

Road Ban Policy 400 -35

Every November, Order in Council will appoint a Road Ban Committee for the following year. These council members will be responsible for declaring and implementing road bans within the municipality. The committee as a whole is to be responsible for removing the road bans; and all other council members shall communicate with the committee if there are concerns. Attached is a Removal of Road Restrictions form that will be filled out and signed by two committee members when road restrictions are removed; as per Bylaw 37-97 attached to this Policy.

The RM of Gull Lake No. 139 implements a road ban strategy in the Spring break up on an annual basis. The RM may issue an order to restrict the use of gravel roads due to wet conditions that soften our road surfaces.

Typically road bans will be restricted to 550 lb/Square Inch steer axle and 350 lb/Square Inch load axle. Also loads may be restricted to secondary weights, and/or carry 2/3 load.

Motions are made depending on the local weather and road conditions, the RM may opt in or out of the Provincial Spring Road Restrictions, as follows:

- The RM may request to be excluded from the Order of the Saskatchewan Highways and Infrastructure during Spring Road Bans; this means the RM will put in effect “road bans” before the provincial government implements a province wide ban. Road bans registered with the province have a life of 6 weeks only from the start of declaration to finish. Important not to put road bans on too soon; **and/or**
- When road bans are on and set by resolution; no permits will be issued until the Removal of Road Restrictions form has been signed; **and/or**
- Under certain conditions permits may be approved, -only under the Authority of the Road Ban Committee as a whole.

When the Road Ban Committee declares a ban on certain roads or the whole of the RM there will be no exceptions. The Committee will be kept abreast of any changes or concerns with decisions that have been made concerning the closure or ban of any road within the RM.

Attachments:

Bylaw No. 146-18 *Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Gull Lake No. 139 Establishing Primary Weight Corridors and Permitting System to Access the Corridors;*

Bylaw No. 37-97 *A Bylaw to Establish a Committee for Restricting the Operation of Tractors, and Certain Vehicles on Roads in the Rural Municipality of Gull Lake No. 139;*

Removal of Road Restrictions Form.