

**COUNTY OF RENFREW**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 47-21**

**A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING  
OR DESIGNATE TO ISSUE PERMITS GOVERNING THE MOVEMENT OF OVERSIZE  
AND OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES ON COUNTY ROADS**

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WHEREAS under Section 110 (1) of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended provides that a municipal corporation having jurisdiction over the highway may, upon application in writing, grant a permit for use of the highway by a vehicle or combination of vehicles in excess of the dimensional limits set out in the Highway Traffic Act;

AND WHEREAS Section 110 (3) of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990 provides for the issuance of such permits by an Officer of the Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the County of Renfrew deems it desirable to allow the County Engineer or their designate to issue permits referred to and in accordance with Section 110 of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew hereby enacts as follows:

1. That By-law 55-94 be rescinded.
2. That the Director of Public Works and Engineering or designate be authorized to issue permits in accordance with Section 110 of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990.
3. That the issuance of such permits shall be subject to the terms and conditions as set by the County Engineer.
4. That the fees charged for the issuance of such permit shall be as set out in the By-law to "Establish and Require Payment of User Fees and Charges" as amended.

5. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

READ a first time this 28th day of April 2021.

READ a second time this 28th day of April 2021.

READ a third time and finally passed this 28th day of April 2021.

Original signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
DEBBIE ROBINSON, WARDEN

Original signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
PAUL V. MOREAU, CLERK

## SCHEDULE "A"

### 1) Definitions

- a) **"Axle"** means an assembly of two or more wheels whose centres are in one transverse vertical plane and which are transmitting weight to the highway.
- b) **"Annual permit"** means a permit issued by the County to allow movement of over-dimensional vehicles, subject to specified restrictions, and are valid for one year from date of issue.
- c) **"Director"** means the County's Director of Public Works and Engineering or designate.
- d) **"Over-dimensional vehicle"** means any combination of vehicle and load having a width, length, height or weight more than the limits provided for in the Highway Traffic Act.
- e) **"Reduced load periods"** means the period of time when weight loads may be reduced on County Roads by the Director pursuant to County of Renfrew By-law No. 12-05 being a By-law to Designate a Reduced Load Period on County of Renfrew Roads.
- f) **"Single Move permit"** means a permit issued by the County to allow movement of a specific over-dimensional vehicle, subject to specified restrictions, for a one-way trip of limited duration on specified County highways.
- g) **"Seasonal Permit"** means a permit issued by the County to allow movement of greater than permitted axle weights for essential agricultural-related moves during the reduced load period.
- h) **"Superload"** means a vehicle and load combination having one or more of the following characteristics (i) gross weight in excess of 120,000 kilograms, (ii) length of 45.75 metres or greater, (iii) width of 5.0 metres.

### 2) Over-dimensional vehicle movements

Except as provided in *Emergency Moves*, no person shall move an over-dimensional vehicle on any County highway without having obtained an over-dimensional vehicle permit approved by the Director, CAO or their delegated authority.

### **3) Emergency Moves**

Where public safety or health is concerned, movement of an over-dimensional vehicle may occur without a permit at the discretion of the Director or Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). The Director or CAO may require any or all information to confirm the validity of an emergency over-dimensional vehicle movement. Where an emergency move has taken place, an over-dimensional vehicle permit shall be applied for on the same day the movement is commenced, or if the office of the Director is not open for the issuance of permits, on the morning of the next day on which the office is open.

### **4) Over-dimensional vehicle permits**

- 1) The County retains the right to not issue an over-dimensional vehicle permit, if, in the opinion of the Director, for reasons of public health, safety or protection of infrastructure a permit should not be issued.
- 2) The Director may direct or alter the proposed route of the over-dimensional vehicle or timing of the movement to maximize public safety and infrastructure protection.
- 3) Over-dimensional vehicles shall be reduced to the minimum practical size and weight.
- 4) When applying for an over-dimensional vehicle permit, the applicant shall:
  - a. complete the prescribed application form;
  - b. provide to the County such information, including, but not limited to, detailed vehicle dimensions, number of axles and axle spacing, tire width, gross vehicle weight and weight distribution;
  - c. file the completed application together with the non-refundable permit fee per the County's fee bylaw and other documents requested by the Director.
- 5) Over-dimensional vehicle permits are not transferable and shall apply only to a specific vehicle or vehicles.
- 6) An over-dimensional vehicle permit is not valid during reduced load periods, unless specified on the permit.

## 5) Permit Types and General Limits

- 1) For all permits, the Director, or delegated authority, shall impose conditions based on the dimensions and weights requested to be moved which are consistent with industry standards, and, have due regard for public health, safety and/ or the protection of regional infrastructure.
- 2) *Single Moving Permits* are to be issued for over-dimensional moves with a specific origin and destination. A *Single Moving Permit* shall be valid for a period of up to a maximum of three days. The Director can extend or shorten the length of validity of the permit at their discretion.
- 3) *Three Month and Annual Moving Permits* shall only be considered when the following weights and dimensions are not exceeded:
  - a. Width – 3.50 metres;
  - b. Height - 4.25 meters;
  - c. Length - 24.50 metres;
  - d. Weight – As permitted under the Highway Traffic Act.

Carriers issued *Annual Moving Permits* will need to comply with weight restrictions during the reduced load period and any other special conditions imposed by the Director.

- 4) *Seasonal Moving Permits* can be issued for essential agricultural-related moves, valid for the reduced load period within the year they are issued, and, restricted to the following weights and dimensions:
  - a. Width, Height, Length – As permitted in the *Highway Traffic Act*
  - b. Weight – Maximum of 7,500kg/ axle

The determination of an essential agricultural-related move shall be made by the Director.

## 6) Vehicle Escorts

Escorts are required for any move where the following limits are exceeded:

Width: 3.50m

Length: 24.50m

Escort vehicles shall be in accordance with the requirements set out in the Highway Traffic Act.

Where loads exceed the following dimensions, a Certified Superload Escort will be required and must meet the guidelines set by the Ministry of Transportation:

Width: 4.00m

Length: 31.00m

**7) Night, Weekend and Holiday Moves**

- 1) Permit holders shall move over-dimensional vehicles between one-half hour after dawn and one-half hour before dusk. Night travel is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Director. Night moves may be permitted in exceptional circumstances if the vehicle is less than or equal to 3.05m in width, less than or equal to 24.5m long, meet the conspicuity requirements set out by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario and meet any other conditions required by the Director. In exceptional circumstances, the Director may permit vehicles authorized through a Single Moving Permit to travel on County Roads during weekends. Weekend moves will be restricted to one day only.
- 2) Unless otherwise approved by the Director, permits will not be valid on statutory holidays as well as Friday p.m. before a long weekend.

**8) Inclement Weather**

- 1) No travel is permitted under an approved permit when road conditions, weather conditions, or visibility make traveling hazardous to the operator or to the driving public. Conditions shall be deemed to be hazardous upon any accumulation of ice or snow on the roadway or if the continuous use of windshield wipers is required. Vehicles that are underway when inclement weather occurs shall exit the road at the first available location and park in a safe place until the weather and road conditions clear.

**9) Production and Revocation of Permits**

- 1) The driver of an over-dimensional vehicle on a highway shall produce a true copy of an over-dimensional vehicle permit, when so demanded by a police officer or an officer appointed by the County for carrying out the enforcement of this By-law
- 2) The driver of an over-dimensional vehicle on a highway shall produce a true copy of the verification of the weight and dimensions of the vehicle

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- 3) Where a police officer or officer appointed to carry out the enforcement of this by-law has reasonable or probable grounds that the weight or dimensions of a vehicle may exceed the requirements of this By-law, they may weigh the same by means of either a portable or stationary scales or may require the vehicle to be driven to the nearest weigh scales,
- 4) The County may revoke an over-dimensional vehicle permit issued under this by-law if it was issued on mistaken, false or incorrect information, if it was issued in error, the weights and/or dimensions as measured above are verified incorrect, the carrier demonstrates that they are unable to meet the conditions imposed through previous permits, or, if the holder thereof is in contravention of this By-law.

#### **10) Indemnification, Damages and Enforcement**

- 1) An over-dimensional vehicle permit will only be issued subject to the condition that the permit holder shall indemnify and save harmless the County of Renfrew, their elected officials, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, actions, losses, expenses, fines, costs (including legal costs), interest or damages of every nature and kind whatsoever, including but not limited to bodily injury or to damage to or destruction of tangible property including loss of revenue arising out of or allegedly attributable to the negligence, acts, errors, omissions, whether willful or otherwise by Permit Holder, their officers, employees, agents, or others who the Permit is legally responsible. This indemnity shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any insurance to be provided by the Permit Holder.
- 2) Where damage to public property or infrastructure occurs, as a result of the movement of an over-dimensional vehicle on a highway or over or under a bridge, the County shall be compensated by the permit holder for the cost of any repairs including engineering and legal costs. The Director may, at their discretion, require the submission of a refundable security deposit prior to issuing a moving permit.
- 3) When improvements or modifications to County infrastructure are required in advance of an over-dimensional move, the County shall advise the applicant of such potential costs, and, take measures it

deems necessary to ensure that any and all costs are recovered as result of the improvements or modifications needed to County infrastructure.

- 4) Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this By-law is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine as provided for in the Highway Traffic Act.
- 5) This By-law shall be enforced by the Ontario Provincial Police, Ministry of Transportation Ontario Enforcement Officers and County By-law Enforcement Officer.