

Seismic Surveying

References: *Strathcona County Protocol for Seismic Surveying Drilling, Construction and Operation of Oil and Gas Facilities in Strathcona County*
 Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26
 Highways Development and Protection Act, SA 2004, c. H-8.5

Policy Statement

Strathcona County does not allow seismic surveying on County roads.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction where seismic crews request to use Strathcona County lands, roads, or road allowances in Strathcona County for the purpose of conducting seismic surveys.

Definitions

Seismic surveying - any activity carried out for the purpose of determining the nature and characteristics of land for exploration purposes which activity includes, but is not limited to, the use of explosives and vibration equipment.

County road – any road or highway under the care and control of Strathcona County, as set out in the *Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26*, the *Highways Development and Protection Act, SA 2004, c. H-8.5*, or any other enactment, and includes road allowances.

Guidelines

Prior to use of County roads, a person or organization that wishes to perform seismic surveying must enter into a Road Use Agreement or obtain a Right-of-Way Construction Permit, or both, as required by the County. This may include the requirement for a Traffic Accommodation Plan and Clubroot Management Plan.

If the proposed seismic surveying route intersects a Priority Environment Management Area, the County may require the use of low impact seismic methods in those areas.

The use of dynamite and the removal or cutting of trees on County land will not be permitted.

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