

Roadside Management Manual

Section:

**RURAL MOTORIST SERVICES &
RECREATION/CULTURAL FACILITIES**

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In order to assist motorists and visitors, the Ministry of Highways (MoH) may provide, per this policy, official signs for rural enterprises or organizations outside of commercial or industrial areas that provide front line motorist services or operate recreational/cultural facilities.

Final approval is at the discretion of the MoH.

Sign Code



ISK-26

The standard signing program and the access sign in the optional program can be identified using the sign code for the symbol on the top left of the sign assembly.



ISK-172

Unless documented in other policies or the pre-defined assemblies listed below the optional signing program can be identified using MoH sign code ISK-172, if there is no other code to identify the sign.

SIGNING OPTIONS

Qualified applicants can choose one of the following signing options.

Option 1) Standard Signing Program		Option 2) Optional Signing Program	
Advance Sign	Access Sign	Advance Sign	Access Sign

Each option contains an Advance sign (which goes well in advance of the turn off the highway), and an Access sign (which goes just before the turn off the highway; also known as a Trail Blazer sign).

“Option 2) Optional Signing Program” offers a larger Advance sign, able to display additional services.

Additional details can be found in the Design section.

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APPLICATION

The application will be made to MoH using the “Standard Rural Motorist Services” or the “Optional Rural Motorist Service” application forms, which are available at [Saskatchewan.ca Putting up Road Signs](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/putting-up-road-signs).

To arrange an optional pre-consultation, the applicant can contact the MoH regional office responsible for the provincial highway of interest, by referring to the [Regional Office Areas Map](#).

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Rural Motorist Services & Recreation/Cultural Facility Signing the enterprise or organization shall satisfy:

- all of the criteria listed in [RSMM 1140-20 General Eligibility](#), and
- one of the following (which ever applies):
 - [RSMM 1140-30-01 Motorist Services – Eligibility](#), or
 - [RSMM 1140-40-01 Recreation / Cultural Facility – Eligibility](#).

CONDITIONS

The applicant will:

- waive the right to install off premise private signs; and
- provide all other auxiliary signing required off the highway system. All auxiliary signing will be in place prior to the installation of the highway signs. Applicants are advised to discuss their auxiliary signing requirements with MoH and the local government.

PRE-DEFINED ASSEMBLIES

A Rural Motorist Services and Recreational/Cultural Facilities assembly can be designed to match each qualified application. However, some pre-defined assemblies, including their specific policies and designs, can be found at:

- Federal Parks
 - [ISK-066 Federal Park Advance](#)
 - [ISK- 072 Federal Park Access](#)
- Provincial Parks
 - [ISK-067 Provincial Park Advance](#)
 - [ISK-068 Provincial Park Access](#)
- Regional Parks
 - [ISK-063 & 064 Regional Park Advance](#)
 - [ISK-065 Regional Park Access](#)
- [ISK-032 Campground Information](#)
- [ISK 172 Optional Motorist Services](#)
- [RSMM 1175 Signing for Business within Park Boundaries](#)
- [RSMM 1150-10 SaskAttraction](#)

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Design

Standard Program Signs



Advance Sign:

- up to 2 standard symbols representing the primary services/facilities, as selected by the applicant;
- a Name tab;
- a Next Left/Right directional tab, or a directional arrow tab, and
- a distance tab from the sign assembly to the highway turnoff, rounded to the nearest kilometre;
- review location/installation section for more information on sign placement.



Access Sign:

- a repeat of the primary services/facilities symbol(s);
- a Name tab;
- a directional arrow; and
- if the service/facility is not visible from the highway, a distance tab for each symbol, rounded to the nearest kilometre.

Optional Program Signs



Advance Sign:

- the Primary Service/Facility sign, which shows:
 - on the left side, one standard symbol representing the primary service/facility, as selected by the applicant;
 - the name of the enterprise or organization; and
 - directional information (next left/right), or distance.
- other Service/Facility symbols:
 - The applicant may select a maximum of two rows of standard symbols to be attached below the Primary Service/Facility sign. Blanks will be used to maintain the overall symmetrical appearance of the installation. MoH will determine the symbol sequence.



Access Sign:

- a repeat of the primary service/facility symbol;
- a Name tab;
- a directional arrow tab; and
- if the service/facility is not visible from the highway, a distance tab, rounded to the nearest kilometre.

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Symbols

The applicant can select from the following lists of standard symbols:

- Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways:
 - [RSMM 1140-30-02 Motorist's Services Symbols](#)
 - [RSMM 1140-40-02 Recreational / Cultural Symbols](#)
- Transportation Association of Canada:
 - Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada
 - Sign Pattern Manual

The applicant can purchase these documents from:

<https://www.tac-atc.ca/en/publications>.

The selected symbols, including the primary service/facility symbol, shall satisfy the criteria outlined in each symbol's individual policy. For more information see [STCDM 800](#).

Distance

If a distance is shown, it shall be rounded to the nearest kilometre, measured from the sign assembly to the turn off the highway to the service or facility access.

LOCATION/ INSTALLATION

In general, the signs are installed along the provincial highway or provincial road that is adjacent to the service or facility. One Advance and one Access sign in each direction of travel.

Consideration may be given to installing the signs along the next upstream provincial highway, near the junction, if:

- the provincial highway or provincial road adjacent to the service or facility serves only that service or facility (e.g. - dead ends); or
- the service or facility is within ten kilometres of that junction.

The signs are placed as follows:

- Advance signs - well in advance of the turn off the highway, where practical, but typically two kilometres in advance.
- Access signs - just in front of the turn off from the highway, where practical, but typically 200 metres in advance.

Signs will not be allowed nearer than:

- 500 m from the intersection of two provincial highways;
- 500 m from the beginning or end of an exit ramp; or
- 200 m from the intersection of a provincial highway and a provincial road.

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PAYMENT

Pre-Defined Assembly: for pre-defined assemblies, see the costing clauses in their specific policies. If their specific policy does not specify, the other signs section below shall be applied.

Other Signs: If not specified elsewhere, payment, as described in [RSMM 1050-10 Sign Pricing Policy](#), will be made by the applicant prior to the signs being ordered or modifications being made to an existing installation.

The costs of blank signs will be borne by MoH. This includes the cost of replacing existing symbols with blanks.

If relocation is requested, the applicant will be charged MoH's actual relocation costs.

RESPONSIBILITIES

For signs installed by MoH, the Ministry's responsibility will be for the sign design, ordering, determining the location, installation, and maintenance (including replacement if necessary).

The applicant must approve the work prior to the signs being ordered.

MoH assumes no responsibility for the quality, availability, or level of service of the facilities being signed. Any complaints received by MoH will be referred to the appropriate body.

REMOVAL

Signs may be removed, if in the opinion of MoH the terms of the application are not being met. If possible, the current operator will be notified before removal. Signs that are removed remain the property of MoH and refunds will not be provided.

Applicants who have requested to have the signs removed, or have had the signs removed by MoH, will be required to reapply and to pay all associated costs before the signs are reinstalled.

MODIFICATIONS/ RELOCATION

If modifications are requested after installation, the applicant will be charged a cost as described in [RSMM 1050-10 Sign Pricing Policy](#). If relocation is requested, the applicant will be charged MoH's actual relocation cost.

TEMPORARY CLOSING

A 'Closed' decal will be applied if the enterprise or organization is temporarily closed. Placement of the "Closed" tab is on the left signpost, below the main sign.