



**POLICY TITLE:            BRIDGES – INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE**

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**Policy:**

Bridge Inspection and Maintenance Policy

The City is committed to the repair, replacement and maintenance of bridges however due to limited financial resources and budgetary constraints, regular scheduled inspections of Bridges will not be conducted. The City will however respond to notification a hazardous situation.

Within three (3) working days of notification by the public or City staff that a hazardous condition may exist, a City employee will inspect, take photographs and assess the situation. The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations or their designate will be notified of the condition.

If required, repair of the bridge 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 site for other potential hazards during these visits.
- It is recognized that, where cost effective to do so, repairs may also be carried out to the bridge 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 bridge inspections 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.