

**Roadside Management Manual**

Section:	SHORT TERM PRIVATE SIGNING OPPORTUNITIES
Subject:	COMMEMORATIVE MARKER

**INTRODUCTION**

*The Provincial Highway Sign Control Regulations* established under *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997* allow for the installation of private signs adjacent to provincial highways.

The Ministry must be sensitive to the needs and wishes of Saskatchewan residents. Therefore, allowing the installation of Commemorative Markers within the highway right-of-way may assist in this grieving process.

**POLICY**

Commemorative Markers may be installed providing that they:

- do not interfere with the efficient flow of traffic on the highway.
- do not interfere with the maintenance, expansion, or future upgrading of the road; and
- do not conflict with any other provisions of either Ministry policy or *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997*.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS**

Applicants should review policy [RSMM 1220 GENERAL CONDITIONS](#) for specific information on permits, sign design and location and sight line requirements.

**LOCATION**

Markers must not obstruct the lines of sight from any roadway approaching the highway and must be at least 100 metres from any intersection.

Markers will be located at the edge of the highway right-of-way. If a fence or tree line exists, the marker should be located adjacent to the fence or tree line.

**PROCEDURE**

There will be no application process or permits issued to persons wanting to erect a Commemorative Marker.

Inquiries regarding Commemorative Markers should be directed to the nearest Regional Office: [Link to Regional Office Areas Map](#).

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## GUIDELINES

Commemorative Markers must be constructed to be easily knocked down on impact. They cannot be cemented into a base.

Commemorative Markers should be reasonable in size and not exceed 80 cm in height by 60 cm in width.

The Commemorative Marker must not have flashing lights, reflective tape, or any other material or ornamentation that could be construed to distract a user in such a fashion as to create a safety hazard to other users of the highway.

Commemorative Markers will only be allowed for a fatality, and only one marker will be allowed per incident.

Commemorative Markers within the incorporated boundaries of a community require their permission.

If a Commemorative Marker is installed contrary to this policy, the Ministry's Regional Traffic Engineering and Development group may contact the owner to have the issue resolved. A sample request letter, Figure 1, is shown below.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The Ministry will not be responsible for any damage that may occur to the marker once erected. This includes damage caused by highway maintenance, snow removal, upgrading, or by vandalism, theft, or any other circumstance.

The Ministry assumes no responsibility for the installation, maintenance, or replacement of Commemorative Markers.

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Figure 1



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July 12, 2021

Phone: (306) XXX-XXXX  
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Name  
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Dear Name

Safety is a priority for the Ministry of Highways and is something we keep in mind everyday as we design, build, and maintain highways for the people of Saskatchewan.

The ministry is sensitive to the role the commemorative markers have in the grieving process. Therefore, the ministry has a policy (<https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/products/111112>) outlining how commemorative markers can be installed in a highway right-of-way. Commemorative markers may be installed towards the outer edge of the right-of-way, provided that they:

- Do not interfere with the efficient flow of traffic on the highway.
- Do not interfere with the maintenance, expansion or future upgrading of the road; and
- Do not conflict with any other provisions of either ministry policy or *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997*.

Commemorative markers that do not meet ministry’s guidelines may pose a hazard to the traveling public and interfere with ministry’s maintenance activities.

The ministry is reviewing commemorative markers that have been installed. This review identified commemorative markers installed in the north ditch of Highway No.100, across from the Joe’s gas bar. It appears they do not comply with the ministry’s standards.

As discussed with you on the phone, the ministry is reaching out to you to ask that you relocate the commemorative markers by Aug 12, 2021. If the commemorative marker is not relocated by this date, the ministry may have to remove the commemorative marker without offering compensation. I have attached ministry’s policy RSMM 1260-60 for your review and information.

If you have any questions, please contact name, Senior Project Manager, at (306) 953 3734.

Sincerely,

Name, Director  
 Traffic Engineering and Development, Northern Region

cc: Name, District Operations Manager, Prince Albert