

Municipality of West Elgin

Policy RD ### Horse Drawn Vehicle Sign Policy

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Review Date:

Policy Statement

Public safety is of the utmost importance to the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin. Because of their slow travel speed relative to cars and trucks, their vulnerability, and the potential risk of unpredictable animal behaviour, horses present a hazard to the drivers of motorized vehicles. Signs may therefore be required to provide advance warning of horse drawn conveyances to drivers, so that drivers are prepared to exercise caution and slow down to accommodate them.

Policy

Definitions

“Council” – means the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin.

“Horse Drawn Vehicle” sign – indicates the presence of horse drawn vehicles.

“Manager of Operations & Community Services” – means the Manager of Operations & Community Services for the Municipality of West Elgin or his/her designate.

“Municipality” – means The Municipality of West Elgin.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a protocol for the installation of Horse Drawn Vehicle signs within a Municipal Road allowance in West Elgin.

Procedures for installation of Horse Drawn Vehicle Warning Signs

1. A request for Horse Drawn Vehicle Signage must be made in writing to the Manager of Operations & Community Services.
2. Sign approval will be limited to Municipality of West Elgin Road allowances only. Any request involving County of Elgin Road allowances will be forwarded to the Elgin County Director of Engineering for consideration.

3. Placement of the WC 23 Horse Drawn Vehicle sign (Appendix A) will adhere to guidelines as outlined in the Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 6 – Warning Signs.
4. The Manager of Operations & Community Services shall determine specific placement of Horse Drawn Vehicle Signs. The following information will be considered when determining justification and placement of Horse Drawn Vehicle signage -
 - the road where the horse drawn vehicle user resides.
 - roads where a horse drawn vehicle is known to regularly travel, and the continuous visibility of the horse drawn vehicle by the driver of an approaching motor vehicle is less than 150m due to the crest of a hill, sharp curve, etc.
 - exposure, visibility, and the proximity/impact on other regulatory, warning and guide signs.
5. Where it is determined that a sign is not effective or it interferes with existing signage, alternatives including non-placement shall be considered.
6. Where it is determined that a sign is no longer required, it shall be removed by the public works department at the direction of the Manager of Operations & Community Services.

Authority

The authority for the Horse Drawn Vehicle Sign Policy shall be by the approval of the Council for the Municipality of West Elgin.

The approval and monitoring of Horse Drawn Vehicle Signs shall be at the discretion of the Manager of Operations & Community Services or their designate.

This Policy shall be administered by the Public Works Department.

This Policy shall be reviewed as required.

Appendix A

The following is a sample of the WC 23, Horse Drawn Vehicle Sign (60cmx60cm).

