

## Roads and Highways Land Disposition Policy

### Agricultural Crown Land

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#### A. Purpose

To outline the terms and conditions under which Crown land is made available for new roads and the widening of existing roads.

#### B. Conditions

1. Land under Lease Agreement or Unoccupied Land
  - The agency acquiring the right-of-way is required to obtain permission from Ministry of Agriculture and the agricultural lessee, where applicable. Where the lessee fails to provide permission, Ministry of Agriculture will determine the conditions which apply to both parties in its letter of permission.
  - Land required for widening statutory road allowances and existing surveyed roads, or development of new roads, which are registered with Information Services Corporation (ISC) will be provided at no charge, provided that the municipality agrees to any special terms and conditions that are outlined. Such land will be withdrawn from the applicable lease.
2. Land under Sale Agreement
  - The agency acquiring the right-of-way will be required to:
    - Negotiate directly with the purchaser of the land on the land value.
    - Pay the negotiated price for the land to Ministry of Agriculture. The full amount of the payment will be credited to the purchaser's account as a prepayment of the principal amount. Any balance after the principal that is repaid will be applied to any accounts of the purchaser in arrears or refunded to the purchaser.

#### C. General

1. Registration
  - Roadways must be registered with Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure by December 31, in the year construction is completed. Crown lands containing unregistered roadways may not be reserved from sale if this has not been completed.
2. Damages to Property
  - Compensation for damages to crops, fences (if not reconstructed) and other property are to be paid directly to the owner or occupant as they occur. In pasture

- lands, disruption to the livestock enterprise is to be minimized with access to water maintained at all times.
- The agency responsible for the roadway is responsible for the full costs relating to the replacement or restoration of any works affecting drainage and/or irrigation necessitated by the construction of roadways. All work which impacts on existing drainage and/or irrigation projects must be approved by the appropriate agency(s), i.e.: the Conservation and Development Area Authority, Water Security Agency, Ducks Unlimited Canada, etc.
  - When a former road bed is restored, the agency responsible must restore the site to an acceptable condition according to a restoration plan or, if the site is located on rangeland, according to Lands Branch's Restoration of Saskatchewan's Agricultural Crown Rangelands. Restoration must occur under the direction and guidance of Lands Branch Agrologists.
  - Where construction of a new road runs through native prairie, a condition of obtaining the land at no cost will be ensuring that any disturbance is re-vegetated with an approved native seed mix.

For more information, visit [www.Saskatchewan.ca/crownlands](http://www.Saskatchewan.ca/crownlands) or contact your local regional office found here [www.saskatchewan.ca/ag-regional-offices](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/ag-regional-offices) or listed below:

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