



Policy Title: Unenforceable and Non-Standard Signs

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Policy Statement:

The Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502 is responsible for installing traffic signs in Municipal right-of-ways to ensure a safe, orderly, and efficient movement of vehicles along a road. Clear, consistent, reliable, and enforceable or standard signs help guide the traveling public through construction zones and detours, set speed limits, control intersections, and provide other guiding, warning, and regulatory information to the traveling public. Using enforceable and standard signs ensures compliance with provincial laws and reduces the risk of legal consequences and liability. The motoring public depends upon the RM to provide adequate signs installed in a uniform manner. Traffic signs need to be carefully designed and properly installed so they do not interfere with and distract from each other.

Improper or excessive use of signs tends to cultivate disrespect for signs in general. As a result, signs tend to lose their authority. In contrast, well-chosen and well-located signs will assist motorists in the driving task. Good signing can reduce the number of traffic collisions which result in fatalities, injuries and property losses, and decreases the potential for liability from lawsuits arising from roadway incidents.

From time to time, requests may arise for the installation of unenforceable or non-standard signs from individuals or organizations within the RM, to address perceived safety or nuisance concerns on certain sections of municipal roads. While the RM is committed to providing a safe and sustainable community, it does not support the installation of unenforceable or non-standard signs



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in municipal right-of-ways and will work with any applicant to find alternative standard or enforceable measures to address their road safety concern.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear and consistent guidelines for staff, Council, and the public regarding the placement of unenforceable and non-standard signs within the municipality.

Definitions:

Applicant: means any person or organization requesting that the RM install an unenforceable sign.

CAO: means the Chief Administrative Officer for the RM of Britannia No. 502.

Council: means the elected Reeve and Council of the RM of Britannia No. 502.

Enforceable or Standard Sign: means any

- Regulatory Signs
- Warning Signs
- Work Zone Signs
- Guide Signs
- Information Signs
- Rural Address Signs; or
- Any other sign recognized in the Traffic Control Devices Manual of Saskatchewan

Municipality or RM: means Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502.

Operations Director: means the Operations Director for the RM of Britannia No. 502.

Right-Of-Way: means the portion of the road allowance from the edge of the road surface to the property line of the adjacent property, including shoulder and ditch.

Road: means any public highway vested in the Crown in Right of Saskatchewan or titled in the name of the Crown in Right of Saskatchewan, as defined in the Highways and Transportation Act.

Unenforceable or Non-Standard Sign: means signs that do not meet the standards of Traffic Control Devices Manual of Saskatchewan, are not legally enforceable, and may cause liability issues. These signs include but are not limited to:

- No Oilfield Traffic signs
- Slow – Children at Play Signs



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Responsibilities:

Council is responsible for approving this policy.

The CAO is responsible for reviewing and updating the policy as required, overseeing the administration and implementation of this policy, and consulting with the Operations Director regarding policy revisions, interpretations, and administration.

The CAO and Operations Director are responsible for providing alternative options to unenforceable or non-standard sign requests where it is reasonable to do so.

Any request for an unenforceable or non-standard sign will be sent to the Operations Direction through a Maintenance request, for their review and consideration of any other reasonable option.

The CAO, Operations Director, or designate may communicate the alternative options to the requestor.

Policy:

1. General

- (1) The RM of Britannia will not install any unenforceable or non-standard sign as defined in this policy.
- (2) Any individual or business wishing to install an unenforceable or non-standard sign may do so at their own expense, on their own property, in compliance with the RM of Britannia Zoning Bylaw or any other applicable municipal or provincial regulation.

2. References

- (1) Link to the Traffic Control Devices Manual of Saskatchewan:
<https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/categories/5098>