LAC LA BICHE COUNTY POLICY

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Lac La Biche County desires to allow landowners, developers, and companies to provide physical access to the lands from all developed County roadways in order to provide for safe access and road network for all residents.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Lac La Biche County will construct the first access to a full quarter section of land. It shall be the responsibility of the landowner, developer, company to provide additional approved access to a full quarter section of land from any developed County roadway. All costs of the construction of the additional approaches shall be borne by the landowner, developer, and company or designate.

2. The applicant for the approach shall enter into a development agreement with Lac La Biche County prior to approval and construction of any additional approaches. The development agreement will include the specifications required to construct the approach including notification, sight distance requirements, indemnity to the County, culvert size and length, width and cross-section, materials, surfacing gravel, elevations and acceptance by the County as per specifications set out in the General Municipal Servicing Standards. The size of the approach will be consistent with the intended use and traffic volumes. The construction specifications of new approaches shall be consistent with the approaches along the same municipal road, such as base-paved or gravel surfaced.

3. Lac La Biche County will approve the construction of one approach per parcel of separate titled land and determine a convenient and safe location for the benefit of the landowner and traveling public.

4. Lac La Biche County will not allow the construction of a subsequent approach unless the separate titled land is naturally severed by a major drainage course, creek, river, lake, grade impediment, municipal roadway and or railway line. All subdivision and hamlets shall have only one approach accessing the lot. A subsequent approach may be granted for farm use. Construction of any additional approaches shall be at the landowner’s expense.

5. The County shall only accept new corrugated steel pipe (CSP) as the drainage culvert in the proposed approach. Used culverts will not be accepted in construction.
6. Maintenance of existing approaches shall be the responsibility of Lac La Biche County. Improvements to approaches other than regular maintenance requested by the applicant due to changes in use or any other reason shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

7. During the subdivision approval process, the County shall ensure that each new parcel created and each remaining parcel has a developed approach or shared approach, constructed in accordance with this policy. The County shall not be responsible for the absence and or construction of approaches in existing subdivisions and hamlets. Approach road construction to County roads will be addressed in a development agreement and not in this policy.

8. Temporary approach requests shall be constructed to the same specifications as required for a permanent approach.

9. Upon receipt of a request to construct an approach, the County reserves the discretion to either approve or reject the application, and to determine the varying approach specifications based on sight distances, physical characteristics, intended use and traffic volumes.

10. Those approaches constructed without prior approval shall be removed by the County and the costs borne by the adjacent landowner.

11. Those approved approaches not constructed to County standards shall be either removed or upgraded at the discretion of the County and the costs borne by the adjacent landowner.

“Original Signed” January 22, 2010
Chief Administrative Officer Date

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Mayor Date