



## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

### COUNCIL POLICY

<b>TITLE:</b> <b>Sewer and Drain Blockages</b> <b>- Private Property</b>	<b>NO. E&amp;PW-04</b>
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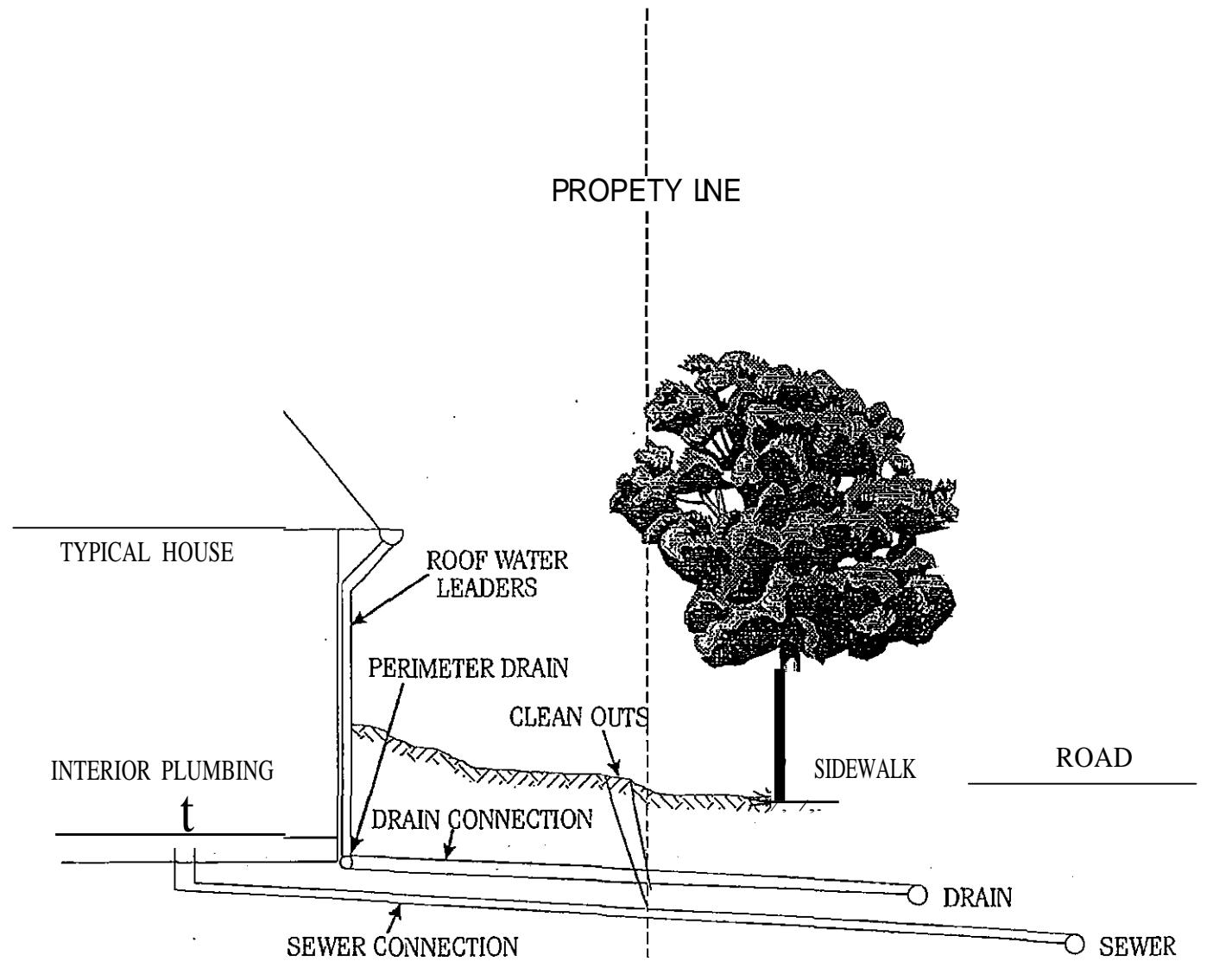
In regard to blockages on private property sewer and drain laterals, the following procedure and policy is followed by the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt.

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 on their property by having a plumbing or drain cleaning firm (the "contractor") 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 contractor, shall contact the Esquimalt Public Works Department **prior** to entering Municipal property.

Note: Any unauthorized work on Municipal property may void reimbursement for investigative works, and may require payment by the Owner or contractor for repair to utilities or services damaged by such unauthorized work on Municipal property.

4. Municipal staff will attend the site, or advise the Owner (or his or her representative), to either continue onto Municipal property, or to remove their equipment so Municipal staff can continue the cleaning process.
5. Should the sewer or drain blockage be found to be on Municipal property, Municipal staff will complete any works required to repair or replace the piping on 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 on the Municipal property, 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 of \$800)** on private property. Costs for installation of clean-outs, replacement of piping, and any other work done on private property will not be reimbursed.

<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> January 4, 2016	<b>APPROVED BY:</b> Council	<b>REFERENCE:</b>	<b>AMENDS:</b> February 12, 2001	<b>PAGE 1 OF 1</b>
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PRIVATE PROPERTY



MUNICIPAL ROAD  
ALLOWANCE

SEWER & DRAIN SYSTEM ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPERTY OWNER. BLOCKAGES MUST BE CORRECTED BY OWNER

NO WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY OWNER BEYOND PROPERTY LINE WITHOUT PRIOR MUNICIPAL AUTHORIZATION

PRIVATE PROPERTY  
SEWER & DRAIN BLOCKAGE POLICY

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