

Municipality of Grey Highlands Policy

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1 Purpose

- 1.1** The Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, gives municipalities jurisdiction over highways and provides for the municipality to keep the highway or bridge in a state of repair that is reasonable in the circumstances, including the character and location of the highway or bridge.
- 1.2** In addition, Ontario Regulation 239/02 Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways, as amended, sets out the minimum standards of repair for highways under municipal jurisdiction.
 - 1.2.1** The Regulation serves to clarify the scope of the statutory defence available to a by establishing maintenance standards which are non-prescriptive as to the methods or materials to be used in complying with the standards but instead describe a desired outcome.
- 1.3** The Municipality of Grey Highlands has an obligation to maintain its roadways to a safe level of service. The purpose of the Maintenance Standards for Municipal Roadways Policy is to identify the standard the Municipality will strive to achieve in maintaining its roadways.

2 Scope

- 2.1** This Policy applies to the open and maintained roads within the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

3 Policy

- 3.1** The Municipality will strive to meet or exceed the standards as identified in O. Reg 239/02 Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways, as amended, and the Common Law test of reasonableness. It is acknowledged that conditions may occur which will prevent the

achievement of this level of service and that municipal staff must work within available funding and resources.