THE CORPORATION OF THE

CITY OF WHITE ROCK

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POLICY TITLE: RETAINING WALL SYSTEMS

POLICY NUMBER: OPERATIONS / ENG. - 629

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Policy:

Policy for City Owned or Controlled Retaining Wall Systems

Due to limited financial resources and budgetary constraints, regular scheduled inspections and maintenance of City Owned or Controlled Retaining Wall Systems will not be conducted however the City will respond upon request or complaint for retaining wall repair.

Within five (5) working day 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, Engineering and Municipal Operations or his designate will be notified of the condition.

If required, repair of the retaining wall system 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 retaining wall 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 program of City owned Retaining Wall System 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.