or load equal to or lesser than primary weight on select Public Highway.
- m) **Public Highway** shall mean a road allowance, road, street, or lane as defined by The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997, as repealed and replaced from time to time, within the Municipality, and shall include the shoulder of the roadway, bridge, culvert, drain, or other public improvement erected upon or in connection with a Public Highway, but shall not include provincial highways designated by *The Provincial Highway Designation Regulations*, 1990, as repealed and replaced from time to time.
- n) **Registered Gross Weight** shall mean the gross weight specified in a vehicle's certificate of registration issued pursuant to *The Traffic Safety Act, 2004*, as repealed and replaced from time to time.
- o) **Secondary Weight** shall mean secondary weight as established in *The Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations, 2010*, as repealed and replaced from time to time.
- p) **Vehicle** shall include a vehicle, trailer, truck, semi-trailer, or motor vehicle as defined in *The Traffic Safety Act, 2004*, as repealed and replaced from time to time.

2. PROVISIONS

- 2.1 Council may by resolution establish corridors or routes within the municipality which allow vehicle weights above or below Municipal and or Secondary Weights.
- 2.2 For the Chief Administrative Officer to have the option to issue overweight permits for all vehicles wanting to haul goods which are over the Secondary weights (Municipal Weights). The Guide to Saskatchewan Weights and Dimensions Regulations including the Gross Weight Chart is attached in Appendix A.
- 2.3 Council may exercise the option by resolution to opt in or out of the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure Spring Road Restrictions and or by resolution set out its own timeline for Road Restrictions.
- 2.4 Council may exercise the option by resolution to opt in or out of the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure Winter Weight Allowance.
- 2.5 The Chief Administrative Officer may refuse to issue a permit to prohibit the operation of certain vehicles on specific roads if the use of a road by a specific vehicle and/or vehicle plus load may result in damage to the road, adjacent property or personal injury to the public.

3. PERMITS

- 3.1 No person shall operate or move or cause to be operated or moved on or over, a motor vehicle at a registered gross weight or a load greater than Secondary Weight on a Public Highway within the boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Prince Albert No. 461 except for those roads and streets designated by Bylaw as Primary Weight roads within the RM of Prince Albert No. 461. (Appendix B and including the over Dimensional Route within the RM of Prince Albert).
- 3.2 No person, without a permit, shall operate a vehicle that exceeds the prescribed or ordered weight if that person intends to operate a vehicle on a Public Highway where the vehicle has a weight or is carrying on any axle or wheel of that vehicle, a gross weight more than the maximum gross weight set out in *The Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations*, 2010.
- 3.3 All vehicles operating within the RM of Prince Albert No. 461 are subject to the provisions of *The Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations*, 2010.
- 3.4 Notwithstanding section 6.2(b) of this bylaw, the Chief Administrative Officer may, if satisfied that the vehicle can be operated or moved upon the Public Highway without damage to the road, may issue a Primary Weight Vehicle Permit to allow the owner of the vehicle or combination of vehicles to transport Primary Weight applicable to the axle group loading for the unit indicated, in accordance with *The Weight and Dimension Regulations of The Highway and Transportation Act,* 1997 within the municipality, except any restricted roads.
- 3.5 Overweight permits are restricted to non-divisible loads and loads considered impractical to divide.
- 3.6 Permitted vehicles shall only be operated on Public Highways as designated by the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 3.7 A copy of the approved permit shall be carried in the vehicle and be available upon request by a Peace Officer, Designated Officer or Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointed by the RM of Prince Albert, always.
- 3.8 Permits are non-transferable.
- 3.9 Payment of the permit(s) is required at the time of application. The schedule of Permits and Fees is attached to *Appendix C*. Permits will not be issued until receipt of full payment.
- 3.10 Annual vehicle permits are only valid for the calendar year (January 01-December 31) from when they are purchased and will not be pro-rated.
- 3.11 A Road Maintenance Agreement will be required when hauling continuous production excess of five (5) loads in a 24-hour period.

4. EXEMPTIONS

4.1 Farm equipment as per The Vehicle and Dimension Regulations, 2010.

5. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 5.1 This Bylaw may be referred to as the "VEHICLE PERMITTING TRAFFIC BYLAW"
- 5.2 No person shall operate a vehicle with a registered gross weight or load greater than Secondary Weight on any Public Road unless otherwise restricted or permitted pursuant to Sections 3 or 4.

6. 10 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

- 6.1 No person shall operate a vehicle with a registered gross weight or load greater than 10 tonnes on the following Public Highway:
 - a) All Residential Subdivisions;
 - b) Lincoln Park Road, From Highway Two (2) West to Range Road 2270 and;
 - c) Township Road 480, from Highway (2) to Range Road 2265, commonly known as Flaman Road.
- 6.2 Pursuant to 6.1, the Chief Administrative Officer may, if satisfied that the vehicle will not damage the Public Highway:
 - a) Allow a person to operate a vehicle that provides service to the municipality (for example, water or sewage truck) with a registered gross weight or load greater than 10 tonnes on the Public Highway listed in 6.1;
 - b) Issue a one-time Overweight Vehicle Permit to allow a person to operate a vehicle with a registered gross weight or load greater than 10 tonnes providing service to a resident on the Public Highway listed in 6.1.
- 6.3 Public Highways with 10 tonne weight restrictions shall have signs posted at the beginning and end of each delegated route.

7. PRIMARY WEIGHT

- 7.1 Pursuant to 5.2 and 6.1, the Chief Administrative Officer may issue a Primary Weight Vehicle Permit if they are satisfied that a vehicle will not damage the Public Highway.
- 7.2 Pursuant to 5.2, a person may operate a vehicle with a registered gross weight or load equal to or lesser than Primary Weight on the following Public Highway without requiring a Primary Weight Vehicle Permit:
 - a) Elevator Road, From Highway Two (2), to Highway Three (3), refer to Appendix B.
- 7.3 Pursuant to 5.2, 6.1, and 7.2, the Chief Administrative Officer may, if satisfied, that a vehicle with a registered gross weight or load exceeding Primary Weight will not damage the Public Highway:
 - a) Issue an Overweight Vehicle Permit to allow a person to operate a vehicle with a registered gross weight or load exceeding Primary Weight on a Public Highway.

8. OVER-DIMENSION VEHICLE

- 8.1 No person shall operate an over-dimension vehicle on any Public Highway not listed as an Over-Dimension route.
- 8.2 Notwithstanding 8.1, a person may operate an over-dimension vehicle on any Public Highway if issued an Over-Dimension Vehicle Permit.

9. INSPECTION, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES

- 9.1 The administration and enforcement of this Bylaw is hereby delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer, or their delegate.
- 9.2 This Bylaw may be enforced by a Designated Officer.
- 9.3 Any person contravening any provision of Sections 5, 6, or 7 of this Bylaw shall be guilty of an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to a penalty calculation as defined in section 8(4) of *The Municipalities Act, 2005*.
- 9.4 Any person contravening any provision of Section 5,6,7 or 8 of this Bylaw shall be guilty of an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to penalties as set out in Bylaw No. 1 of 2025, General Penalty Bylaw, plus any applicable charges incurred by the Municipality for road repairs.
- 9.5 All disputes arising from the administration of this Bylaw shall be referred to Council, and Council shall be the final authority in all cases.

10. SEVERABILITY

- 10.1 This Bylaw shall not be construed to hold the Municipality or its Agents responsible or liable for any damage to persons or property caused by the administration of the Bylaw.
- 10.2 If a court of competent jurisdiction should declare any part, section, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Bylaw to be invalid, that portion shall not be construed as having persuaded or influenced Council to pass the remainder of this Bylaw. The part, section, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Bylaw is to be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and the holding of the Court shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

11. ENFORCEMENT

- 11.1 In any case, with or without a valid vehicle permit, when there is damage to a Public Highway due to being overweight or over dimension of a vehicle or load, the owner and/or operator will be held responsible for the full cost of the repair.
- 11.2 Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence.
- 11.3 The penalty for breach of any provision of this Bylaw shall be those set out in section 8(4) of *The Municipalities Act, 2005*.

11.4 The Chief Administrative Officer may also delegate a Designated Officer for the enforcement of this Bylaw.

12. COMING INTO FORCE

12.1 This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the final passing thereof

READ THREE TIMES AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF March 2025

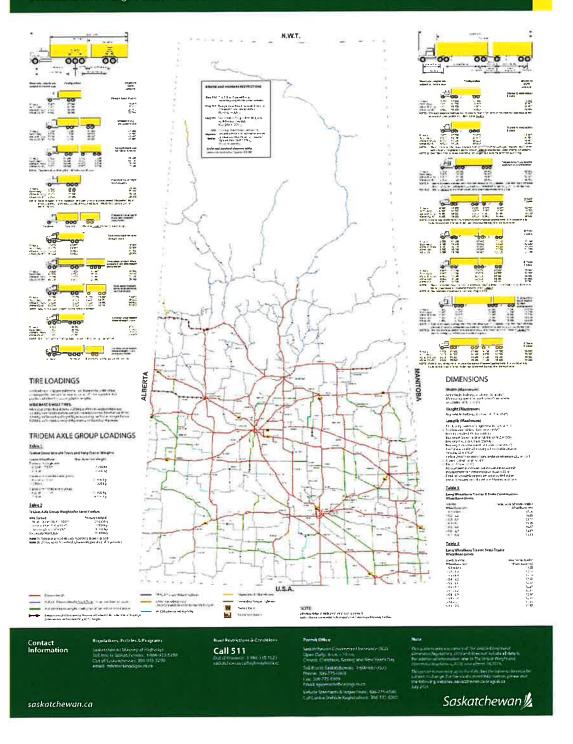
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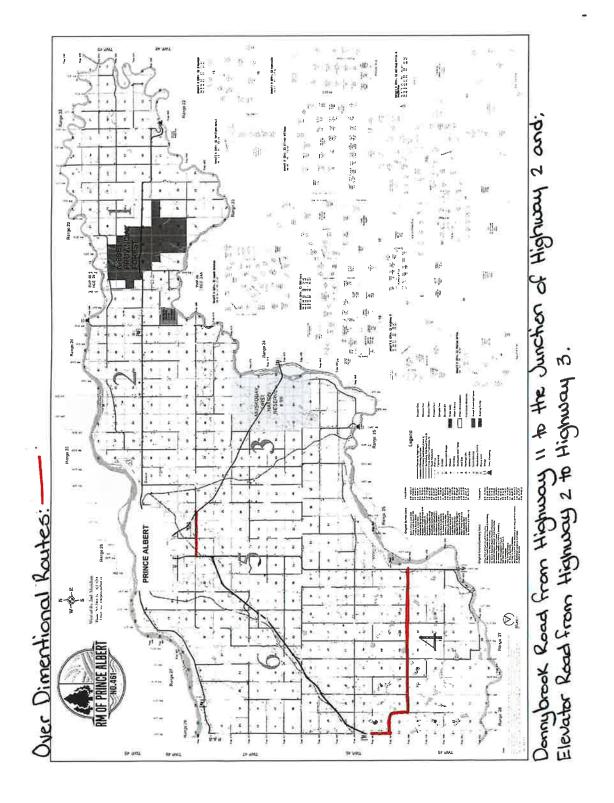
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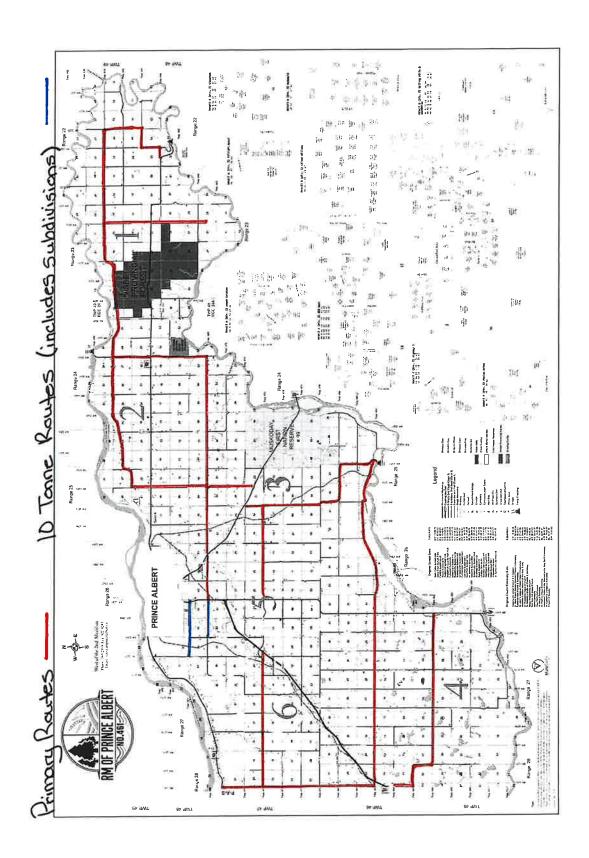
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"APPENDIX B" Road Map- Routes





"APPENDIX C" Permit and Fee Schedule

The permit process set by the Rural Municipality of Prince Albert No. 461 shall not exceed the amount determined by the minister, Section 36.1(2) of *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997*, as repealed and replaced from time to time.

	Businesses Located and operating within the RM of Prince Albert	External Business Owner and Operator outside of the RM of Prince Albert
Annual	\$100.00 per unit	\$200.00 per unit
(January 1 st – December 31 st)		
Water, Sewer, Gas and Propane		
Annual Fleet Pricing	\$1000.00	\$2000.00
(Eligible for minimum fleet of 10)		
Single Load	\$50.00 per unit	\$50.00 per unit
(Valid for three (3) consecutive		
days)		
Single Load during Spring Road	\$100.00 per unit	\$100.00 per unit
Ban		
(Valid for three (3) consecutive		
days)		
Road Maintenance Agreement	As set out in the <i>RMA Rate</i>	As set out in the <i>RMA Rate</i>
(Valid for current year only)	Guide	Guide
	Pursuant to Section 12.1 of <i>The</i>	Pursuant to Section 12.1 of <i>The</i>
	Municipalities Regulations, this	Municipalities Regulations, this
	document lists the Municipal	document lists the Municipal
	Road Maintenance Agreement	Road Maintenance Agreement
	Regional Rates Per Tonne Per	Regional Rates Per Tonne Per
	Kilometer, as repealed and	Kilometer, as repealed and
	replaced from time to time.	replaced from time to time.

Businesses Located and Operating in the RM of Prince Albert

All businesses located and operating in the RM of Prince Albert will be eligible for the rates identified above and may be required to provide their current Registration Eligibility Declaration (RED).

Exemptions

All haulers eligible for a "Farm Plate" through SGI will be required to obtain Vehicle Permits however will be exempt from the Vehicle Permit Fee. Haulers eligible for the exemption may be required to provide their current Registration Eligibility Declaration (RED).

Eligible Permits:

1. Primary Permit

This permit is for all vehicles hauling more than the allowed Municipal and/or Secondary Weights up to primary weights as shown in the Saskatchewan Weight and Dimension Regulations, 2010, as removed and replaced from time to time.

2. Overweight Permit

Consideration will be given for vehicles that are registered to haul more than Primary Weight on RM roads that meet all the regulations for hauling a designated weight, according to SGI and the Saskatchewan Truckers Guide 2021, as removed and replaced from time to time.

This will be a single load permit only and if any road damage is done due to the haul, the owner of the company or permit holder will be responsible for the repair of the RM road.

3. Over Dimensional Permit

Consideration will be given for vehicles that are over-dimensional loads as defined in Section 8.