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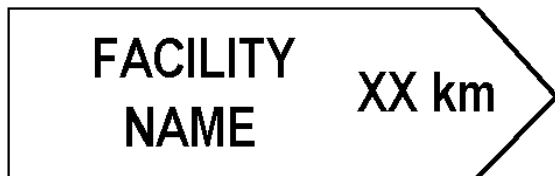
Rural community facilities serve an important purpose in rural areas. Members of the community use these facilities when congregating for religious or social gatherings/events. Providing highway users with directional signs to these facilities from the highway is essential.

Rural community facilities can be rural churches, community halls, cemeteries, or religious/charitable camps.

For consistency in treatment, these facilities should all be signed the same way.

Standard

An **IA-126L/R** Rural Community Facility Fingerboard Left/Right sign is installed on provincial highways to guide motorists to rural community facility sites.



IA-126L/R	Variable x 600 mm	
Colour	Text and border Background	Black White
Sheeting	ASTM Type III or IV	

The standard size of a Rural Community Facility Fingerboard Left/Right (IA-126L/R) sign is **variable** width and **600 mm** height.

The facility name is put on the sign and should include the facility type (i.e., church, community hall, camp, or cemetery).

The distance to the facility from the highway may be included on the sign as shown, rounded to the nearest kilometre.

The minimum lettering size on the Rural Community Facility Fingerboard sign should be 150 mm (Highway Font D).

Guidelines for Use

The operator/owner of the rural community facility must submit an application to one of the Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation district offices in order to have signs approved along the highway.

To qualify for a Rural Community Facility Fingerboard sign, the facility should be accessible from a provincial highway and located within a reasonable distance from that highway (preferably not exceeding 25 kilometres).

A Rural Community Facility Fingerboard Left/Right sign will only be approved by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation if the site is operated for the benefit of the community rather than financial gain (i.e., not operated as a rural business), and complies with all related provincial

regulations.

After reviewing an application, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation will issue a Letter of Approval allowing for the placement of signs within the highway right-of-way.

A listing of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation district offices and an example of the required sign application is provided at the following website:

<http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/613.htm>

Guidelines for Placement

Where a rural community facility can be accessed from more than one highway, signs should only be placed at the nearest highway access.

The sign should be placed within the highway right-of-way. Sign placement should be in accordance with the Recommended Practices Placement of Signs guideline. No IA-126L/R signs will be allowed in the median on divided highways.

Only one sign will be allowed per direction of travel on the highway. The signs should be placed 200 to 300 metres in advance of the access, or at the start of the taper if one exists.

However, other signs located in the vicinity of the access point may affect the placement of ID-126L/R signs. The signs should be supported by standard wooden posts.

Installation and Maintenance

The requirements for fabricating, installing and maintaining Rural Community Facility Fingerboard signs are outlined in the Recommended Practices guideline entitled General Provisions for Installing Private Signs within the Highway Right-of-Way.

All costs associated with fabricating, installing and maintaining signs will be the responsibility of the sign applicant.

References to Standards

<i>Recommended Practices</i> , Section: General	Placement of Signs
<i>Recommended Practices</i> , Section: General	General Provisions for Installing Private Signs within the Highway Right-of-Way