Rural Municipality of Clayton No. 333	
POLICY TYPE:	300 Transportation
POLICY TITLE:	Municipal Overweight Permits
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Municipal Overweight Permits Policy

Pursuant to section 21 of *The Municipalities Act* and section 36.1 of *The Highways and Transportation Act,* 1997, the Rural Municipality of Clayton No. 333 may issue several types of permits regarding the operation of overweight vehicles within the Municipality.

Municipal Overweight Transportation Permits shall be issued for the most direct route to a public highway, heavy truck route or primary weight road. All permits are issued on the condition of being valid only when roads are dry or frozen. The permit shall be valid upon receipt of the fee and is subject to the terms and conditions stated in this policy and on the applicable permit.

PERMIT SPECIFICATIONS:

1) Annual Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit:

This permit shall provide the permit holder with permission to haul up to primary weights on municipal grid roads via the shortest route to a primary weight road. The permit is issued per single vehicle or combinations of vehicles (company fleet) for multiple trips within the calendar year that it is purchased (January 1 to December 31). The annual permit will not be prorated and is only valid during non-road restriction periods. *Cost - \$200.00 per vehicle or fleet per year.*

2) Single Trip Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit:

This permit shall allow the permit holder to haul up to primary weights on municipal grid roads via the shortest route to a primary weight road for one trip per identified vehicle. The single trip permit is valid during non-road restriction periods for the day specified. **Cost - \$50.00 per vehicle per trip.**

3) Spring Road Restriction Permit:

Special municipal overweight permits may be issued by the municipality during Spring Road Restrictions (road bans) for up to secondary weights. Consideration is given for Spring Road Restriction Permits if the trip is absolutely necessary and the roads are dry, hard or frozen. **Cost - \$50.00 per vehicle per trip during road restriction periods.**

4) Highway No. 8 Blanket Overweight Permit:

In accordance to Section 36 of *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997,* and by Minister's Order, Highway No. 8 is weight restricted on the section of Highway No. 8 from 0.50 km North of the intersection of Highway No. 8 and Highway No. 49 at Norquay to Swan Plain. As per the agreement with the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure, the municipality is authorized to issue permits up to secondary weights for ratepayers and businesses located adjacent to the restricted section of Highway No. 8 north. Signed Highway 8 Blanket Overweight Permits are submitted to the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure as they are the regulating body for this permit. *Cost - free.*

PROCEDURE FOR PERMITS:

In order to obtain a Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit:

- 1) Provide the municipal office with the following information:
 - a) Name of Company or Individual
 - b) Vehicle information (license plate number, description, number of axles, Gross Vehicle Weight)
 - c) Proof of registration and insurance (copy of registration from SGI)
 - d) Type of commodities or goods being hauled (grain, lumber, etc.)
 - e) Route to be taken for the haul
 - f) Time period for which the permit is required.
- 2) Pay the appropriate fee
- 3) Keep a copy of the applicable permit in each vehicle. Permits are non-transferable.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION:

- Vehicle Weights are set out in The Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations, 2010.
- As per Section 22 of *The Municipalities Act,* a hauler may be required to enter into a Road Maintenance Agreement if Council deems the hauls are of significant nature.
- In accordance with *Bylaw No. 2019-01 Heavy Truck Speed Limit Bylaw*, vehicles heavier than seven tons are restricted to a maximum speed limit of 60 km per hour within the municipality.
- Council may by resolution, opt in or out of the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure Spring Road Restrictions or set their own timeline for Road Restrictions.
- Council has the right to refuse to issue or to revoke any permit at any time for any reason.
- Council may, by resolution, revise the permit policy or fee structure.
- Adverse road and weather conditions shall render the permit temporarily void until such time that is deemed safe to proceed by council or authorized officer/agent.
- Permits shall be valid for the most direct route to a public highway, heavy truck route or primary weight road and are issued on the condition of being valid only when roads are dry or frozen.
- The permit holder is responsible to know and follow all applicable federal, provincial and municipal legislation.
- The permit holder must ensure the vehicle is adequately insured and properly licensed to transport the load specified on the permit.
- Issuance of a permit shall not dismiss the permit holder from responsibility for damages caused
 to the road, highway, public improvement, person or property as a result of operations listed in
 the permit; In any case, with or without of the issuance of an overweight permit, when damage
 occurs to the municipal roads or infrastructure, the owner and/or operator shall be held
 responsible for the full cost of repair and maintenance.

ADMINISTRATION:

- Administration shall be authorized to issue the Municipal Overweight Transportation Permits as they are requested.
- Signed copies of the Highway No. 8 Blanket Overweight Permit must be forwarded to the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.
- Permit holders shall be provided with a copy of *Bylaw No. 2019-01 Heavy Truck Speed Limit*.
- Revenue shall be posted to GL Account # 420-710-100 F&C Permits