

Government of Alberta ■ Transportation	BOUNDARY SIGNS		<i>Issued: OCT 2009</i>
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RECOMMENDED PRACTICES	PART	HIGHWAY SIGNS	
	SECTION	GUIDE AND INFORMATION SIGNS	
	SUB-SECTION		

General

Boundary information is significant for motorists because it alerts them to the fact that they are entering an area that is distinctive. The characteristics of a designated area may be related to cultural or tourist activities or attractions.

Motorists are informed of designated areas with the use of Boundary Signs placed at the entrance to such an area.

Corporate limits define the borders of urban municipal areas (cities, towns, villages, etc.) which are governed by a municipal government or council composed of elected officials.

Rural Alberta is presently made up of the following administrative subdivisions:

- Municipal districts or counties;
- Specialized municipalities
- Special Areas
- Improvement Districts
- Metis Settlements and First Nation Reserves

A municipal district (M.D., also referred to as a county) is a government form in rural areas of the province. It includes farmlands and unincorporated communities such as hamlets and rural residential subdivisions. Municipal districts are administered by Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing and managed by elected councils. There are currently 64 municipal districts in Alberta.

Specialized municipalities are unique municipal structures that can be formed

without resorting to special Acts of the Legislature. Often, specialized municipalities allow urban and rural communities to coexist in a single municipal government. There are four specialized municipalities in Alberta. The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Strathcona County are two examples.

Special Areas refer to rural areas in southeast Alberta administered by a board of three people appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. There are three Special Areas in southeast Alberta.

Improvement District (I.D.) refers to an area governed through Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing. Five of the province's seven I.D.s are located in national parks: I.D. No. 4 (Waterton), I.D. No. 9 (Banff), I.D. No. 12 (Jasper), I.D. No. 13 (Elk Island) and I.D. No. 24 (Wood Buffalo) and 2 are in provincial parks: Kananaskis Improvement District (including Kananaskis Provincial Park) and I.D. No. 25 (Willmore Wilderness).

Metis Settlements and First Nation Reserves are administered by local governments and coordinated on a federal level, specifically by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Boundary sign, the area must be recognized by Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing as a valid urban municipality or designated rural area. A Metis Settlement or a First Nation Reserve must be recognized by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

In order to obtain approval for the installation of a Boundary sign, an application must be made to Alberta Transportation by an eligible representative of the designated area. Eligible representatives include:

- Council of an urban municipality
- Council of a municipal district or specialized area
- A Special Area board
- Administrators of an Improvement District
- Local government of a Metis Settlement or a First Nation Reserve.

Standard

A Boundary sign has one panel of variable size indicating the name and the type of the designated area. In the case of an urban municipality, the designated area type will be "Corporate Limits." The sign should have black lettering on a white background.

Drawings TCS-A4-555.1, TCS-A4-555.2, TCS-A4-555.3, TCS-A4-555.4 and TCS-A4-555.5 show typical sign layouts and dimensions for rural and urban municipality boundary signs.

Guidelines for Placement

Boundary signs may be placed at all highway entrances into the designated area. Placement should be in accordance with the Recommended Practices Placement of Signs guideline.

If the municipal boundary changes, the sign owner is responsible for all costs associated with relocating the sign to the new boundary.

Maintenance and Installation

The designated area is responsible for the cost of supplying and installing a Boundary sign. This should be accomplished as outlined in the Installation and Maintenance section of the Recommended Practices General Provisions for Installing Private Signs Within the Highway Right of Way guideline. Alberta Transportation will provide routine maintenance of Boundary signs, including washing, straightening and occasional knockdowns.

At the end of the sign service life, the sign owner (the designated area) is responsible for the cost of supplying replacement signs.

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

SIGN DETAILS

LETTER SIZE: Series EM font, longer names may use C or D highway font

BORDER: 19 mm edge

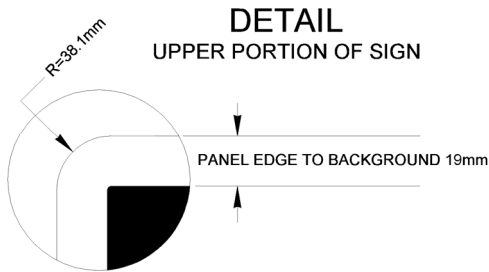
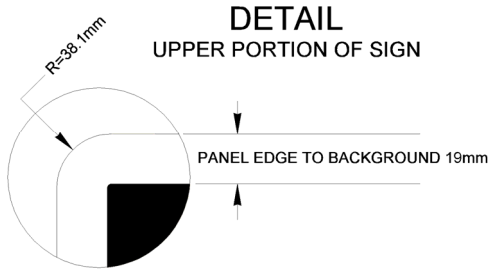
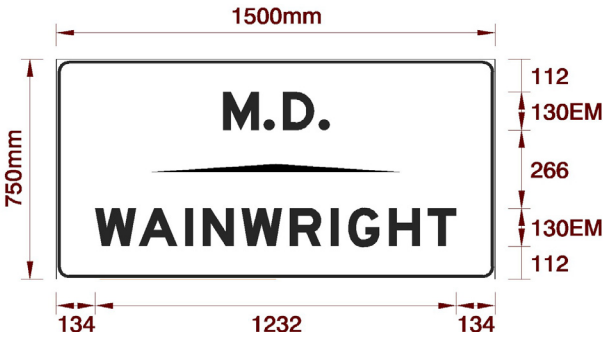
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SUBSTRATE: 19 mm High Density Plywood, or minimum 2 mm Flat Aluminum

SIGN FACE: High Intensity reflective material, ASTM Type III or IV

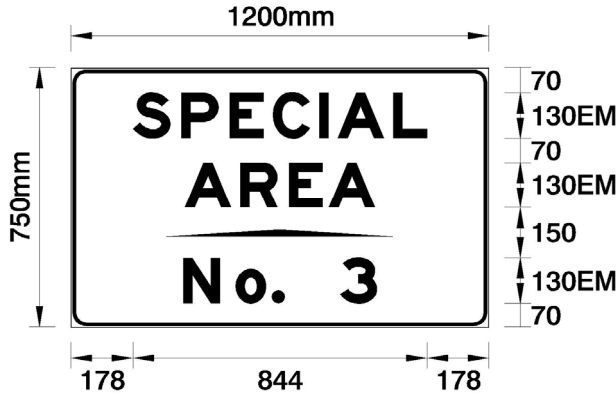
PLACEMENT: In highway right-of-way at municipality limits, inbound direction only

SUPPORTS: 100 mm x 100 mm Pressure Treated Wood Post or Approved Steel Post.



NO.	REVISION	BY	DATE
Government of Alberta		DRAWING TCS-A4-555.1	
Transportation		Date: MAR 2008	
Incorporated Limits Sign – Municipal District / County			
Prepared By:	Checked By: C.M.	Scale: NTS	SECTION A4

SIGN DETAILS



LETTER SIZE: Series EM font, longer names may use C or D highway font

BORDER: 19 mm edge

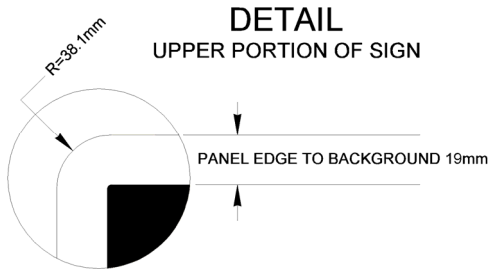
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SIGN FACE: High Intensity reflective material, ASTM Type III or IV

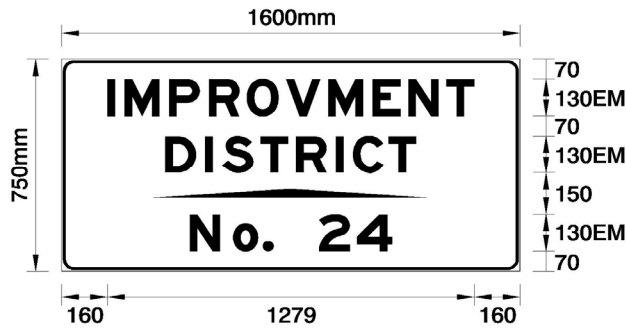
PLACEMENT: In highway right-of-way at municipality limits, inbound direction only

SUPPORTS: 100 mm x 100 mm Pressure Treated Wood Post or Approved Steel Post.



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Incorporated Limits Sign – Special Area			
Prepared By:	Checked By: C.M.	Scale: NTS	SECTION A4

SIGN DETAILS



LETTER SIZE: Series EM font, longer names may use C or D highway font

BORDER: 19 mm edge

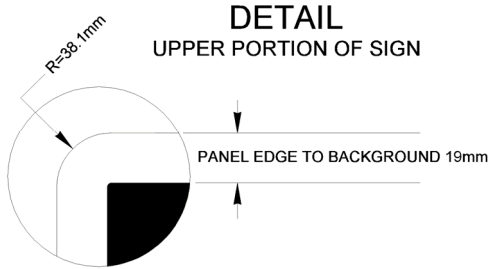
COLOUR: Black lettering and black border on a white background

SUBTRATE: 19 mm High Density Plywood, or minimum 2 mm Flat Aluminum

SIGN FACE: High Intensity reflective material, ASTM Type III or IV

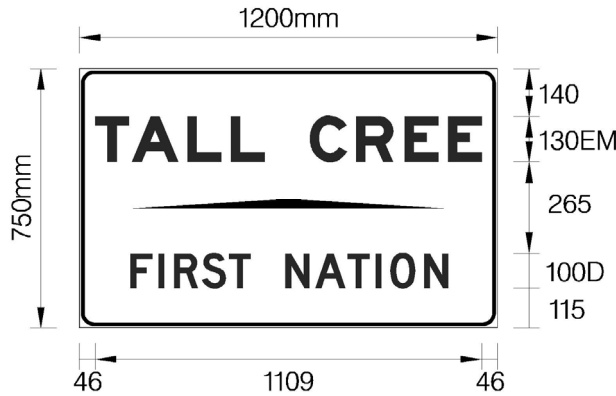
PLACEMENT: In highway right-of-way at municipality limits, inbound direction only

SUPPORTS: 100 mm x 100 mm Pressure Treated Wood Post or Approved Steel Post.



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Incorporated Limits Sign – Improvement District			
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SIGN DETAILS



LETTER SIZE: Series EM font, longer names may use C or D highway font

BORDER: 19 mm edge

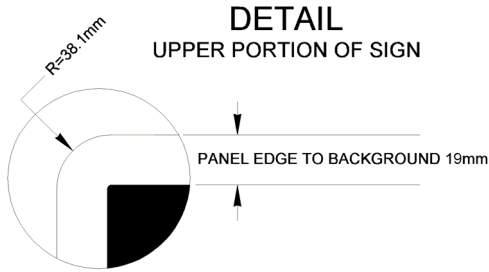
COLOUR: Black lettering and black border on a white background

SUBTRATE: 19 mm High Density Plywood, or minimum 2 mm Flat Aluminum

SIGN FACE: High Intensity reflective material, ASTM Type III or IV

PLACEMENT: In highway right-of-way at reserve limits, inbound direction only

SUPPORTS: 100 mm x 100 mm Pressure Treated Wood Post or Approved Steel Post.



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Incorporated Limits Sign – First Nation			
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SIGN DETAILS



LETTER SIZE: Series EM font, longer names may use C or D highway font

BORDER: 19 mm edge

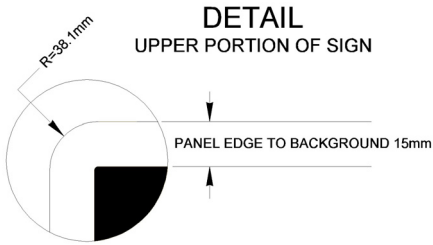
COLOUR: Black lettering and black border on a white background

SUBTRATE: 19 mm High Density Plywood, or minimum 2 mm Flat Aluminum

SIGN FACE: High Intensity reflective material, ASTM Type III or IV

PLACEMENT: In highway right-of-way at corporate limits, inbound direction only

SUPPORTS: 100 mm x 100 mm Pressure Treated Wood Post or Approved Steel Post.



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Corporate Limits Sign			
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