

# *Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17*

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## A Bylaw to Regulate the Operation of Overweight Vehicles on Municipal Roads

Bylaw No. 4-20

Office Consolidation

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This Bylaw was passed on January 20, 2020 and has not been amended since.

## BYLAW NO. 4-20

### A BYLAW TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES ON MUNICIPAL ROADS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. That pursuant to Section 21 of *The Municipalities Act*, the municipality shall adopt the following respecting the issuing of Municipal Overweight Transportation Permits; with the Administrator or designate; being authorized to issue these permits to persons that qualify for this permit.
2. All vehicles operating in the municipality, unless otherwise exempted, shall not exceed the prescribed or ordered "Secondary Highways" weights as determined by *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997* and applicable regulations.
3. The Municipality may allow persons operating within the municipality to haul **non-divisible** loads in excess of section 2 of this bylaw, provided that a duly completed "Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit" is first obtained.
4. The municipality may allow persons operating within the municipality to haul **divisible loads of agricultural commodities** in excess of section 2 of this bylaw, by the shortest route, provided that a duly completed "Municipal Overweight Permit" is first obtained. Municipal Overweight Permits will not be issued for divisible loads that are hauling non-agricultural commodities.
5. Subject to section 7 of this Bylaw, no vehicle shall be given a Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit for a weight greater than the vehicle's Registered Gross Vehicle Weight; as determined by the motor vehicle registration.
6. Persons wishing to haul loads above "secondary" weights shall make application for a permit to the municipal office. Conditions of the permit shall include:
  - a. The permit holder shall ensure that the road is in a dry or frozen state before travelling on the road.
  - b. No movement of overweight vehicles will be permitted during adverse road and weather conditions.
  - c. The permit shall be valid, upon request and approval, for one day.
  - d. The registered owner shall provide to the municipality a valid Certificate of Registration showing licence plate number of the vehicle in addition to the Gross Vehicle Weight as determined by the motor vehicle registration.
  - e. All Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit holder must abide by a maximum speed of 60 km/hr.
  - f. Applicable charges payable to the municipality for issuance of a permit shall include:
    - i. \$50 per single trip with the exception of spring road ban season; or
    - ii. \$100 per single trip during spring road ban season; or
    - iii. \$300 for an annual permit.
7. Upon payment of the appropriate fees established by the municipality the vehicle owner shall receive a copy of the signed Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit, a copy of which is hereto attached and forming part of this Bylaw, marked as Form "A" or Form "B", for each vehicle is applied for. This permit shall be carried in each of the identified vehicles signifying the vehicle is exempt from "secondary highway" weight restrictions while operating within this municipality.
8. Pursuant to Section 22 of *The Municipalities Act*, any persons who wishes to use a municipal road for the purpose of transporting quantities of goods or materials, which in the opinion of Council are significant in nature, must first enter into an agreement with the municipality for the maintenance of any municipal road. Vehicles used in connection with "bulk haul" operations will not be eligible for a Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit unless they have first entered into an agreement pursuant to Section 22 of *The Municipalities Act*.

9. The issuance or non-issuance of a Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit does, in any way, limit the liability of any hauler who may cause damage to the municipal road structure, bridges, and/or culverts; and as such the hauler shall be responsible for the restoration of any road, bridge, and/or culvert should damage occur.
10. The onus will be on the hauler to endeavor to utilize the shortest route possible to a primary weight corridor to transport commodities.
11. Provincial road bans supersede these permits.
12. Any person or company who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence. The penalty for breach of this bylaw shall be as set out in the General Penalty Bylaw of this Municipality.
13. Bylaw 1-04 is hereby repealed.