

BYLAW NO. 2025-05

A BYLAW TO REGULATE THE INSTALLATION OF UTILITY LINES WITHIN MUNICIPAL ROAD ALLOWANCES

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be referred to as The Utility Line Installation Bylaw.
2. This Bylaw is enacted pursuant to Sections 8(1)(g), 8(1)(j), and 12 of *The Municipalities Act*, which provide that a municipality may regulate the use and management of municipal roads, and may pass bylaws respecting public utilities and works within municipal boundaries.
3. The purpose of this Bylaw is to regulate the installation, maintenance, and operation of utility lines within municipal road allowances to ensure public safety, protect municipal infrastructure, and provide consistent standards for utility providers and property owners.

Definitions

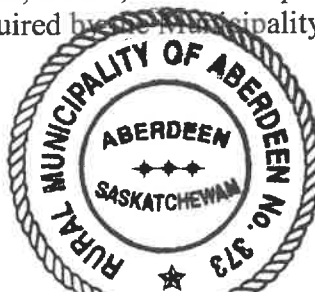
4. In this Bylaw:
 - a. **"Access point"** means any clean-out, valve, service box, or other device providing access to a utility line.
 - b. **"Council"** means the Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373.
 - c. **"Customer"** means the owner of a parcel of land, or the owner's authorized agent, who requests or receives a utility service.
 - d. **"Municipality"** means the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373, in the Province of Saskatchewan.
 - e. **"Road allowance"** means land dedicated for public roadway purposes, including ditches, shoulders, and undeveloped road rights-of-way under the jurisdiction of the Municipality.
 - f. **"Utility"** means any system for the transmission or distribution of electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, water, wastewater, or other services.
 - g. **"Utility line"** means any pipe, conduit, cable, or related infrastructure installed for the purpose of providing a utility service.

General Provisions

5. No person or utility provider shall install, alter, or maintain a utility line within a municipal road allowance without first obtaining written approval from the Municipality.
6. All applications for approval shall include:
 - a. a plan or sketch showing the location, depth, and alignment of the proposed Utility;
 - b. the location of all cleanouts, valves, and access points; and
 - c. any other information required by the Municipality.

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R.M. of Aberdeen No. 373 on the 9th day
of October, 2025.


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Placement of Access Points

7. All cleanouts, service boxes, and other access points shall be installed **within two (2) feet of the edge of the adjacent property line**, and shall not be located in the traveled portion of the roadway or in a manner that interferes with municipal maintenance operations.
8. Curb stops and shut off valves shall be installed on the customer's private property and not within the municipal road allowance.
9. Access points shall be installed flush with the ground surface and maintained in good working order.

Restoration and Maintenance

10. Upon completion of installation, the Utility Provider shall restore the Road Allowance to its original condition or better, to the satisfaction of the Municipality.
11. The Utility Provider shall, at its own cost, maintain, repair, or replace any portion of the Utility and associated infrastructure, and shall be responsible for any damage caused to the Road Allowance.

Conditions and Enforcement

12. Conditions of Approval

- a. Council may impose conditions on any approval, including but not limited to:
 - i. Depth of installation
 - ii. Separation from other utilities
 - iii. Traffic accommodation measures
 - iv. Time limits for completion
 - v. Indemnification of the Municipality against liability
 - vi. Execution of an Easement Agreement
 - vii. Provision of as-built drawings upon completion

13. Deposit Requirement

- a. As a condition of approval, the Municipality may require the applicant to provide a deposit in an amount determined by Council or its designate.
- b. The deposit shall be held by the Municipality until the installation or alteration is completed and the road allowance has been restored to the satisfaction of the Municipality.
- c. Upon satisfactory restoration, the deposit shall be returned in full to the applicant.
- d. If restoration is not completed to the satisfaction of the Municipality, the deposit may be forfeited in whole or in part and applied toward the cost of completing or correcting the restoration.

14. The Municipality reserves the right to inspect any installation within the road allowance to ensure compliance with this Bylaw.

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15. Any person or utility provider who installs or maintains a utility line in contravention of this Bylaw or the conditions of approval shall be responsible for all costs of removal, relocation, or repair as directed by the Municipality.
16. A person or Utility Provider who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties imposed by the General Penalty Bylaw of the Municipality.

Severability

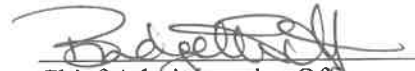
17. If any section of this Bylaw is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining sections, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Coming Into Force

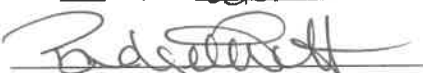
18. This bylaw shall come into force upon final approval of Council.




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Read a third time and adopted
this 9 day of October, 2025.


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