



Road Committees & Road Program

What is a road committee and who sits on it?

Road committees are the primary way local requests related to road construction, repair and graveling are managed in the Special Areas.

Each subdivision in the Special Areas has its own local road committee, with members appointed by the Special Areas Board for a four year term. Appointments are made from recommendations for road committee appointments based on motions made by the public at Special Area ratepayer meetings.

Road committee members include:

- Local residents who reside within the boundaries of the area
- Advisory Councillor for subdivision

Road committees are supported by:

- Director of Municipal Services
- Area Administrator (SA2/3/4)
- Superintendent of Roads & Equipment
- Road Maintenance Supervisor

How can I become a member of my local road committee?

Appointments to local road committees are made by the Special Areas Board. They are based on motions made by the public at Special Area ratepayer meetings, and further recommended by the Advisory Council.

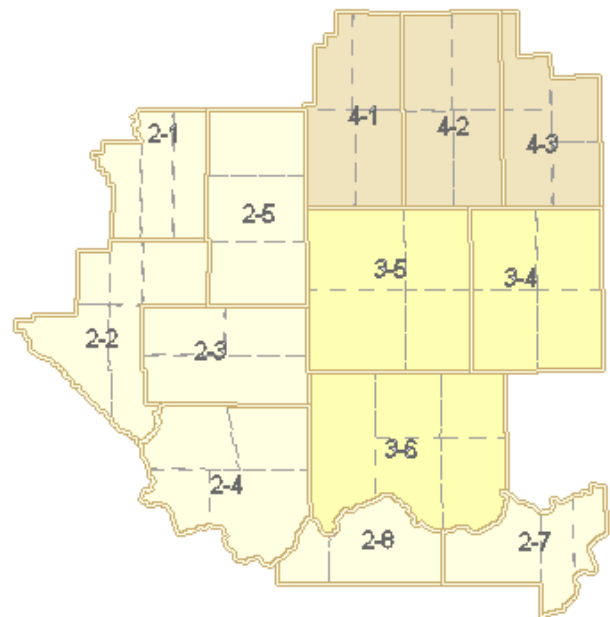
Road committee members have an important role to play. They are responsible for making sure local issues and requests about road maintenance, construction, surfacing, recrowning, and backtrail repairs are shared with the larger road program.

They work with other members of the road committee to set local road project priorities.

How do road committees work?

Road committees meet each spring to discuss requests from the public, set local road priorities, and make annual road program recommendations.

There are thirteen local road committees in the Special Areas, one for each Special Area subdivision.



Ratepayers with road project requests and concerns are encouraged to contact the road committee member for their area. Local road committee members are the best way for the public to share their requests, concerns, and ideas for future road projects.

At annual meetings each spring, road committees review the proposed annual road program for the upcoming season. The annual road program includes road construction, surfacing, recrowning, and backtrail repairs projects for all the Special Areas.

Each road committee sets local road project priorities and recommends required changes to the proposed road program.



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What is Special Areas annual road program?

The annual road program includes the construction, surfacing, recrowning, and backtrail repair projects planned for that season.

Construction work includes work to develop a road to meet the design standard, including both gravel and surfaced roads.

Surfacing work includes work done to stabilize and surface roads, including the application of cement stabilized grade (CSG), granular base course (GBC), and seal coats.

Recrowning work includes work done to restore a road to the previously built design standard. This includes rehabilitation of road surface, restoration of crown, and correct width of road surface.

Backtrail repairs includes work done to ensure a defined backtrail network is created and maintained on existing defined trails.

Typically, the roadwork season runs from May to October each year, but can vary depending on weather and budget considerations.

You can view the current annual road program online at www.specialareas.ab.ca.

To learn more about road committees, including current road committee members, please contact your local district office.

- Special Area No. 2 (Hanna) - (403) 854-5600
- Special Area No. 3 (Oyen) - (403) 664-3618
- Special Area No. 4 (Consort) - (403) 577-3523

How is the annual road program developed?

The annual road program is developed each year as a part of the Board's annual budgeting cycle.

Projects are determined using input from local road committees, long-term road program planning, and capital budgeting constraints.

October to November	Administration develops a <i>draft annual road program</i> based on local road committee priorities, long-term project planning, and budget constraints.
December	Advisory Council reviews the <i>draft annual road program</i> . After changes, the draft annual road program is recommended for review to local road committees. It is now referred to as the <i>proposed annual road program</i> .
January to March	Local road committees hold annual meetings to set priorities for local road projects and review the <i>proposed annual road program</i> and recommend changes.
April	Advisory Council reviews the <i>proposed annual road program</i> - including any changes made at road committees. The <i>annual road program</i> is recommended by Advisory Council to the Special Areas Board for approval.
June	Ratepayer meetings provide motions supporting new road committee memberships.
May to October	The <i>annual road program</i> is executed by Municipal Services during the road construction season. Road projects are supervised by the Superintendent of Roads & Streets, reporting to the Director of Municipal Services.
October	Annual reporting on the <i>annual road program</i> is provided to the Special Areas Board and Advisory Council, including project costs, completion rates, and overall performance.

DID YOU KNOW?



Special Areas manages over 6300 kilometers of roads.

That's more kilometers than driving from Vancouver to Prince Edward Island!