

# RIGHT-OF-WAY RENTAL FEES STAKEHOLDER MEETING

September 2017

Ensuring the safe and unencumbered use of the public right-of-way is a responsibility the City takes seriously. To this end, the City is proposing to implement right-of-way rental fees in 2018 in the interests of minimizing the time and area borrowed for private uses and to provide clear guidelines for guarding public safety during private uses.

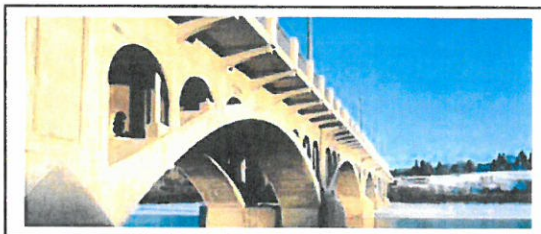
## Background

Concerns have been expressed over unsafe conditions, lack of coordination, and damage resulting from the private use of the public right-of-way. An investigation into possible solutions revealed that the following municipalities have addressed these issues by attaching rental fees to the use of public right-of-way:

- Winnipeg
- Regina
- Calgary
- Edmonton

## Objectives

The main purpose of introducing usage fees is to provide an incentive to minimize space requirements and to complete work as quickly as possible to restore the right-of-way to public use. The new permit application and rental process will also include avenues to clearly advise renters on the appropriate uses of public right-of-way in the interests of public safety; allow for smoother coordination between concurrent projects; and provides a structure for managing inappropriate uses of the public right-of-way.



## Permits

Effective May 23, 2017 changes were made to the Traffic Bylaw to enable bylaw officers and members of the Saskatoon Police Service to enforce the permit requirement by issuing fines for non-compliance. Fines are intended to act as a deterrent as well as a tool to recover the costs associated with repairing damage.

A permit outlines the conditions to safely accommodate motorists, pedestrians, and other users. The permit process also ensures that any closure for private purposes is coordinated with other planned work on the transportation network.

The bylaw amendments also allow the City to now remove anything deemed hazardous from the right-of-way and to recover the costs from offending parties.

Right-of-way permits can be applied for by calling Transportation Division Customer Service M-F, 8:30 to 4:30 pm at 306-975-2454 or by email

at [rowpermits@saskatoon.ca](mailto:rowpermits@saskatoon.ca). If approved, there is currently a \$40 administrative charge.

## MORE INFORMATION

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