

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

# RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY

### How do I know if I can widen my driveway?

The total site coverage of your property will affect the size of driveway you are allowed. The Development Officer will help you determine your property's site coverage.

### What do I do if I have a driveway that is wider than the standard set by the Land Use Bylaw?

Meet with the Development Officer to see how much wider your driveway is from the standard. In certain circumstances you may be able to apply for an administrative variance or variance. The Development Officer will be able to help you through this process if necessary.

### I just bought a newly constructed house. How long do I have until the driveway has to be hard surfaced?

You have one year from the date of original occupancy to hard surface your driveway.

### There is a light pole next to my driveway, How do I have it moved?

Your driveway must be 1.5-2.0 m (4.92 ft.-6.6ft.) from a utility pedestal or light post. If you require the post to be removed, you must contact the utility company to relocate it. You will be responsible for paying the relocation of your light post.

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## Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
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8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Visit [www.foxcreek.ca](http://www.foxcreek.ca) to download a copy of the application form.

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## ALBERTA 1 CALL

Call before you dig  
1.800.242.3447

Alberta 1 call will assist you in locating electric, oil-gas and communication lines



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## REGULATION OF RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY WIDTHS

The Town of Fox Creek Land Use By-law regulates residential driveway widths for a number of reasons. Limiting driveway widths:

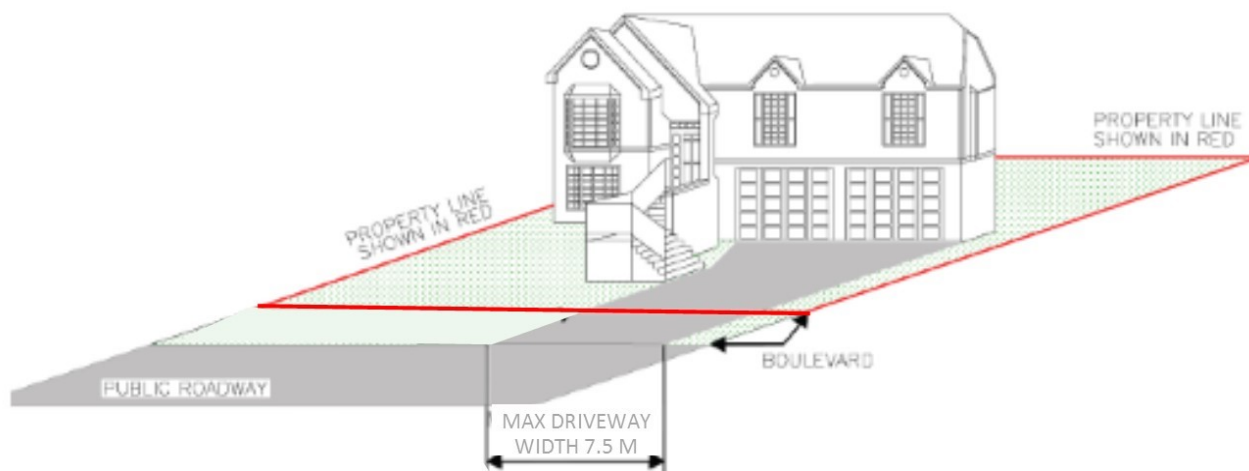
- Allows for effective snow removal
- Ensures that there are adequate areas for snow storage throughout residential neighbourhoods
- Increases pedestrian safety (snow piled high due to large driveways can restrict visibility of pedestrians).
- Ensures that adequate on-street parking is available.
- Helps maintain a standard and appealing neighbourhood aesthetic.

## STANDARDS & REGULATIONS

When applying for a development permit please submit along with application:

- Application fee
- Development permit fee (varies)
- Application filled out with property owner/applicants signature
- Sketch of proposed driveway
- Certificate of Title

When in doubt, the  
Planning and  
Development  
Department is here to  
help!



## STANDARDS & REGULATIONS

A development permit is not required if the hard surfacing of any area does not exceed 7.5 m or (24.6 ft.) in width, that is part of a development for which a Development Permit has been issued, for the purpose of providing vehicular or pedestrian access or parking where such access or the parking area does not drain onto adjacent properties.

If you would like to have a driveway wider than the allowable 7.5 m, please apply for a development permit, with a sketch of the proposed driveway. In certain circumstances you may be able to apply for an administrative variance or variance.

### Surface materials

Asphalt, concrete, interlocking bricks and hollow core pavers can be used when constructing a driveway.

### Inspections

Upon completion please notify the Planning and Development Department.