



**POLICY TITLE:            PUBLIC RECREATIONAL PATHWAYS**

**POLICY NUMBER:        OPERATIONS / ENG. - 639**

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**Policy:**

It is recognized that due to budgetary and resource constraints daily or monthly inspection of all Public Recreational Pathways & Trails is **not** possible, the City has implemented the following policy of systematic and regular inspections of City owned or controlled pathways.

- Every two years visually inspect pathway surfaces for potholes, shoulders, manholes, drainage, excessive vegetation, erosion, sloughing etc.
- A list of deficiencies requiring mitigation will be compiled and provided to the Manager, Municipal Operations for review, planning and budgeting.
- Pothole repair will be carried out by request or as per Program Budget.

**Asphalt Public Recreational Pathways & Trails**

Major patch repairs will be conducted as per Road Program Budget.

**Hard Surface Gravel Pathways**

Grading of gravel surfaces will be conducted every two years.

Within three (3) 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 condition so he/she can budget for repair. Repair of the pathway 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, ensuring the temporary precautions remain in place until the repairs are completed. Time permitting; they will also inspect the pathway for other potential hazards during these visits.

**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 Recreational Pathways Inspection // Maintenance 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.