



PUBLIC WORKS  
 MAIN FARM ACCESS - TYPICAL CROSS SECTION  
 SUBGRADE

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## 1. **Description**

- Road design and construction standards for graveled Main Farm Access roads as designed within the Rural Municipality of Corman Park, No. 344 (Municipality).

## 2. **Miscellaneous**

- For the purposes of this document, the term “proponent” shall be used to address duties that shall be undertaken by the owner, developer, contractor and engineer interchangeable.
- During construction, the proponent shall be responsible for all traffic accommodation measures. This shall include but not limited to:
  - Proper signing of all access roads whereby traffic (construction or local) may access existing Municipality roads.
  - Traffic gravel shall be applied, if or as necessary for local traffic.
  - Proper measures shall be taken to ensure that local traffic can safely interact with construction equipment.
- The proponent shall ensure that all necessary Haul Road Agreements are in place including any provisions for dust control prior to the hauling of materials.
- Dust control to be applied on any approved detour routes.

## 3. **Required Right-Of-Way Standards**

- Minimum allowable Right-of-Way (ROW) obtained by either purchase or easement agreements shall be 30.0 meters (m).
  - Exemptions to the 30 m ROW requirement may be allowed with special permission by the Municipality.
- The proponent shall be responsible for the purchase and/or easement agreements of all ROW.
- The road shall be designed and constructed in the center of the ROW unless with special permission of the Municipality.

## 4. **Road Widths and Geometric Standards**

### 4.1. **Finished Road Width and Height**

- The finished graveled driving surface shall be as follows:
  - For fill heights on straight sections (not in curves), with a fill height of 0.0 to 2.0 m, a 7.0 m road top width (graveled surface) shall be required.
  - For fill heights in curves, with a fill height of 0.0 to 2.0 m, a 7.6 m road top width (graveled surface) shall be required.
  - For fill heights of 2.0 to 3.0 m (where the road surface is from 2.0 m to 3.0 m in height), a 7.6 m finished road top width shall be required.

- For fill heights greater than 3.0 m (where the road surface is from 3.1 metres in height or more), a 8.0 m finished road top width shall be required.
- The road cross-fall (slope) shall be constructed to a minimum 3.0% and maximum 4% slope.
- Curve radius, transition and super-elevation for curves shall be as per the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructures Design Manual for a 80 km/hr design speed.
- The average shoulder elevation of the road surface should be approximately 0.8 m to 1.0 m above the adjacent ground except in cut areas.
- The subgrade surface shall not be less than 1.5 m above high water level on the ground water table. (ie: level to which free water would rise in a hole sunk in the ground).

4.2. Surfacing and Hydraulic Design

- A grading, surfacing and hydraulic design shall be completed, signed and stamped by a Professional Engineer registered with the Association Of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan (APEGS) and licensed to practice (Permission to Consult in this field of expertise) within the Province of Saskatchewan.
- The surfacing structure shall be based upon the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure’s Shell Curve method and shall be based on a 15 year design life ( $N_{15}$ ).
- Soils testing shall be in accordance with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure’s Standard Test Procedures manual.
- Hydraulic structures (culverts) with significant flows shall be designed (sized) in accordance with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructures Hydraulic Manual and shall be based on a  $Q^{25}$  flow (1 in 25 year (1:25)) frequency.
  - The Municipality may request that the design be based on a  $Q^{50}$  flow (1 in 50 year (1:50)) frequency based on the location (proximity) of any residences upstream of the crossing.
  - The proponent shall apply for, and shall meet all of the listed requirements, an Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit (AHPP) from SaskWatershed Authority for hydraulic passages requiring such.

4.3. Sideslopes

- The standard required sideslope shall be 3:1.

4.4. Ditch Bottom Widths

- Ditch bottom widths shall be range from 4.0 to 6.0 m depending upon grade height and backslope requirements.
  - The desirable is 6.0 m for snow storage.

4.5. Backslopes

- Sideslopes shall range from 5:1 to 3:1 depending upon the situation and with approval from the Municipality.
  - The standard required back slope shall be 5:1.

- A backslope of ranging from a minimum of 3:1 to the standard backslope of 5:1 will be allowed in conjunction with maximizing the ditch bottom width.

4.6. Maximum Road Gradient

- The maximum road gradient allowed shall be 9.0%.

4.7. Stopping Sight and Intersection Distances

- The stopping sight distance for intersections with any road shall be a minimum of 140 m. This is based upon the SARM guidelines for an 80 km/hr road design.
- The minimum length of road (constructed past an approach) shall be 100 m.
  - This is done in order to meet Stopping Sight Distances, snow and ice removal and road maintenance.
- For intersecting roads, the sight triangles shall be clear of any obstructions.
  - The sight triangle shall be a minimum of 85.0 m from the point of intersection on municipal roads and grid intersections and to a maximum of 140.0 m on primary grid roads using 80 km/h design speed.

## 5. Snow Clearance Standards

- When shoulder grade elevation is 0.3 m or less above natural surface at 15.0 m to 20.0 m from center line then the backslope must be flattened using a variable slope of 5:1 to a maximum of 3:1.

## 6. Road Construction

6.1. Clearing and Grubbing

- Timber, brush, duff (vegetation), roots, logs and stumps shall be completely cleared from the surface of the Right-of-Way.
- Debris from clearing and grubbing operations shall not be used in the construction of embankments (any portion of the road structure).
- Debris from clearing and grubbing operations shall not be buried within the Right-Of-Way.

6.2. Removal and Replacement of Topsoil

- All topsoil within the Construction Footprint shall be removed and stockpiled.
  - The Construction Footprint is defined as the area within the cut or fill stakes.
- The Contractor shall install appropriate sediment control to ensure no sedimentation from topsoil stockpiles enters into adjacent water bodies.
- Upon completion of the construction, topsoil shall be replaced to a uniform depth over the Construction Footprint excluding the road surface.
  - The maximum compacted depth of topsoil replaced will be 100 mm.
- Stones (rocks) 75 mm or more in diameter shall be removed and disposed of from the topsoil replaced.

**6.3. Drainage (culvert) Installations**

- If the foundation is unsuitable, the bottom of the bed shall be sub-cut to a minimum of 0.3 m below the granular backfill layer.
- A geotextile fabric shall be installed to separate the ground surface from the granular materials.
  - A minimum 8 ounce (Geotex 801 or equivalent) nonwoven geotextile shall be used.
- The bedding line shall be shaped to fit the culvert.
- Corrugated metal pipe culverts (CSP) shall be placed with the inside circumferential laps pointing downgrade and with the longitudinal laps at the sides or quarter points. The sections of the culvert shall be firmly joined with coupling bands. Joints shall be as tight as possible.
- Culverts shall be to the following minimum sizes unless larger sizes are required to meet flow requirements:
  - Approach culverts shall be a minimum of 400 mm in diameter.
  - Through grade culverts shall be a minimum of 600 mm in diameter.
- CSP culverts shall have a minimum thickness of 2.0 mm (12 gauge).
- Granular material shall be composed of sand or gravel free from undesirable quantities of soft or flaky particles, loam, and organic or other deleterious material. Granular material shall comply with the following requirements:

Sieve Designation	Percent by Weight Passing Canadian Metric Sieve Series		
	TYPE		
	115	116	10
50 mm	100	-	100
9.0 mm	-	100	-
900 µm	-	30 - 100	-
400 µm	-	15 - 75	-
160 µm	-	0 - 10	-
71 µm	0 - 15	-	0 - 20
Plasticity Index	0 - 6	0 - 6	0 - 6

- For backfilling all types of culverts and bridge abutments, Type 115 shall be used.
- For backfilling subsurface drain pipes, Type 116 shall be used as a filter Material.
- For backfilling curbs, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, driveways, storm sewers, and manholes, catch basins, and other ancillary structures, Type 10 shall be used.
- Earth backfill under the haunches of culverts, except those in approaches not to be paved, and polyethylene pipe culverts, shall be compacted with mechanical impact tampers.
- After the earth backfill and granular backfill has been placed and compacted around the culvert, the remainder of the embankment shall be constructed by drying the earth material to at least the optimum moisture content and compacted to an average of not less than ninety-five (95) percent of the maximum density as

determined by a Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure Standard Proctor test.

- The earth material above the bedding line shall be placed, simultaneously and uniformly, in lifts on each side of the culvert. In subcut sections, the lift shall extend to the limits of the sub-cut; otherwise the lifts shall extend not less than 15 m from each side of the culvert.
- No objectionable material shall be used within that portion of the embankment above or below the bedding line on culverts through the roadbed.
- The embankment, within three diameters or three span; of the culvert barrel, shall be free from rocks having a dimension of 80 mm or greater when measured in any direction.
- Random riprap shall be installed at all culvert locations where the culvert diameter is greater than 800 mm.
  - A nonwoven geotextile shall be placed prior to the placement of the riprap material.

#### 6.4. Subgrade Embankments

- Earth embankments shall consist of acceptable earth material and rock material free from objectionable quantities of organic matter, frozen soil, stumps, trees, moss, and other unsuitable materials.
- The embankment shall be constructed by placing the material in successive layers.
- The depth of each layer shall not be more than fifteen (15) centimetres (cm) uncompacted. The full width of each segment of each layer shall be bladed with a motor grader at least twice prior to being compacted.
- The slopes and surface of the embankment shall be shaped and trimmed to a uniform smooth surface conforming to the cross-sections shown on the plans, or as staked.
- Stones having a dimension of eight (8) cm or more when measured in any direction shall be removed from the top fifteen (15) cm of the subgrade.
- The following requirements will apply for all embankments:
  - When unsuitable material is encountered below the natural ground surface in embankment areas, the material shall be excavated and removed.
  - The embankment layer (other than at culverts including the sub-cut backfill layer) from 750 mm to 600 mm below the top of the subgrade shall be dried to within 3% of the optimum moisture content.
  - Each layer of the top 600 mm of the subgrade shall be dried to at least the optimum moisture content and compacted to an average of not less than ninety-five (95) percent of the maximum density as determined by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure Standard Proctor test. The moisture and densities will be considered satisfactory when:
    - All individual moisture test results are equal to or less than the optimum moisture content.
    - All individual density tests are greater than ninety-five (95) percent of the maximum density.
  - If the moisture existing in the soil is insufficient for compacting to the specified density and for finishing, the proponent may elect to add water.

- The foregoing requirements will also apply to backfill of subcuts and the embankment required to prepare the beds and backfill drainage structures.
- If constructing utilizing sand materials, a 0.3 m clay cap may be required for the final surface before traffic gravel incorporation and graveling.
- Approaches to be constructed as per Municipalities Approach Construction policy.

**6.5. Traffic Gravel**

- Traffic gravel shall comply with Type 103 and Type 106.

Sieve Designation	Percent by Weight Passing Canadian Metric Sieve Series	
	TYPE	
	103	106
40.0 mm	100	-
31.5 mm	-	-
22.4 mm	63 – 92	100
18.0 mm	-	63 – 92
5.0 mm	0 – 40	0 – 50
2.0 mm	0 – 25	0 – 35
400 µm	-	-
Fractured Faces	50% Minimum	40% Minimum

- A tolerance of 3% in the percent by weight passing the maximum size sieve shall be permitted.

**6.6. Traffic Gravel Incorporation**

- The work will consist of Type 103 Traffic Gravel uniformly mixed with the insitu material in the top of the subgrade.
- The gravel shall be uniformly mixed with the subgrade material into the top 75 mm of the finished road top surface.
- The mixture of gravel and subgrade material shall be packed enough to produce a smooth firm surface that will support normal road traffic without rutting or becoming unstable.
- The amount of gravel to be blended into the subgrade may vary but will normally be between 190 m<sup>3</sup> per kilometre (400 yds<sup>3</sup> per mile) depending upon the subgrade width.
- Adding water to the mixture may be required if there is insufficient moisture to produce a stable driving surface during the compaction phase.
- All surplus rock, 80 mm and larger, shall be removed from the surface and disposed of.
- All small rocks from thirty (30) mm to seventy-five (75) mm shall be bladed off the road top into the ditch or onto the sideslope.

**6.7. Traffic Gravel Behind Construction**

- Type 106 Traffic Gravel shall be placed and spread on a newly constructed subgrade surface.



- Traffic gravel Type 106 shall not be deposited until the subgrade surface has been compacted (to the required density), trimmed and accepted.
- Traffic gravel shall be dumped and spread uniformly on the subgrade surface at the rate of at the rate of 180 m<sup>3</sup>/km for the first application; 150 m<sup>3</sup>/km for the year following construction and additional applications as required.
- Traffic gravel shall be applied to the finished surface of all approaches.

6.8. Seeding

- Prior to seeding, the area to be seeded shall be true to grade and cross section and free from irregularities.
- The proponent shall harrow the seeded areas immediately after the seeding is completed.
- The seed material shall contain the following blend of seeds:

Seed Mix Common Name	% of Mix
Sheep's Fescue	15
Canada Blue Grass	15
Blue Fescue	15
Hard Fescue	15
Chewings Fescue	15
Creeping Red Fescue	15
Perennial Rye Grass	10

- The seed application rate shall be 14 kg per hectare (31 lbs per acre).
- The Municipality may approve other grass seed mixtures having similar grass seeds or slight changes in mixture percentages.

**7. Design and Construction Certification**

- The Municipality reserves the right to request any and/or all test result(s) or other associated documentation at any stage of the project.
- Upon completion of the project and prior to the start of the warranty period, the proponent's Engineer and/or engineering firm shall complete and submit a signed and sealed Statutory Declaration stating that all design and construction criteria/specifications in accordance with the parameters aforementioned have been met.
  - The Engineer of Record shall be a Professional Engineer registered with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan (APEGS) and licensed to practice (Permission to Consult) within the Province of Saskatchewan.
  - The Engineer(s) of Record shall have reviewed and/or been involved with the design and/or construction of the project and shall have firsthand knowledge of the work completed.