

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY
OF MERVIN #499
BYLAW NO. 2023-26**

**A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF
OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES ON ROADS WITHIN THE RURAL
MUNICIPALITY OF MERVIN #499**

The Council of The Rural Municipality of Mervin #499 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

Short Title

1. This Bylaw shall be known as the Overweight Permits Bylaw.

Definitions

2. In this Bylaw:
 - (a) "**Chief Administrative Officer**" shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer or administrator of the municipality;
 - (b) "**Council**" shall mean the Council of the Rural Municipality of Mervin #499;
 - (c) "**Designated Officer**" shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer or any person appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer as designated to administer or enforce this Bylaw, and shall include a Community Safety Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, and Peace Officer;
 - (d) "**Municipality**" shall mean the Rural Municipality of Mervin #499;
 - (e) "**Municipal Road**" shall mean any public road other than a provincial highway;
 - (f) "**Secondary Weights**" shall mean Secondary Highway Weights as prescribed in *The Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations, 2010*.

Authorization

3. Council is authorized to adopt this Bylaw under the following legislation:
 - (a) Pursuant to Section 18(1) of *The Municipalities Act*, the Municipality may, by Bylaw establish or adopt a system relating to vehicle weights or to route designation in the Municipality; and
 - (b) Pursuant to Section 36.1 of *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997*, the Municipality authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to have the power to issue a permit regarding overweight vehicles operating within the Municipality, and set the fee for the permit; and
 - (c) This Bylaw refers to the weight and dimensions restrictions set out in *The Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations, 2010*.

Provisions



4. No person shall operate or move or cause to be operated or moved a motor vehicle or load greater than Secondary Weights on a Municipal Road within the boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Mervin #499, other than a road designated as a Primary Haul Route.

Permits

5. The Municipality may allow persons operating within the Municipality to haul non-divisible loads in excess of Secondary Weights provided that a duly completed "Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit" is first obtained.
6. Persons wishing to haul non-divisible loads above Secondary Weights shall make application for a permit to the Designated Officer. Conditions of the permit shall include:
 - (a) The permit holder shall be responsible for providing accurate information on the permit application;
 - (b) The permit shall be valid, upon request and approval, for one move;
 - (c) The hauler shall provide a designated route to be reviewed by the Designated Officer. The Designated Officer shall have final approval of the provided route or may provide an alternative route; and
 - (d) The permit must be carried in the stated vehicle at all times, and made available, upon request to a Community Safety Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer Designated Officer or Peace Officer.
7. The schedule of permits and fees is attached in Schedule "A". Failure to remit payment for a permit may result in further penalty.

Haul Agreements

8. Pursuant to Section 22 of *The Municipalities Act*, any person who wishes to use a municipal road for the purpose of transporting quantities of goods or materials that meet the minimum criteria of twenty (20) loads on one route in a seven (7) day period, hereinafter referred to as a Bulk Haul, must first enter into an agreement with the municipality for the maintenance of any municipal road. Vehicles used in connection with Bulk Haul operations will not be eligible for a Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit unless they have first entered into an agreement pursuant to Section 22 of *The Municipalities Act* and the Road Maintenance Agreement Bylaw of the Municipality.

Exemptions

9. All haulers owning agricultural land in the Municipality and eligible for a "**farm plate**" through SGI will be required to obtain Vehicle Permits as prescribed in this Bylaw, however will be exempt from the Vehicle Permit Fee. Haulers eligible for the exemption will be required to accurately sign an eligibility declaration

Exceptions

10. Provincial and/or local road bans supersede all permits.



11. No person shall receive a permit for hauling on any restricted roads that are under Order of Closure by the Municipal Road Committee as per the Road Restrictions Bylaw of the Municipality.
12. The Designated Officer may refuse to issue a permit in order to prohibit the operation of certain vehicles on specified roads and/or bridges if the use of a road and/or bridge by a specific vehicle and/or vehicle plus load may result in damage to the road, adjacent property or personal injury to the public.

Enforcement

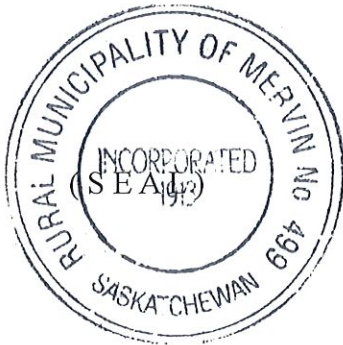
13. In any case, with or without a valid vehicle permit, when there is damage to a Municipal Road or infrastructure due to overweight or over dimension of a vehicle or load, the owner and or operator of the vehicle will be held responsible for the full costs of the repair.
14. Orders for Contravention
 - (a) Where a person has contravened any provision of this bylaw, a Designated Officer may issue an Order to Achieve Compliance with any section of this bylaw; and
 - (b) Orders given under this Bylaw shall comply with Section 364 of *The Municipalities Act*.
15. A person may appeal to Council, any Order made pursuant to Section 29 in accordance with Section 365 of *The Municipalities Act*.
16. Offenses and Penalties
No person shall:
 - (a) fail to comply with an order made pursuant to this Bylaw;
 - (b) obstruct or interfere with any Designated Officer or any other person acting under the authority of this Bylaw; or
 - (c) fail to comply with any other provision of this Bylaw.
17. Any person found in contravention of this bylaw shall be subject to the penalties provided in Schedule "B" as attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
18. A Designated Officer may issue a Summary Offence Ticket Information with a voluntary payment option for breach of any provision of this Bylaw.
19. Payment of any Summary Offence Ticket Information does not exempt the person from enforcement of any Order pursuant to section 14 of this Bylaw.



20. A Designated Officer may cancel any Summary Offence Ticket Information issued pursuant to this Bylaw, where in the opinion of the Designated Officer, the Summary Offence Ticket Information was issued in error.

Coming Into Force

21. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect on the day of its final passing.




Reeve

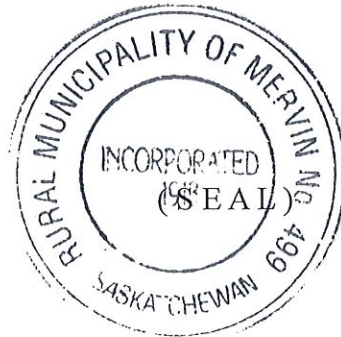

Chief Administrative Officer

Certified a true copy of
Bylaw No. 2023-26 adopted by
resolution of Council this

26 day of May, 2023


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer



SCHEDULE "A"
RURAL MUNICIPALITY
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Vehicle Permit Fee Schedule

Permit prices set by the R.M. of Mervin #499 shall not exceed the amount determined by the minister, Section 36.1(2) of *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997*.

Single Load	\$50.00 per unit
Single Load During Spring Restrictions	\$100.00 per unit

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Administrator

Schedule "A"

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MERVIN #499
ROAD RESTRICTIONS**

First Order

IN ACCORDANCE with Bylaw No.20-2022 of the *Rural Municipality of Mervin #499* and with *The Municipalities Regulations*:

Notice is hereby given that effective 12 o'clock midnight, _____ and until
(date)
further notice, the following public roadways shall:

Anyone contravening this order shall be subject to a fine as set out in Table 2 of *The Highways and Transportation Act*.

DATED AT TURTLEFORD, Saskatchewan this

(day) (month) (year)

ROAD COMMITTEE:

Committee Member

Committee Member

Committee Member



SCHEDULE "B"
RURAL MUNICIPALITY
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SUMMARY OFFENCE TICKET
INFORMATION

1. A Violator may be issued a Summary Offence Ticket Information with respect to a violation of any Section of this bylaw.
2. Any person, upon being served with a Summary Offence Ticket Information, may voluntarily pay the penalty as identified in this schedule or as set forth in Table 2 of *The Highways and Transportation Act* within the time specified on the Summary Offence Ticket Information at the Court of Queen's Bench.

Section and Subsection	Offence	First Offence	Second Offence	Subsequent Offences
5.	Failure to obtain a Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit	T7 - \$400	T10 - \$1,000	T10 - \$1,000
6.a.	Failure to provide accurate information on Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit	T7 - \$400	T10 - \$1,000	T10 - \$1,000
6.b.	Failure to obtain a Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit for each move	T7 - \$400	T10 - \$1,000	T10 - \$1,000
6.c.	Failure to travel on route designated on Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit	T7 - \$400	T10 - \$1,000	T10 - \$1,000
6.d.	Failure to carry Municipal Overweight Transportation Permit and/or make available on request	T7 - \$400	T10 - \$1,000	T10 - \$1,000
8.	Failure to enter into a Road Maintenance Agreement for bulk hauls	T7 - \$400	T10 - \$1,000	T10 - \$1,000
9.	Failure to accurately sign a farm plate exemption form	T7 - \$400	T10 - \$1,000	T10 - \$1,000
14.	Failure to pay for full costs of roads damaged due to overweight or over dimensions of a vehicle	T7 - \$400	T10 - \$1,000	T10 - \$1,000

16.a.	Failure to abide by an Order issued by a Designated Officer	T7 - \$400	T10 - \$1,000	T10 - \$1,000
16.b.	Obstructing or interfering with any Designated Officer or other person acting under authority of this Bylaw	T7 - \$400	T10 - \$1,000	T10 - \$1,000

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