

HAMIOTA MUNICIPALITY

Policies and Procedures

Policy Number: 200.1

Section: Public Works

Subject: Drainage

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BACKGROUND

The Hamiota Municipality is a region of very diverse landscape. From hills and prairie to ravines and valleys the municipality faces many huge obstacles in dealing with issues of drainage.

Council has determined that there must be a procedure in place to deal with drainage issues that are fair, economically sound and helps to preserve the agricultural integrity of the Municipality. At the same time it will insure all drainage works are in compliance with the Manitoba Water Rights Act. This procedure would apply to the Municipality itself and all landowners within the municipality.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1. **All** drainage proposals that intend to alter flows in an existing right of way or route water in a direction other than where it has traditionally gone **MUST** have a Water Rights License issued by Manitoba Water Stewardship prior to any work commencing.
2. The benefactor of the proposed drainage works will be responsible to obtain and pay The costs associated with a Water Rights License.
3. No work can be proposed or undertaken on the Municipal right of ways or road allowances without written permission from the Municipality. If work was not completed to the Municipality's specifications and time frame then the Municipality will finish it at landowner's expense.
4. Municipal equipment will not be used on drainage works without written permission from Council.
5. Any private drainage works that are deemed to be maintenance but drains water to a Municipal drain or right of way must have written consent from Council prior to any work being done.
6. Private Contractors undertaking drainage work within the Hamiota Municipality should verify with the Municipality that all proposed drainage works comply with this policy.
7. Any violation of the Water Rights Act will be dealt with by Manitoba Water Stewardship.

