

Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield

Policy for the Provision of Municipal Services  
to Properties on Private or Unassumed Roads

**1. Purpose/Application**

The purpose of this policy is to provide information to property owners on private or unassumed roads which informs them as to the standard that private roads shall be maintained in order to receive Municipal Services to their property.

**2. Definitions**

- 2.1 Municipal services – means services provided by Police, Fire, Ambulance and environmental including where applicable garbage and recycling curbside pickup and other similar type services that have been or may be established from time to time.
- 2.2 Private Road – means any private road, lane, ramp, unassumed Township road allowance, or other means of vehicle access to or from a building or structure and may include part of a parking lot.
- 2.3 Township – means the Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield .

**3. Policy Statement**

The Township established this policy in order that the property owners serviced by private roads can be aware of the standards required for these private roads, in order to receive municipal services. In the event that private roads are not maintained to the standard as established herein then the provision of municipal services may not be possible.

**4. Private Road Standards**

The private road standard must meet the following:

- (a) Have a clear width of not less than 6m (19'8") unless it can be established by the service provider that a lesser width is satisfactory.
- (b) Have an overhead clearance of not less than 5m (16'5") unless it can be established by the service provider that a lesser clearance is satisfactory.
- (c) Have a turnaround facility for any dead end road portion of the private road that facilitates the turning around of the equipment of the municipal service provider.
- (d) Be designed to support the expected loads imposed by firefighting and environmental services apparatus and be surfaced with material designed to permit accessibility under all climate conditions.
- (e) Bridges on private roads must be engineered to withstand the weight of the aforementioned apparatus.
- (f) Private roads are to be maintained free of pot holes, snow, ice, and foreign debris.
- (g) Private roads that provide access to more than one property cannot be obstructed by a fence or other mechanism that may impede through traffic.