

## **RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GRASSY CREEK NO. 78**

### **INSTALLATION OF PIPE LINES OR CABLES IN MUNICIPAL ROAD ALLOWANCES RIGHT OF WAYS**

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**Purpose:** To establish procedures and guidelines for the installation of buried oil flow lines, natural gas lines, power cables, telephone cables, or other cables or flow lines in municipal road allowance right-of-ways:

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- The municipality shall be supplied with a detailed map, plans and drawings, for approval of all installations and/or revisions thereto, thirty (30) days prior to commencement of any construction. These drawings shall show location(s) of alignment in the ditch and proposed road crossings.
- The councillor for the division shall be notified when construction is to commence to enable the councillor to discuss the installation with the contractor.
- The top of the pipes or cables shall be not less than 2.5 metres below the surface of the ditch bottom for the entire width of the right of way. For undeveloped road allowances, the top of the pipe or cable shall be not less than 3 metres below the surface.
- Installations crossing a developed road allowance shall be punched or bored, unless otherwise approved by the councillor for the division. Open cut may be used for any crossing of undeveloped road allowances.
- Where a power pole is located inside of a developed right of way, and where a buried cable is to connect a power pole with a facility outside of the right of way, but on the same side of the road allowance as the power pole, open cut can be used to access the power pole from the edge of the right of way. Typically, this distance will be eighteen (18) inches.
- The ditches of all municipal road allowances affected by these installations are to be restored to their original condition and seeded to grass to the satisfaction of the councillor for the division.
- Should a crossing become rough due to settling, the municipality shall have the right to request the respective company to repair any crossing at their expense.

- All crossings are to be as near ninety (90) degrees to the road allowance as possible and marked by a sign erected at both outside edges of the road allowance.
- At the request of the municipality, the owner of a buried pipe line or cable shall at their expense, locate and mark any buried pipe lines or cables that are located under a roadway that is to be constructed or reconstructed
- Where alterations to underground pipe lines or cables are required to permit rural municipal road construction, widening, or reconstruction, and the lines or cables are:
  - located on and crossing the road allowance, the owner of a buried line or cable shall pay the entire cost of the alterations, including that portion of the crossing located on private property on either side of the right-of-way.
  - located on and paralleling the road allowance, the owner shall pay the entire alteration costs.
- In order to deal in a timely manner with crossing requests, each councillor shall be authorized to approve crossing requests in his/her division prior to a council meeting. These crossing approvals shall be ratified by council at their next council meeting.
- The owner, agrees to indemnify and save harmless the R.M. of Grassy Creek No. 78 from and against all loss, charges, damages, (including damages to the R.M. of Grassy Creek No. 78) and expenses which the R.M. of Grassy Creek may suffer or sustain as a result of operations by the owner or its agents.