



**POLICY TITLE:**            **PUBLIC OPEN SPACES INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE**

**POLICY NUMBER:**    **OPERATIONS / ENG. - 627**

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<i>Originating Department: Engineering and Municipal Operations</i>	<i>Date last reviewed by the Governance and Legislation Committee: November 18, 2019</i>

**Policy:**

It is recognized that due to budgetary and resource constraints daily or monthly inspection of all Public Open Spaces is not possible. The City will rely upon reports of observed defects by members of the Public and or City Staff and specifically **shall not** introduce a policy of systematic and regular inspections of public open spaces.

- For purposes of this policy, public open spaces is defined as property owned, managed or maintained by the City, or privately owned property for which written or statutory agreement exists allowing City access for specified purposes, e.g. maintenance, and includes:
    - Boulevard including forested and planted grass within road allowance.
    - Boulevard buffer including the portion of the boulevard retained in natural state between roadway and adjacent private property.
    - Statutory Right of Way.
1. Within five (5) working days of notification by the public or City staff of a hazardous condition, a City employee will inspect, take photographs and assess the situation. The Manager, Municipal Operations or his designate will be notified of the findings.
  2. Repair of the public open space will be carried out as soon as staff and equipment are readily available, or as soon as practicable.
    - Temporary precautions will be taken to ensure public safety prior to the repairs being carried out, which may involve the placement of barricades, warning signs and/or temporary fills.
    - City staff will visit the site, as required, to ensure the temporary precautions remain in place until the repairs are completed.
    - Time permitting; they will also inspect the site for other potential hazards during

- these visits.
- Repair of the space will be carried out as scheduled.
  - It is recognized that, where cost effective to do so, repairs may also be carried out to the space sections which do not meet the requirements of this policy.

### **Rationale:**

The City of White Rock wishes to demonstrate that balanced against the nature and quality of the risk involved, the City of White Rock's system of Public Open Spaces Inspection / Maintenance Program is reasonable in light of all circumstances including budgetary limits, available personnel and equipment and the criteria of wanting to meet the standard duty of care.