

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
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POLICY TITLE: SIDEWALKS INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

POLICY NUMBER: OPERATIONS / ENG. - 615

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Policy:

It is recognized that due to financial resources and budgetary constraints daily or monthly inspections of all sidewalks is not possible. The City will rely upon reports of observed defects by members of the public and City Staff and **shall** introduce a policy of systematic and regular inspections of sidewalks on a two (2) year cycle.

For the sidewalks in the demarked area the inspector will check for the following conditions:

- Look for signs of damage, lifting or holes that may cause injury to pedestrians.
- Look for signs of root growth with hazardous consequences.
- The sidewalk will be evaluated for differences in elevation and alignment.
- The size of the defect or damage will be noted and repairs initiated if there is a difference in elevation of 25 mm or a gap greater than 40 mm.
- If the unsafe condition cannot be promptly repaired or removed, the area will be barricaded, marked and/or properly signed to warn users of its presence.

Within three (3) working days of Notification by the public or City staff that a hazardous condition exists, a City employee will inspect, take photographs and assess the situation. The Manager, Municipal Operations or his designate will be notified of the condition.

Repair of the sidewalk will be carried out as soon as funds, 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, temporary fills and/or high visibility paint. 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 sidewalk 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 sidewalk 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 Sidewalk 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.