

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 two years 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 1.85 metres 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 for the relocation of the light post.

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RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY DEVELOPMENT



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FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS

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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.

Permits:

ITEMS TO CONSIDER WHEN DEVELOPING A DRIVEWAY

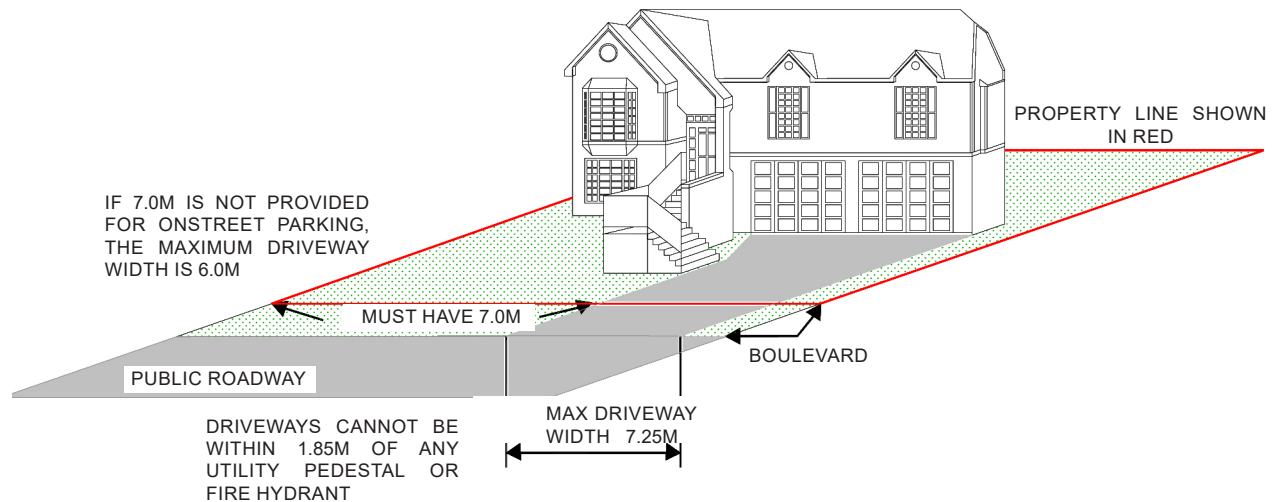
The Town of Whitecourt Land Use Bylaw regulates residential driveway widths for a number of reasons. Limiting driveway widths:

- 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.

In **Residential Districts**, property owners are permitted to have a driveway width up to 6.0 metres wide from the front property line to the roadway. You are allowed a driveway width of up to 7.25 metres if you have an uninterrupted distance of 7.0 metres of frontage along your property (see diagram below).

All residential driveways that connect to a town street must be hard surfaced. Gravel or paving stones placed adjacent to the driveway within the Town right of way is prohibited. Parking pads located completely within a property can be permitted but you should check with a Development Officer to ensure compliance with Town bylaws.

You are encouraged to sketch out the proposed driveway and meet with the Development Officer before you complete it. This will allow you to discuss your options and ensure the best layout for your property. The Development Officer will also ensure that site coverage is not exceeded.



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