

# *Rural Municipality of Sutton No. 103*

## **Hay Salvage Policy**

(August 11, 2022)

(last amended June 8, 2023)

### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to outline key dates and conditions for hay salvage along municipal roads.

### **2. Definitions**

“Municipality” means the Rural Municipality of Sutton No. 103.

“Road” means a public highway as defined in *The Municipalities Act*.

“Salvager” means an individual or company engaging in the salvage of hay from municipal roads.

### **3. Policy**

#### **3.1 Key Dates**

- a) The municipality or its contractor will begin mowing on or around **July 1** of each year; all salvagers must cut the hay prior to this date in order to avoid having it cut by the municipality or its contractor.
- b) The adjacent landowner (or lessee, in the case of rented land) has first option to salvage hay along municipal roads. Other persons must contact the adjacent landowner or lessee to salvage the hay.
- c) All bales must be removed by **August 20** of each year.

#### **3.2 Conditions**

- a) The right of way must be left neat in appearance by the salvager.
- b) Council reserves the right for its members, employees, and/or agents to enter the right of way for the maintenance or reconstruction of the roadway or for other purposes deemed necessary, and with no compensation to the salvager.
- c) The municipality assumes no liability for labourers, machinery, or bales relating to hay salvage operations.
- d) Bales of hay must be left at the bottom of the ditch until they are removed.
- e) In order to minimize hazards to motorists, any bales not removed by August 20 may be removed by the municipality and any bales so removed shall become the property of the municipality.
- f) No person shall cut hay on any portion of the road located in the municipality during the period from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise.
- g) No person shall cut hay on any portion of the road located in the municipality in a way that obstructs the travelled portion of the road.