

SECTION: TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: ROAD AND TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

Original Resolution No.: 03-01-49

Road and Trail Development

The County of Warner recognizes the importance and value of developing adequate transportation roads and trails in areas where there may be limited local traffic and volumes. This can be accomplished by constructing various standards of roads and trails which allows the landowner/public access or limited access during the year access to farm, pasture land or for other reason deemed necessary.

Guidelines

1. A written request to the County Council for the construction of a road or summer trail shall be requested. The application shall state the legal location and reasons for the summer trail (such as to gain access to farmland, pasture, grain bins, cattle, etc.) along with the estimated frequency of use during each season.
2. The Public Works Superintendent shall investigate the request to construct a road or trail and present to County Council an estimated cost for the construction. Construction shall include costs for equipment time (at internal rate) along with any culverts, rip rap or pit run, etc. that is required. The Superintendent may also wish to include a time frame when he feels it may be necessary to upgrade a trail to a high grade road.
3. Improvements to the road allowances can be categorized as follows and the standards include:
 - a. Bladed Trail
 - i. Maximum width of 18 feet
 - ii. No ditch cuts
 - iii. No gravel spread on trail
 - iv. Low level pit run crossings where required
 - v. Appropriate signage to be installed as required
 - b. Summer Grade Trail
 - i. Maximum width of 22 feet
 - ii. Approximately a 1 ½ foot ditch cut
 - iii. Approximately a 1 ½ foot grade raise
 - iv. No gravel spread on trail
 - v. Maximum size of culvert to be installed is 24 inch, other wise a low level pit run crossing will be installed
 - vi. Appropriate signage to be installed as required

- c. Summer Road
 - i. Maximum width of 28 feet
 - ii. Approximately a 1 ½ foot ditch cut
 - iii. Approximately a 1 ½ foot grade raise
 - iv. Gravel placed at approximately 200 yards per mile
 - v. Culverts to be installed as required
 - vi. Appropriate signage to be installed as required
 - d. High Grade Road
 - i. Maximum width of 28 feet
 - ii. Approximately a 3 foot ditch cut
 - iii. Approximately a 3 foot grade raise
 - iv. Gravel placed at approximately 400 yards per mile
 - v. Culverts to be installed as required
 - vi. Appropriate signage to be installed as required
4. Council shall review the landowner's request along with the Superintendent's recommendation and take into account the following criteria in order to make a decision:
- a. Landowners affected
 - b. Traffic volumes during each season
 - c. Likelihood that the trail/road will be upgraded to a high grade road
 - d. Cost of construction
 - e. Future gravel requirements
 - f. Adjacent land owners opinions and concerns
 - g. Access and distance to other developed trails or road in the immediate area
 - h. Local County Councillor's recommendation
5. Any variations from the above trail/road standards is at the discretion of Council and will be approved by Council resolution.
6. Adjacent landowners will be notified in writing of Council's decision to construct the road or trail.