

Clearwater County

MANAGEMENT OF UTILITIES LOCATED ON ROAD ALLOWANCES

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1998

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SECTION: Public Works

POLICY STATEMENT:

To allow for the management and control of utilities located on, over and under municipal road allowances as provided for in the Municipal Government Act.

PROCEDURE:

1. Utility companies shall send notification to Clearwater County for all utility work on, over and under road allowances to allow for the checking of conflicts.
2. All utilities shall be located on road allowance in such a manner that does not hinder or effect the construction, rehabilitation or maintenance of said road allowance, bridge structure or culvert.
3. All utilities running longitudinally along road allowance shall be located in the backslope of the ditch.
4. Utilities crossing road allowance shall cross at depth of 2.5m below mean ditch and/or at a height to allow for the safe passage of road users. Crossings shall be made at 90 degrees to road allowance centerline.
5. Utilities shall be re-located within the road allowance to a location approved by the Municipality, if and when required for road/bridge construction, rehabilitation or maintenance by the Municipality. Utility companies shall be responsible for all such re-location costs.
6. Prior to ordering the utility company to re-locate their facility, the Municipality agrees to consider the cost of the relocation work in the evaluation of the total cost of the Municipality's work, provided that in no event will the Municipality be under obligation to act on the results of the evaluation or pay for the cost of the relocation.
7. When re-location of utilities adjacent to a road allowance are required to facilitate road/bridge construction, rehabilitation or maintenance, the cost of the re-location will be the responsibility of the Municipality.
8. When utility installations or relocations are performed on road allowances, they shall be restored to as good or better condition than prior to the work.
9. The utility companies shall maintain their facilities located on, over or under the road allowance in a safe condition that does not present a hazard to the travelling public.

10. During the maintenance and or installation of these facilities, the utility companies shall ensure proper signage and traffic control is maintained to the satisfaction of the Municipality. At no time shall these activities present a hazard to the travelling public.
11. Generally the twinning of power lines will not be permitted on road allowances.
12. Underground power lines will generally not be permitted unless contained in a utility easement typically associated with multi-lot developments.