

Rural Municipality of Wawken No. 93

Policy No. 400-10.1 Hay Salvage Policy

Effective August 14, 2025

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. Annual mowing in the Right-of-Ways provides control of brush and weeds which maintains sightlines for motorists on curves and intersections as well as wildlife visibility. The mowing optimizes snow storage in ditches which reduces drifting on the road's surface during the winter months.

2. POLICY

- 2.1. Ratepayers must notify the municipality in writing by June 15th each year as to which municipal Right-of-Ways they wish to cut. Each ratepayer is only permitted to cut the Right-Of-Ways adjacent to his/her own property unless written permission has been obtained from the adjacent owner. If the municipality is not notified by June 15th, the municipality will cut the ditches as it deems necessary.
- 2.2. The adjacent landowner or the lessee in the case of rented land has first option to salvage along municipal roads. Other persons must contact the adjacent landowner or lessee to salvage hay on or before July 15th each year.
- 2.3. After July 15th any person may cut hay and salvage hay without the permission of the adjacent landowner or lessee, provided the adjacent landowner or lessee has not begun salvage.
- 2.4. The Right-of-Way must be left in a neat appearance by the person salvaging the hay.
- 2.5. Bales of hay must be at least three (3) meters from the edge of the shoulder of the roadway.
- 2.6. All hay cutting must be completed by August 1st each year.
- 2.7. All bale removal must be completed by August 15th each year.
- 2.8. Should the municipality be required to remove the bales after August 15th, they will become the property of the municipality and the cost for the bale removal shall be considered custom work and charged to the landowner or lessee as the original party salvaging the hay.
- 2.9. The municipality reserves the right to conduct mowing operations in certain areas prior to July 15th as required for safety, aesthetic, and weed control reasons, without notice to the adjacent landowners and/or lessees.
- 2.10. The municipality assumes no liability for laborers, machinery or bales relating to the salvaging of hay operations.