

STREET AND LANE DITCH ENCLOSURES GUIDELINES

If you wish your ditch enclosed, a City inspector will visit the site, review the following guidelines with you, and provide the estimated cost of the work.

Ditches may be enclosed providing:

1. a) There is a minimum of 1m left open for maintenance access at each edge of the property.
b) If there is no other alternative and the ditch must be enclosed at the property line, a catch basin will be required to provide surface drainage control. This will be done at the discretion of the City Inspector.
2. All drain tiles entering the ditch must be exposed by the property owner for inspection and connection to the pipe. Drain tiles must be renewed in 100mm diameter PVC for connection purposes. If the tiles are at significantly different elevations or are too close together to facilitate a proper connection, the Inspector may request the tiles to be renewed in one tile only. Any drain tile that goes under a fence or retaining wall must be renewed by the property owner prior to pipe installation if requested by the Inspector.
3. Size of pipe will be determined by the City. Substandard pipe will be removed and replaced with proper pipe at your expense.
4. If you are constructing a new drainage system, or reconstructing an old system and there is no existing storm sewer and the drainage is to the street or lane, drainage must be directed to the open portions of the ditch at the property edge.
5. There will be situations where it is not feasible for various reasons to enclose the ditch. The Inspector will have the final judgement in this matter.
6. After completion, you are responsible for maintenance of the connection to the pipe in the ditch. To facilitate maintenance or access in case of blockage in the service connection, we strongly suggest you install a sump on your property.
7. At the time of application, the Engineering Department shall be informed whether the applicant has a building permit or has one in process.

IN THE EVENT THAT A LOCAL AREA SERVICE PROJECT PROCEEDS AND THE REQUESTED DITCH ENCLOSURE WORK BECOMES REDUNDANT THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS PROVIDED.