

Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance

Salt Management Policy Template

For the alignment of plans and policies among municipalities in the
Sturgeon River watershed

2021

Context

The Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance, as part of the Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan (2020), have made their first goal to align plans and policies to support a healthy watershed. Recent reviews of policies and plans among the municipalities in the Sturgeon watershed have revealed that Road Salt Management was in need of alignment in order to protect sensitive environmental features and the water supply. The purpose of this Salt Management Policy Template is to provide municipalities with an example and template to develop their own Salt Management Policy. This template was derived from Parkland County's Council Policy C-PW26 – Salt Management (2015).

Instructions

Below, you will find a recommended policy for Salt Management. If the word is highlighted in **Yellow**, then simply replace with the appropriate word. For instance, if you are the municipality of Parkland County, you would type this in the section for **Municipality Name**.

Please note this template is only to provide guidance for creating your own Policy and does not in any way act as a Policy in its own right.

References

Parkland County. 2015. Council Policy C-PW26 Salt Management. Prepared by Parkland County Public Works Department, Stony Plain, AB.

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PURPOSE

This policy provides for the management and use of road salts in a manner that protects the environment without compromising road safety.

POLICY STATEMENT

(Municipality Name) recognizes that Road Salts may have an impact on the environment but at the same time they are required to maintain a safe, efficient, and cost-effective roadway system. Therefore, (Municipality Name) will take the actions necessary to manage Road Salts in a manner that protects the environment without compromising road safety.

DEFINITIONS

1. “Road Salts” means salts that contain inorganic chloride salts with or without ferrocyanide to prevent the formation of ice on roadways.

SCOPE

This policy applies to the application of Road Salts on roadways within (Municipality Name)’s jurisdiction.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The (Name of Responsible Party, ie., Manager) of (Name of Responsible Department, ie., Public Works) is responsible for implementing, monitoring, and evaluating this policy.

STANDARDS

(Municipality Name) will:

1. Apply Road Salts primarily on hard surface roadways and only on gravel or oil-based dust control surfaces when necessary.
2. Manage Road Salts in accordance with Environment Canada’s Code of Practice for the Environmental Management of Road Salts, and all other applicable federal and provincial laws.