

APPENDICIES

APPENDIX A

FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR ROADWAYS

ROADWAYS

The Alberta Government, through Alberta Transportation funds and is responsible for land acquisition, construction, reconstruction and maintenance of designated Primary Highways which traverse Alberta Towns. This funding is subject to the approval of priority and design standards by Alberta Transportation and would apply only to activity on the 4th Avenue and 2nd Avenue (Highway 16) couplet system within the Town of Edson.

The Province may also fund a percentage of any structure associated with Highway 16 and an intersecting arterial roadway. This funding however, would have to be negotiated prior to construction as a specific program is not available.

The Province also assumes the responsibility for construction, but not land acquisition nor maintenance for designated Secondary Highways through Alberta Towns under the Secondary Roadway Program. In the case of the Town of Edson, this has been applied to construction activity on 48 Street in recent years. Funds under this program can be requested at any time but they are subject to approval by Alberta Transportation and the availability of funds in the program budget.

Special financial grants are available to Towns from the Provincial government through the Streets Assistance Program on a "once in five years" basis for community roadway improvements. This grant can be used for upgrading arterial, collector or even local streets at the discretion of the Community. This grant is subject to the availability of funds allocated to the program and is made to the Town on the basis of a "dollar valve per capita" formula. The Town of Edson has last applied for this grant in 1979 and will not be eligible for an additional grant under this program until 1984.

Funds are also made available through the Resource Road Improvement Program administered by Alberta Transportation. This fund is applied to roadways which pass through small municipalities and connect areas of resource development. This program can be applied for at any time and approval is subject to the discretion of Alberta Transportation and availability of funds. The Town of Edson has previously used this program for the construction of 51 Street/Edson Drive.

A program is also available from Alberta Transportation which provides funds for various forms of public transportation. These funds are provided under the Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant at a per capita rate every year. The construction of wheel chair ramps and bus shelters and subsidies for providing transit services are examples of items covered under this program.

RAILWAY CROSSINGS

The Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada has published regulations regarding the construction of at grade railway and roadway crossings and grade separated crossings for roadway and railways. These regulations outline a funding arrangement between the railway authorities, the road authority and the railway crossing fund for construction of the crossing.

Different funding formulas are available for each type of construction and vary depending on whether the crossing is in existence or proposed. The funding is also dependant on the availability of necessary monies in the Railroad Crossing Fund.

Normally, when a new grade crossing is constructed, the cost of construction and of future maintenance is payable by the party applying for such a crossing. HOWEVER, IF THE ROADWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY WAS ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO THE RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY, ALL COSTS ARE PAYABLE BY THE RAILWAY. IN THE CASE OF ROAD "A", THE TOWN OF EDSON WOULD APPEAR TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COSTS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A NEW GRADE CROSSING OF THE CNR.

Where a grant from the Railway Crossing Fund may be made, the cost of construction of a new grade separation to be built within the limits of an existing road allowance which will eliminate an existing grade crossing is usually made based on the following:

- 80 percent payable from the Railway Crossing Fund
- 15 percent payable by the Town
- 5 percent payable by the railway company.

This funding formula applies up to a maximum of \$650,000.