

## **SEASONAL ROADS TEMPORARY OPENING POLICY**

Effective Date: January 24, 2017

### **INTENT**

The Road Commission is sometimes requested to temporarily open seasonal roads during the winter months for specific purposes or to permanently remove seasonal designation to facilitate development in a particular location.

### **GENERAL**

The Mackinac County Road Commission has adopted a system of seasonal roads pursuant to Public Act 51 of 1991. Roads on the seasonal road system are not required to be maintained and open for public travel from November 1 through April 30.

### **METHOD**

Requests for temporary openings shall be in writing and clearly describe the reason for the requested opening and the duration of the need for the opening. Any necessary improvements to the road to allow adequate and safe winter maintenance will be a condition of any approval decision.

Decisions concerning any temporary openings shall be at the discretion of the Road Commission considering any factors deemed pertinent.

Requests for removal of the seasonal designation from any seasonal road shall be in writing, include a justification statement, and include a written expression of support from the township in which the road is located.

The Board's review will consider such factors as the cost and nature of any necessary improvements, township support, economic benefit, projected road usage, maintenance considerations, and impacts on staff, equipment, and funding resources. The Road Commission Board shall have complete discretion concerning any change from seasonal road status.

