



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

COUNCIL POLICY

TITLE: Sewer and Drain Blockages - Private Property	NO. PLAN - 28
<p><u>POLICY:</u></p> <p>In regard to blockages in private property sewer and drain laterals, the following procedure and policy is followed by the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Owners are responsible for sewer and drain laterals on their (private) property and within private easements.2. In the event of a blockage, Owners shall first ensure that it is NOT in their system by having a plumbing or drain cleaning firm rod and clean the piping from their building to the property line. (see attached drawing SK-1)3. If the blockage is beyond the property line, the Owner, or their pipe cleaning firm, shall contact the Esquimalt Public Works Department prior to entering Municipal Property. <p>Note: Any unauthorized work in municipal property may void reimbursement for investigative works, and may require payment by the pipe cleaning firm for repair to utilities or services damaged by such unauthorized work in municipal property.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Municipal staff will attend the site, or advise the Owner (or his representative), to either continue into Municipal property, or to remove their equipment so Municipal crews can continue the cleaning process.5. Should the sewer or drain blockage be found in the Municipal system, Municipal crews will complete any works required to repair or replace the piping in Municipal property.6. The Owner is responsible for paying the contractor for all works completed on private property.7. When the blockage is found to be in the Municipal system, the Owner may submit copies of the paid contractor's invoice to the Municipality. The invoice will receive due consideration for reimbursement of investigation costs (up to a maximum \$200) on private property. Costs for installation of clean-outs, replacement of piping and any other work done on private property will not be reimbursed.8. Pursuant to Section 288 of the Municipal Act, the Municipality is not liable for damages arising from the malfunction of sewer or drain systems. Owners should contact their own insurance company in this regard.	

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