



Rural Municipality of Hoodoo No. 401

Policy #PD-001

Policy Title: Municipal Reserve Policy

Policy Objective: To establish guidelines for considerate private development on municipal/public reserve.

Authorization

Resolution: #2021-110 (February 25, 2021)

Revised-1: #2024-105 (March 13, 2024)

Policy Statement

The RM of Hoodoo (RM) Council realizes individuals that purchase a lakefront lot want direct access to the lake; therefore, the RM will allow minimal private development on municipal/public reserve land located between the private lakefront lots and Wakaw Lake. The RM Council also understands the protection of the lake for both environmental and economic reasons must be a considering factor.

Authority

All development on Municipal Reserve must be approved by RM administration via a Development Permit ~~and Water Security Agency~~. Any development within 5.0 metres of the high-water mark (defined as the 'boundary' area by Water Security Agency), bank, or bed must also have Water Security Agency approval prior to development. ¹

Policy

1. All development is temporary and must be removed within a reasonable timeframe at the applicants' expense when requested by RM administration or council. The land must then be restored to Council's requirements.
2. Private municipal/public reserve development must not restrict public access to the area. Decks and walkways in the reserve area may be utilized by the public.
3. A pathway up to 10 feet wide is allowed from the lot to the lakeshore.
4. An area to a maximum of 400 sq ft can be developed to create a firepit/sitting area.¹
5. Concrete blocks, clean large rocks or wood decking may be placed on the path. No sand, gravel or any product that will readily wash into the lake is allowed.

6. Heavy machinery may not be used for the construction of the walkway. No bobcats, skid steers, track hoes or similar equipment may be utilized.
7. No permits will be issued for private structures such as garden sheds or boathouses.
8. No chemical herbicide or fertilizer use will be allowed in this area.
9. Vegetation that is trimmed must be disposed of in a way that it may not enter the lake. Vegetation must not be buried on site.