



Policy #75
Policy for the Provision of Emergency Services to
Properties on Private or Unassumed Roads

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Definitions and Interpretation Rules

Wherever a word is used in this Policy with its first letter capitalized, the term is being used as it is defined in this Section. Where any word appears in ordinary case, its regularly applied meaning in the English language is intended. Defined terms may be used throughout this policy in different grammatical contexts.

“**Emergency Services**” shall mean services provided by Minden Hills Volunteer Fire Department.

“**Municipality**” shall mean the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills.

“**Private Road**” shall mean any private road, land, ramp, unassumed Township road allowance, or other means of vehicle access to or from a building or structure and may include part of a parking lot.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide information to property owners on private or unassumed roads regarding the standards that private roads shall be maintained in order to receive Emergency Services to their property.

General

The Township of Minden Hills wishes to establish this policy in order that the property owners serviced by private roads can be aware of the standards required for these private roads, in order to receive emergency services.

Scope

This policy shall apply to all property owners on private or unassumed roads, requiring emergency services.

Guiding Principles

Private Road Standards

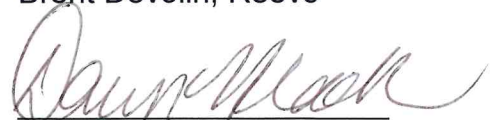
A private road standard must meet the following:

- a) Have a clear width of not less than 3.6 metres (12') unless it can be established by the service provider that a lesser width is satisfactory.
- b) Have an overhead clearance of not less than 4.3 metres (14') unless it can be established by the service provider that a lesser clearance is satisfactory.
- c) Have a turnaround facility for any dead end road portion of the private road that facilitates the turning around of the equipment of the emergency service provider.
- d) Be designed to support the expected loads imposed by Firefighting and apparatus and be surfaced with material designed to permit accessibility under all climate conditions.
- e) Bridge(s) on private roads must be engineered to withstand the weight of the aforementioned apparatus.
- f) Private roads are to be maintained free of pot holes, snow, ice and foreign debris.
- g) Private roads that provide access to more than one property should not be obstructed by a fence or other mechanism that may impede through traffic.

Adopted by Council this 29th day of October, 2015.



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