

STREET & LANE DITCH ENCLOSURE GUIDELINES

If you, the property owner(s), wish to have the ditch fronting your property partially enclosed (full enclosure is not allowed), a City inspector will visit the site, review the following guidelines with you, and provide an estimated cost of the work.

The City Bylaws will govern this request and they must be taken into consideration before a decision can be made. If your application is denied, there may be a convention of a City Bylaw.

Ditches may be partially enclosed providing:

1. a) For Approved Parking Pad Area/Driveway Access/Connector Walks/Garbage & Recycling Staging Areas; and
 - b) If there is no other alternative and the ditch must be enclosed at the property line, a catch basin will be required to provide surface drainage control. Otherwise, there will be minimum 1m left open at either end. This will be done at the discretion of the City Inspector.
 - c) Meet all Environment Bylaws (eg., Burnaby Watercourse Bylaw), as mentioned-above.
 - d) City forces are NOT responsible for asphalt paving and will be left at finished grade with gravels.
2. All drain tiles entering the ditch must be exposed by the property owner for inspection and connection to the pipe. Drain tiles must be renewed in 100mm diameter PVC for connection purposes. If the tiles are at significantly different elevations, or are too close together to facilitate a proper connection, the Inspector may request the tiles to be renewed into one tile only. Any drain tile that goes under a fence or retaining wall must be renewed by you prior to pipe installation, if requested by the Inspector.
3. The size of pipe will be determined by the City. Substandard pipe will be removed and replaced with City approved pipe, at you(r) expense.
4. If you are constructing a new drainage system, or reconstructing an old system and there is no existing storm sewer and the drainage is to the street or lane, drainage must be directed to the open portions of the ditch at the property edge.
5. There will be situations where it is not feasible for various reasons to enclose the ditch. The Inspector will have the final judgement in this matter.

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6. After completion, you are responsible for maintenance of the connection to the pipe in the ditch. To facilitate maintenance or access, in case of blockage in the service connection, we strongly suggest you install a sump on your property.
7. At the time of application, the Engineering Department shall be informed whether the applicant has a building permit or has one in process.

IN THE EVENT THAT A LOCAL AREA SERVICE PROJECT PROCEEDS AND THE REQUESTED DITCH ENCLOSURE WORK BECOMES REDUNDANT THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS PROVIDED.