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Changes to Commercial Carrier Permits

Changes will shift the requirement for certain vehicle configurations from a provincial permit to regulatory requirement

Alberta Transportation has announced changes to several commercial carrier permits that will shift the regulation of certain vehicle configurations to regulatory requirements. This move is being made as a red tape reduction initiative, as these permits will no longer be applied for by commercial carriers, rather the requirements regarding these vehicles will be addressed in regulations of the *Traffic Safety Act*. These changes will come into effect January 1, 2021.

The announced changes will not affect a municipality's ability to restrict weights allowed on municipal roads to less than the regulatory amounts. However, these changes may require municipalities to amend or create new bylaws in order to manage weights on municipal roads. Please review the summary document to see if bylaw changes are required in your municipality.

Of particular importance for municipalities is a change that will allow tridem axles the same weight on municipal roads as provincial roads. These vehicles will continue to be required to comply with posted bridge capacities and municipal bylaws restricting weight.

This information has also been sent directly from Alberta Transportation to municipalities.

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