

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH STORMONT

Roadway Visibility Policy

Purpose of this Policy

The Township of North Stormont is committed to upholding safety standards and ensuring the protection of its citizens. The following policy establishes a minimum distance between the road surface and any other obstructions, along with a policy for sightlines at interesting roads, to assure proper visibility of the roadways for drivers.

Definitions

- **“Minimum Distance Standards”** shall mean the *basic* setback within this policy set by the Public Works Superintendent.
- **“Obstructions”** and **“Obstructive Materials”** shall mean any crops, plants, or other obstructive materials that may interfere with proper visibility of the roadway for citizens.
- **“Sightlines”** shall mean the line of sight visible to the driver of motorists, measured along the normal travel path of a roadway, to the roadway surface or to a specified height above the roadway, when the view is unobstructed by traffic.
- **“Roadway”** shall mean the part of the highway that is improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicle traffic but does not include the shoulder.
- **“Road Allowance”** shall mean the Township property dedicated as public highway contained within the road allowance and whose limits are the dividing lines between a private lot and the road allowance.
- **“Public Works Superintendent”** shall mean the Public Works Superintendent of the Township of North Stormont and/or their designated representative.
- **“Intersections”** shall mean the right-of-ways of two or more highways that join one another at an angle, whether or not one highway crosses the other.
- **“Private Entranceways”** shall mean any roadway owned and maintained by an individual, group of individuals, or a corporation, with restricted public use.

1. Minimum Distance Policy

- A minimum distance standard shall be set in this policy for temporary obstructive materials to be erected no less than 2 metres from the roadway. In special cases however, these minimum setbacks may be adjusted if deemed necessary.
 - Note: This policy does not allow consent to place permanent obstructive materials on any road allowance.

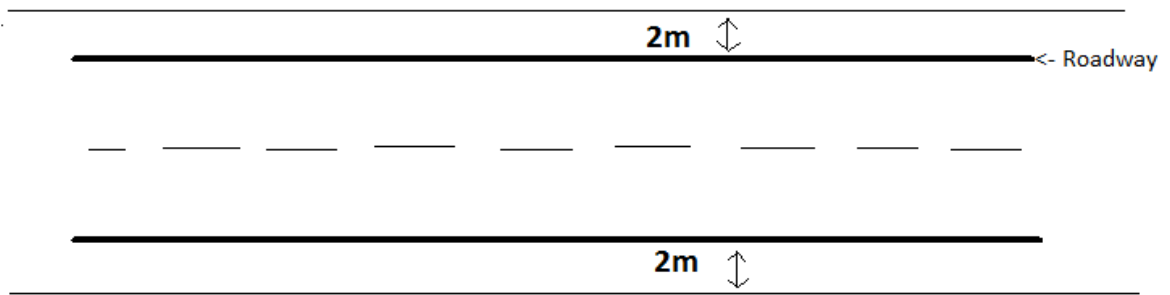


- Any obstructions that do not properly uphold the minimum standards set out in this policy shall be removed at the authority and discretion of the Public Works Superintendent.
- This policy shall have effect over all the municipal allowances within the boundaries of the Township of North Stormont.
- A diagram of this policy shall be illustrated in figure 1.

2. Intersections and Private Entranceways Sightline Policy

- A sightline triangle shall be adopted at all municipal intersections and private entranceways to ensure appropriate visibility when approaching an intersecting road.
- The sightline triangle shall extend from the road allowance to the Minimum Distance Policy set out in this document, following the TAC *Geometric Design Guide for Canadian Roads*. (See Figure 2 for illustration).
- This policy shall provide sufficient sight distance for a driver on an approach to an intersection to observe vehicles entering from an intersection road, providing adequate time to reduce speed (or stop) prior to a point of conflict.
- Any obstructions that do not properly uphold the minimum standards set out in this policy shall be removed at the authority and discretion of the Public Works Superintendent.

Minimum Distance (Figure 1)



Intersections and Private Entranceways Sightline (Figure 2)

