



TRAFFIC LIGHT AND BRIDGE CLEARANCES

A request to [Turn Traffic Signals Form](#) is required if the vehicle exceeds 5.5 meters in height. A minimum of three pilot vehicles is recommended while travelling through Fort McMurray if traffic signals are turned.

Hwy 63	Object	Clearance (meters)
MacKenzie Blvd.	Traffic Light	6.9
Beacon Hill Dr.	Traffic Light	5.89
Hospital St.	Traffic Light	6.4
Hardin St.	Traffic Light	6.27
Morrison St.	Traffic Light	6.79
Confederation Way	Traffic Light	6.3
Tempo	Traffic Light	6.7
King St.	Bridge (overpass)	5.6
Hospital St.	Bridge (overpass)	5.5
Thickwood Blvd.	Bridge (overpass)	Pending
Confederation Way	Bridge (overpass)	Pending

Fort Chipewyan Winter Road Bridges		
ChaChamp Bridge	Width	7.29m
	Guardrail	850mm
Richardson Bridge	Width	8.3m
	Standard Guardrail Height	850mm
Firebag Bridge	Width	9.0m
	Standard Guardrail Height	850mm

KEEP UP TO DATE ON THE STATUS OF WINTER ROADS

**Find the latest updates on
winter roads in the region here:**

Winter Road Hotline:
(recorded message)
1-866-743-6111

Winter Roads Webpage:
rmwb.ca/winterroads

Sign Up for Email Updates at:
subscribe.rmwb.ca

RMWB Pulse:
780-743-7000 or 1-800-973-9663

**Connect with Parks Canada
for information on the
Fort Smith Winter Road:**

Phone: **1-867-872-7962**
Website: **pc.gc.ca/WoodBuffalo**

**Connect with Alberta Transportation
for information on highways here:**

Phone: **511**
Website: **511.Alberta.ca**



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FORT CHIPEWYAN WINTER ROAD HEAVY VEHICLE INFORMATION

Haul trucks and heavy loads travelling on the winter road present additional hazards and challenges. For your safety and the safety of others, there are additional steps and precautions that all heavy vehicles must take.



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FORT CHIPEWYAN WINTER ROAD HEAVY VEHICLE INFORMATION



HEAVY VEHICLES

A heavy vehicle means a vehicle, with or without a load, that is any of the following:

- Weighs more than 7,000 kg
- Longer than 11 metres
- Has more than two axels
- Exceeds the width of a driving lane or 3.73 meters



ROUTE & HAUL PERMITS

Route and Haul Permits are required for heavy vehicles. If you're planning on using a heavy vehicle on the winter road, you need to apply for a permit with the Municipality. All fuel trucks and haul trucks require a permit.

All permit applications can be completed online and must be submitted two weeks prior to the beginning of travel. Applications not submitted in a timely manner may cause delays.

Permit applications require a:

- Map outlining the route from Point A to Point B
- Description of vehicles being used and materials hauled
- Road maintenance plan

Depending on the height, permit applications may also require a:

- Request to Turn Traffic Signal form

Please note, there are nominal fees associated with permit applications.

If you have questions about permits or want to learn more, visit the rmwb.ca. You can also email streets.resource@rmwb.ca or contact Pulse.



FOLLOW LOAD LIMITS

Load limits are put in place to ensure the safety of everyone using the winter road. Travelling with a heavy vehicle that weighs more than the posted limit is extremely dangerous and can easily damage the winter road, resulting in temporary closures or delays in reaching heavier load limits.

Drivers travelling with loads heavier than the posted limit are subject to serious fines and penalties.

Load limits are heavily dependent on weather and ice integrity along the winter road. Limits are gradually increased throughout the season, with increases happening as soon as it is safe to do so. The highest load limits are typically in place by mid-February.

Please plan to haul heavy loads accordingly. You can check the current load limit on the RMWB website, posted signage at the entrance of the winter road or by calling the hotline.



SLOW DOWN DRIVE TO CONDITIONS

Winter roads are very slippery and often covered in snow. You must be able to control your truck, slow down and stop safely at all times. Only use chains in designated areas, marked by signs.

Poor visibility is common due to fog or precipitation. Slow down for oncoming traffic, especially at night as approaching headlights reduce visibility. Use caution when coming around corners and climbing hills. Always drive on the correct side of the road.

Heavy vehicles are encouraged to use the pull-outs or find a safe area to let light vehicles pass. Vehicles traveling closely together on the winter road create additional hazards.

Follow all posted signage and be aware of construction crews and equipment working on the road. Speed limits are being strictly enforced, with drivers being subject to serious fines and penalties.



TAKE A BREAK

Travelling the entire length of the winter road is a long drive, especially when hauling a heavy load. There are numerous pull-outs available for you to take a break and recharge so you can stay alert.



KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM OTHER HEAVY VEHICLES WHILE TRAVELLING ON ICE

It is very dangerous to speed or be near other heavy vehicles while traveling on ice and over crossings. Fast moving and heavy vehicles increase the stress on the ice and may cause sudden damage to the route and ice cover. Heavy vehicles must keep a safe distance from other heavy loads while travelling on ice. 300 – 500 metres of spacing between heavy vehicles travelling in the same direction should be maintained at all times.

Only one heavy vehicle is permitted on ice river crossings and bridges. Heavy vehicles cannot use an ice river crossing or bridge at the same time. These areas have specific speed limits for heavy vehicles that must be followed for your safety and the safety of others. Drivers speeding are subject to serious fines and penalties.

Monitor LADD Channel 4, 173.370 Mhz - Report blue marker every 10 km



ROAD CONDITION REPORTING

The road is inspected regularly for ice damage to ensure it remains safe for use. If you see significant ice damage or other concerns during your trip, please report the details and location to the Municipality by contacting Pulse.



PREPARE FOR THE WORST, EXPERIENCE THE BEST

Check the weather forecast prior to traveling on a winter road. Avoid traveling in winter storms as storms mean poor driving conditions and visibility. Conditions can change quickly.

Let someone know when you expect to be at your destination. There is poor or no cellphone reception for long sections of the winter road. Cell phone boosters are recommended.