

County of Lennox and Addington

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL ENTRANCES ON COUNTY ROADS

Introduction

The County of Lennox and Addington maintains a network of roads which are designed to provide for the movement of through traffic and to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of people and goods throughout the County. The continual demand for new entrances to properties adjacent to County roads affects the safety and operation of the road network. As a result there is a need to prescribe regulations with respect to the creation of new entrances on County roads.

General Information

The following information is provided as a general guide for new residential entrances on roads under the jurisdiction of the County of Lennox and Addington. For other roads please consult the local municipality.

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide information regarding the County's criteria used to determine if a new residential entrance would be permitted. This guide is general and brief and as such does not cover all situations nor contain all policy and By-Law information. Entrances are regulated by County By-Laws 2207/87 as amended, and 2572/95 as amended. If you have questions or require further information please contact the County of Lennox and Addington.

These guidelines were prepared for the most common entrance type, that being a **Residential Entrance**. Please note that there are other types of entrances such as Field, Farm, ICI (industrial, commercial, institutional). Please contact the County of Lennox and Addington for information on these other types of entrances.

How to determine if a new residential entrance may be permitted

Roads under the jurisdiction of the County of Lennox and Addington have been classified into categories according to their predominant function. The classification of the road is a primary factor that influences if a new residential entrance will be permitted and the minimum spacing required between entrances.

Refer to the attached **Schedule A** to determine the classification of the County road your proposed entrance will be on. The most common road classifications are **Rural Arterial** and **Rural Collector**. Refer to **Table A** for the Residential Entrance Policy Synopsis and the Required Entrance Spacing for your specific road classification. The required entrance spacing as shown in **Table A** applies to entrances on the same property as well as to entrances on adjacent properties. Note that a reduced entrance spacing may be permitted in areas of reduced speed zones, those being **60km/h or less**.

Table A

RESIDENTIAL ENTRANCE POLICY SYNOPSIS AND SPACING REQUIREMENTS

ROAD CLASSIFICATION	RESIDENTIAL ENTRANCE POLICY SYNOPSIS (This is a <u>brief synopsis</u> of County policy for <u>Residential Entrances</u> , for complete information and regulating By-Laws please contact the County of Lennox and Addington.)	REQUIRED ENTRANCE SPACING (centerline to centerline)
Major Arterial	New entrances are <u>generally prohibited</u> . Contact the County for further information.	150m (492ft) (if permitted)
Rural Arterial	Limited new entrances may be permitted. New entrances may be permitted for in-filling of development where the posted speed limit is 60km/h or less. New entrances may be permitted for in-filling of development in an area zoned for the respective purpose and in compliance with the local municipalities zoning regulations. New entrances may be permitted for an existing <u>lot of record</u> where no alternate access is available and geometric/safety requirements can be met.	150m (492ft)
Urban Arterial	New entrances are <u>generally prohibited</u> . New entrances may be permitted for in-filling of development in an area zoned for the respective purpose and in compliance with the local municipalities zoning regulations where no alternate access is available. New entrances may be permitted for an existing <u>lot of record</u> where no alternate access is available and geometric/safety requirements can be met.	Site specific to optimize spacing (if permitted)
Rural Collector	Limited new entrances may be permitted. New entrances may be permitted for in-filling of development where the posted speed limit is 60km/h or less. New entrances may be permitted for in-filling of development in an area zoned for the respective purpose and in compliance with the local municipalities zoning regulations. New entrances may be permitted for an existing <u>lot of record</u> where no alternate access is available and geometric/safety requirements can be met.	75m (246ft)
Urban Collector	New entrances generally permitted.	Site specific to optimize spacing

Table B
MINIMUM SIGHT DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS

POSTED SPEED LIMIT	MINIMUM SIGHT DISTANCE
40km/h	46m (151ft)
50km/h	61m (200ft)
60km/h	75m (246ft)
70km/h	91m (298ft)
80km/h	107m (351ft)

Other Factors Affecting Entrances

Other factors that the County considers to determine if a residential entrance can be permitted are:

Sight Distance

This is the distance at which an approaching motorist can see your vehicle when you are entering or exiting your entrance. If approaching traffic cannot see you from an appropriate distance this will create a safety issue for both you and approaching traffic. Minimum sight distances required are shown on **Table B**.

Roadway Geometrics

This is the roadway alignment, both horizontally (curves) and vertically (hills and valleys), in the area of your proposed entrance. The nature of the roadway geometrics may limit the available sight distance and the location for an entrance. All new entrances must meet the geometric and safety requirements of the County.

Posted Speed

This is the speed limit in the area of your proposed entrance. In areas of higher speed limits, greater sight distances will be required in the area of your entrance.

Conversion and/or Removal of Existing Entrances

In some cases an existing entrance may be converted to serve as a residential entrance. An example would be converting or upgrading an existing Field Entrance to a Residential Entrance.

In other cases one or more existing entrances may have to be removed or relocated to allow for a new entrance and still maintain the necessary spacing between entrances.

Another alternative may be conversion to a mutual entrance. A mutual entrance is one common entrance that serves two individual properties. This type of entrance is usually centered on the common property line between the two properties. In situations where the available spacing between entrances is limited, a mutual entrance could be a solution. A mutual entrance is subject to approval by the local municipality and requires the deeding of a 0.3m (1ft) reserve across the frontage of both properties, except at the entrance.

Notice Regarding Entrance Permits

Please note that an entrance permit is required for all new entrances, as well as for modifications to existing entrances. Modifications include change in use, for example changing from a field entrance to a residential entrance. Modifications also include widening, relocating, removing and paving of an existing entrance. Please contact the County of Lennox and Addington to obtain an entrance permit prior to constructing or modifying an entrance.

Conclusion

The County of Lennox and Addington will assist you in determining if a new entrance can be permitted. If there is sufficient spacing and the new entrance can meet geometric and safety requirements, an entrance will usually be permitted. In some cases one or more of the requirements cannot be met and a new entrance cannot be permitted as this could result in safety or operational issues.

Please consult the County of Lennox and Addington if you have questions or require assistance.

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SCHEDULE A

County Road System Classification

County Roads are classified as follows:

Major Arterial

County Road 4	Highway 33 to Highway 401
County Road 6	County Road 23 to Highway 401
County Road 23*	County Road 4 to County Road 24
County Road 24	1125 m North of Amherst Drive to County Road 23

*Note: County Road No. 23 is designated as a Controlled Access Road. Access to County Road No. 23 from adjacent lands is restricted in accordance with the provisions of County of Lennox and Addington By-law No. 2120, as may be amended from time to time.

Rural Arterial

County Road 1:	County Road 10 to Enviro Park Lane
County Road 1:	Crouse Street to County boundary
County Road 2:	County Road 10 to West of Hessford Street
County Road 2:	East of Camden Road (County Road 1) to West limit of Odessa
County Road 2:	East limit of Odessa to County boundary
County Road 4:	Highway 401 to County Road 41
County Road 5:	East limit of the former Town of Napanee to County Road 18
County Road 6:	Highway 401 to County Road 14
County Road 7:	Loyalist Boulevard to County Road 2
County Road 8:	County Road 21 to Golf Course Lane
County Road 10:	County Road 2 to Beechwood Road
County Road 18:	County Road 5 to County Road 1
County Road 21:	Highway 33 to County Road 8
County Road 41:	Richmond Boulevard (except Highway 401 corridor) to Highway 7

Urban Arterial

County Road 1:	Enviro Park Lane to Crouse Street
County Road 2:	West limit of Odessa to County Road 6
County Road 6:	Highway 33 to County Road 23
County Road 7:	Highway 33 to Loyalist Boulevard
County Road 8:	Golf Course Lane to County Road 2
County Road 24:	Highway 33 to 1125 m North of Amherst Drive

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Rural Collector

- County Road 3: County boundary to County Road 41
- County Road 5: County Road 18 to County Road 4
- County Road 8: Highway 33 to County Road 21
- County Road 9: 1.1 km West of Southcrest Drive to the Southerly County Road 8 intersection
- County Road 10: Beechwood Road to County Road 11
- County Road 11: County Road 10 to 0.4 km West of County Road 27
- County Road 12: County boundary to County Road 41
- County Road 13: County boundary to County Road 41
- County Road 14: County Road 41 to County boundary
- County Road 15: County Road 4 to County boundary
- County Road 16: County Road 1 to County Road 11
- County Road 17: East of the easterly limit of the former Village of Newburgh to County Road 4
- County Road 19: Highway 401 to County boundary
- County Road 20: County Road 6 to County boundary
- County Road 22: County Road 8 to County Road 7
- County Road 25: County Road 8 to South Shore Road
- County Road 27: County Road 17 to County Road 14
- County Road 28: County Road 4 to County Road 6
- County Road 29: County boundary to Highway 41
- County Road 30: Highway 41 to County boundary

Urban Collector

- County Road 5: County Road 2 to East limit of the former Town of Napanee
- County Road 9: 1.1 km West of Southcrest Drive to northerly intersection with County Road 8
- County Road 11: 0.4 km West of County Road 27 to County Road 27
- County Road 17: County Road 27 to the easterly limit of the former Village of Newburgh
- County Road 27: County Road 1 to County Road 17

Connecting Link

- County Road 2: (Dundas Street) Hessford Street to Bridge Street
- County Road 41: (Centre Street) from Dundas Street to Richmond Boulevard