

54.1 MOWING AND HAND TRIMMING

54.1.1 GENERAL

The Work consists of cutting all vegetation 25 mm or less in diameter, to a height of 150 mm as measured from the ground line. Generally, if slopes are steeper than 3:1, only a 2 metre shoulder cut will be required.

Unless otherwise specified in the Special Provisions, hand trimming of vegetation adjacent to structures shall be performed in conjunction with each occurrence of mowing.

Portions of the Work may be deleted to accommodate hay cutting permits issued to others.

54.1.2 EQUIPMENT

Tractors shall be equipped with roll over protection canopies, seat belts and four way flashers or a rotating light. Mowers shall be equipped to prevent debris from being thrown from the mower blades. Mowers shall also be equipped with 330 mm x 410 red flags mounted 450 mm above the deck height, marking the outer edges of the mower. Hand tools or hand held motorized equipment may be required for trimming.

54.1.3 PROCEDURE

The mower shall travel in the direction of traffic when any part of the equipment is on the roadway surface.

Mowing and trimming shall be performed such that the resulting stand of growth does not exceed 150 mm in height and in a manner which minimizes debris from being deposited on the roadway surface.

In the event the Engineer specifies that trimming is not required, mowing in the area of structures shall be performed such that the cut is within:

- ! 1.5 metres of the structure in the direction of travel of the mower
- ! 0.3 metres of the structure perpendicular to the direction of travel of the mower.

Contractor shall ensure that his activities do not cause rutting in the highway right of way or damage erosion control sites and reclamation sites.

The Contractor may bale or otherwise salvage mowed material and retain possession of the material. Salvaged material shall be placed in a manner which will not create a hazard to traffic and shall be removed within two weeks of being produced.

The Contractor is responsible to check with the appropriate local authorities (Counties, Municipal Districts, Improvement districts, Towns, Villages and Special Areas), Alberta Transportation, Alberta Agriculture,

Food and Rural Development and adjoining landowners to identify any areas which have been treated with herbicides or pesticides.

54.1.4 TIME TO COMPLETE

In urgent situations, the Contractor shall complete the Work within 5 calendar days of the issuance of the Work Order. In all other cases the Work shall be completed within 30 calendar days of the issuance of the Work Order.

54.1.5 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

54.1.5.1 General

Measurement will be in hectares based on the area of the surface mowed. Separate measurement of areas trimmed will not be made.

Payment will be made at the unit price bid per hectare for "Mowing". This payment will be full compensation for all labour, equipment, tools and incidentals necessary to complete the Work. Trimming will be considered incidental to the Work and will not be paid for separately.

In urgent situations where the Contractor is required to complete the Work within 5 calendar days of the issuance of the Work Order, and the completion of the Work involves mobilizing men and equipment from an existing project or worksite, the cost of mobilizing and returning the men and equipment to the original project or worksite will be paid for as Extra Work in accordance with Specification 51.2, General (for Maintenance Work).

No payment will be made for areas mowed by others.

54.1.6 WARRANTY

There is no warranty period for this Work.