



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WEST ST. PAUL
Council Policy

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| Policy Title: Spring Road Restrictions | Policy No.: OPS-E-2026-01 |
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1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of Spring Road Restrictions is to protect Manitoba's surfaced pavements from undue damage by reducing allowable axle weights during the spring thawing season.

Manitoba Infrastructure implements a Spring Road Restrictions (SRR) Program each Spring, which comes into effect no earlier than March 1* and ending no later than May 29**.

Information about Manitoba Infrastructures' Spring Road Restrictions Program can be found at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mti/srr/index.html>.

The Rural Municipality of West St. Paul is desirous of preventing damage to municipal roads and will implement a Spring Road Restriction program in conjunction with the provincial SRR program.

The Rural Municipality of West St. Paul will apply Spring Road Restrictions to municipal roads as listed in Schedule "A" to this policy. Road classification shall be at the discretion of the Municipal Engineer.

Roads in new developments that have permanent foundations but have not yet received a Construction Completion Certificate shall be included in the SRR program, even though they remain the Developer's responsibility until the certificate is issued.

2. DEFINITIONS

Designated Officer Shall mean any person appointed by the Municipality as a Designated Officer under section 130 of the Municipal Act or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Director Shall mean any person appointed to the position of Director of Operations by the Municipality.

Non-divisible Load Shall mean a vehicle or load that cannot be reasonably reduced to meet legal requirements if:

- (a) dismantling it requires more than eight hours of labour;
- (b) dismantling it compromises the intended use of the vehicle or load; or
- (c) dismantling it destroys the value of the vehicle or load if dismantled.

Utility Services Shall mean pipes, or wires for private connection to a water, sewer, natural gas, or telecom utility.

3. SCOPE

- 3.1 The Director of Operations (Director) may restrict the maximum weight of vehicles operated on Municipal streets to the extent and for such period of time as is reasonably required to protect the streets from damage and deterioration during spring thaw conditions.

4. POLICY GUIDELINES

- 4.1 Where the Director restricts the maximum weight of vehicles on streets pursuant to subsection 3.1 the Director must cause to be placed such traffic control devices as are necessary to reasonably inform the public of the restrictions and, at least one week prior to the weight restriction coming into effect, must publish in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Municipality a notice setting out:
 - (a) a description or list of the streets affected by the weight restriction;
 - (b) the maximum weight permitted on the streets identified; and
 - (c) the period of time during which the weight restrictions are in effect.
- 4.2 The Municipality is guided by the Spring Road Restriction program established by the Province of Manitoba: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mti/srr/index.html>
- 4.3 No person may operate a vehicle on a street in contravention of a restriction made by the Director pursuant to subsection 3.1. The Director shall place and maintain or cause to be placed and maintained traffic control devices to limit the weights of vehicles operated upon streets within the Municipality. Weight

limitation referred to herein shall be imposed during the period March 1 to May 29, both inclusive, of each year, unless otherwise declared by the Director.

- 4.4 All Class B streets and sections of streets on which Spring Road Restrictions are placed shall be restricted to 65%.
- 4.5 All Class B1 streets and sections of streets on which Spring Road Restrictions are placed shall be restricted to 90%.
- 4.6 All streets and sections of streets are classified in Schedule A.
- 4.7 Overweight penalties shall be set out in the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Act By-Law.
- 4.8 A Designated Officer may at any time stop and weigh, or cause to be weighed, any vehicle or any vehicle and load; and, for that purpose, they may require that the vehicle be driven to any scale capable of weighing the vehicle and its load and which is available for use at the time of the demand made by the Designated Officer.
- 4.9 Every person shall:
 - (a) Stop their vehicle when required to do so by a signal from a Designated Officer.
 - (b) When so required by a Designated Officer, drive their vehicle to a scale capable of weighing the vehicle and its load and which is available for use at the time of the requirement made by the Designated Officer.
- 4.10 A person, who has taken a vehicle to scales or stopped a vehicle at an inspection station, as required by Section 4.8, must render such reasonable assistance to a Designated Officer or inspector in the weighing or inspection of the vehicle as the Designated Officer or inspector requires.
- 4.11 The Director may issue permits exempting residents from Spring Road Restrictions in emergency situations. This may include the reinstatement of failed wells, septic systems, or utility services. Permits will not be granted for contractor or construction activities. Contractors shall plan and schedule their work in anticipation of annual Spring Road Restrictions.
- 4.12 The CAO may issue permits exempting restrictions for construction activities at their sole discretion. Such permits shall identify a prescribed route from the closest access point to the work area. Owners or their agents shall ensure that all loads follow the prescribed route.

- 4.13 Applicants for Spring Road Restriction exemptions shall apply for an Exemption Permit, as shown in Schedule B, and pay an administrative fee as established by the Fees & Charges By-Law.

5. EXCEPTIONS AND ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

- 5.1 At the discretion of the Director, the Municipality may permit overweight non-divisible loads if permitting the load is in the public interest.
- 5.2 It is in the public interest that certain commodities and situations be accommodated even during the spring restrictions period. The Municipality will allow the exception of essential commodities listed as follows:
- (a) Inter-city passenger buses;
 - (b) School buses; and
 - (c) Highway maintenance vehicles operated by or on behalf of a traffic authority.
- 5.3 Vehicles transporting essential commodities are permitted limited travel on restricted roads under the following conditions:
- (a) If the essential commodities are transported between 2400 and 1200 hours during the first 14 days of this Restriction Order, or at any time of the day after the 14th day; and
 - (b) Vehicles traveling empty to pick up essential commodities or after having delivered them may travel at any time of the day on restricted roads.
- 5.4 Essential Commodities Permitted under the above conditions:
- (a) livestock feed in transit as follows:
 - (i) grain en route from producer to processor;
 - (ii) unprocessed grain required for feed; and
 - (iii) processed livestock feed;
 - (b) hay for feed in transit intra-provincially;
 - (c) livestock in transit:
 - (i) to or from market or pasture, or
 - (ii) as the result of a sale;
 - (d) potable water for non-industrial use;
 - (e) bulk milk;

- (f) seed in transit to supplier, farm or field;
- (g) groceries;
- (h) medical supplies including pharmaceuticals, medical waste, blood products and blood services;
- (i) fuel;
- (j) fertilizer;
- (k) refuse including sewage in transit to the nearest landfill site or sewage facility;
- (l) equipment and materials required for emergencies, including forest fires, floods, train derailments and pipeline spills;
- (m) Common carriers/contractors delivering mail on behalf of the Canada Post Corporation;
- (n) grain to satisfy grain quotas or contracts; and
- (o) potatoes or vegetables from producer to processor.

6. **COMMUNICATION**

6.1 Spring Road Restrictions Commencement:

- (a) Notice will be advertised once in a local newspaper; and
- (b) Notice will be posted on the Municipal Website, social media and by notification system.

6.2 Spring Road Restrictions Updates and Conclusion:

- (a) Notice will be posted on the Municipal Website, social media and by notification system.

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**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WEST ST. PAUL
SPRING ROAD RESTRICTIONS POLICY
SCHEDULE "A"**

**Class B Roads
65% OF NORMAL AXLE LOADS**

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|--|--|
| Addis Avenue West | Miller Road (between PR 220 & Pipeline Road) |
| Al Nickel Crescent | Miller Road (between PTH #9 & PTH #8) |
| Allenford Drive | Minic Road |
| Balderstone Road | Minnehaha Avenue |
| Baldock Street | Mollard Road |
| Bartlett Place | Moore Road |
| Billingham Row | Norham Road |
| Blokland Place | Northumberland Road |
| Bridgman Bay | Nye Avenue |
| Brigham Street | Oakley Street |
| Burns Road | Parks Creek Drive |
| Chelwood Drive | Paterson Street |
| Con Baier Road | Pawley Street (from Rossmore Avenue to Addis Avenue) |
| Corunna Road | Pendennis Drive |
| Cowley Street (from Rossmore Avenue to Addis Avenue) | Pipeline Road (from PR 409 to PR 321) |
| Dalemead Crescent | Poneida Road (from PR 220 to Industrial Portion) |
| Dearman Road | Prairie Meadows Lane |
| Deepdale Boulevard | Pryme Bay |
| Drury Avenue | Rimmer Road |
| Evelyn Avenue | Rosemary Path |
| Fulsher Road | Rossmore Avenue |
| Fyfe Crescent | Rushman Road (Fulsher Road to PR 321) |
| Grassmere Road | Seiler Road |
| Griffin Way | Slater Road |
| Herdy Place | Stephens Lane |
| Hiawatha Avenue | Teal Cove |
| Holland Road | Tivoli Lane |
| Jackman Road | Toshack Road |
| Kenabeek Street | Wheatland Road |
| Lawson Road | Willis Road |
| Loganberg Drive | Wilson Avenue |
| Maddock Avenue | Wright Place |
| Magalas Avenue | |
| Mazur Bay | |

All CLASS "B" HIGHWAYS within the limits of The Rural Municipality of West St. Paul will be restricted to 65% OF NORMAL AXLE LOADS.

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WEST ST. PAUL
SPRING ROAD RESTRICTIONS POLICY
SCHEDULE "A"
AMENDED MARCH 17, 2026**

**Class B1 Roads
90% OF NORMAL AXLE LOADS**

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| Addis Avenue (CP Rail Line to Cowley Street) | Mariner's Trail |
| Aster Point | Masters Avenue |
| Acorn Way | Meadowlands Drive |
| Balsam Bay | Middlechurch Gate (from Kapelus Drive to Parkview Pointe Drive) |
| Barnes Avenue | Mirabelle Drive |
| Blossom Way (from Parkview Pointe Drive to Elm Drive) | Newman Street |
| Bur Oak Drive | North Haven Way (Meadowland Drive to 257 North Haven Way) |
| Cali Place | Oshanski Place |
| Caravelle Lane | Park Lane |
| Cartmill Bay | Parkview Pointe Drive (from Acorn Way to Kapelus Drive) |
| Cherry Way | Pawley Street (Addis Avenue to Meadowland Drive) |
| Chestnut Cove | Pine Cove |
| Clover Terrace | Pipeline Road (PR 409 to PTH 101) |
| Cornerstone Heights | Poneida Road |
| Cowley Street (Addis Avenue to Meadowland Drive) | Prairie Sage Street |
| Crocus Lane | Red Pine Drive |
| Dacombe Place | River Edge Drive |
| Deer Meadow Run | River Elm Drive |
| Diane Drive | River Glen Crescent |
| Elm Drive | River Springs Drive |
| Everette Place | River Trail Drive |
| Gardner Trail (North Haven Way to 101 Gardner Trail) | S Taylor Cove |
| Grassmere Road (between PTH #8 & PTH #9) | Sage Bush Lane |
| Hawks Landing | Sandhill Drive |
| Iris Cove | Shannon Bay |
| Irene Road | Shaw Road |
| Ivy Row | Southam Place |
| Lewin Lane | Tamarack Drive |
| Lilac Bay | Vandal Street |
| Linden Lane | Ward Way |
| Lister Rapids Drive | Wuerch Crescent |
| Mancere Place | |
| Marigold Road | |

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**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WEST ST. PAUL
SPRING ROAD RESTRICTIONS POLICY
SCHEDULE "B"**

Exemption Permit





RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WEST ST. PAUL Road Restriction Permit

(This permit must be carried in the vehicle at all times.)

Permit Holder (company/homeowner name) _____

Registered Owner of vehicle(s): _____

Business/Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____ Email: _____

Type of Vehicle(s): _____

Trailer: _____

License Plate(s): _____

Delivery Site Location (civic address): _____

Route(s) to be taken: (ie: Miller Road, from PTH 8 to PTH 9)

Special Conditions: (type of delivery-concrete, gravel, topsoil, etc):

Loads exempt from the Spring Road Restriction program shall be limited to trips from and to the nearest legal weight highway on the route stipulated above, for the dates of: _____, 20____.

The Permit Holder of this document is permitted to travel on said municipal roadway(s) given that conditions applied hereto are met. **Permits issued by the RM of West St. Paul are valid for Municipal roads only.** Application must be made to the Province for permission to use Provincial roads during restrictions.

The Permit Holder understands this permit may be revoked if:

- The person or employee is found in non-compliance of these conditions, and therefore, may be held liable for damage to the roadway.
- Weather and road conditions deteriorate to the point the road is at risk.

The Permit Holder further understands and agrees to waive and save harmless any liability to the Rural Municipality of West St. Paul for damages incurred on private vehicles, or personal injuries of roadway users if resulting from the Permit Holder's negligent damage to the said roadway. This permit does not waive the onus and responsibility of the supplier under the Highway Traffic Act and the permit holder may be charged accordingly if in non-compliance. **The Permit Holder acknowledges that they shall be liable for damage to municipal roadways caused as a direct result of their activities.**

Compliance and Enforcement Officers may confirm this permit by contacting the RM of West St. Paul at 204-334-0092

Date: _____, 20____.

(Signature of Permit Holder)

(Director of Operations)

(Chief Administrative Officer)

This permit is invalid if not signed by an authorized Municipal representative.

Permit Applications may be mailed, dropped off, or emailed to operations@weststpaul.com for approval. Please allow 2 to 5 business days for completion of permit.