

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS

BY-LAW NO. 2829/25

A by-law to provide for the protection of municipal infrastructure.

WHEREAS Section 232 of *The Municipal Act* provides authority for a council to pass by-laws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health, protection, and well-being of people, the protection of property, activities on municipal roads, and private works on municipal road allowances;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands deems it necessary and desirable to protect its municipal infrastructure from damage, obstruction, and unauthorized use;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Title

This by-law may be referred to as the "Municipal Infrastructure Protection By-law".

2. Definitions

In this by-law:

- "Culvert" means a drainage pipe, conduit, or channel located within a municipal road allowance, ditch, or right-of-way.
- "Municipality" means the Rural Municipality of Woodlands.
- "Municipal road" or "road allowance" means any road, street, lane, or right-of-way under the jurisdiction of the municipality.
- "Private equipment" means any equipment or vehicle not owned, leased, or operated by the Municipality or its contractors.
- "Debris" includes waste, refuse, litter, and any other material foreign to the municipal road allowance.

3. Prohibited Activities

No person shall do any of the following unless authorized to do so:

3.1 Remove, extract, or relocate gravel, soil, or similar materials from any municipal road, ditch, or road allowance.

3.2 Operate private equipment on any municipal road or road allowance for construction, grading, snow removal, or similar activity. This does not include the operation of grass mowing equipment, which is permissible.

3.3 Deposit, push, or discharge snow, ice, gravel, soil, or any other debris onto a municipal road or road allowance, including into ditches or culverts.

3.4 Alter, relocate, block, remove, or otherwise tamper with a culvert or other drainage infrastructure on a municipal road or road allowance.

3.5 Remove, deface, relocate, or tamper with any traffic sign, regulatory sign, or other municipal signage.

3.6 Establish fences or other structures on a municipal road or road allowance.

3.7 Clear any brush or trees or break any land on a municipal road or road allowance.

Authorization to do any of the prohibited activities listed in #3 must be granted in writing by the Chief Administrative Officer or Public Works Foreman.

4. Enforcement and Penalties

4.1 Any person who causes damage to municipal infrastructure in contravention of this by-law shall be responsible for the full cost of repair or replacement as determined by the Municipality.

4.2 The Municipality may invoice the responsible party directly or add the cost to the tax roll of the property owner where the infraction occurred, as authorized under *The Municipal Act*.

4.3 Any person who violates this by-law may be subject to penalties in accordance with the Municipality's Administrative Penalties By-law, under the Municipal By-law Enforcement Act.

4.4 Each day that a contravention of this by-law continues shall be deemed a separate and distinct offence.

5. Severability

If any section or part of this by-law is found to be invalid, it shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the by-law.

6. Repeal

By-law no. 2190 shall be repealed upon the passing of this by-law.

7. Coming Into Force

This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the day it is passed.

DONE AND PASSED in Council assembled at the Council Chamber of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands, at Woodlands, in the Province of Manitoba, this 9th day of September, A.D., 2025.

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Douglas Oliver, Reeve

Per: Kaitlyn Griffith

Kaitlyn Griffith, Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time this 26th day of August, A.D. 2025

Read a second time this 9th day of September, A.D. 2025

Read a third time this 9th day of September, A.D. 2025