

6. WATER SERVICE REPAIR POLICY

PURPOSE:

To summarize from the village utility bylaw the responsibility for the distribution of costs and repairs between the village and the property owner when a leaking water service (main or service) is not working properly.

RESPONSIBILITY:

As the water service is connected to the villages water main, only the villages employees or contractors arranged for by the village can repair a leaking water service line that is not working properly. When a repair is to be made the responsibility for the cost will be set out as follows:

- If the service leak is on the villages water main line, then the village will be responsible.
- If the leak is on the property owners' side of the curb stop the property owner shall be responsible.
- If a leak on a water service stops when the curb stop is turned off, then the leak is deemed to be on the property owners' side of the curb box.

COST ALLOCATION IF VILLAGE IS RESPONSIBLE:

The village will be responsible for the cost of supplying the labour, equipment and materials necessary to excavate, repair and backfill the water service main line before the property owners curb stop.

The village will restore the land as soon as practicable. The cost of the repair or replacement of all surface improvements on the villages right of way will be the villages responsibility. The cost of the repair of all surface improvements on the property owners land will be the responsibility of the property owners. This will include the replacement of all landscaping such as grass, shrubs and trees, also included will be the replacement or repair of driveways, retaining walls and any other disturbed or damaged improvements.

COST ALLOCATION IF PROPERTY OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE:

The property owner is responsible for all the costs including all village supplied labour, contractors, equipment and materials as well as the cost of repair or replacement of all surface improvements on the villages right of way and the property owners' lands.

PROCEDURE:

Prior to the commencement of the repair, the property owner will be provided with a copy of this document to ensure they have been made aware of the responsibility of the costs related to the repair of a leaking water service. Failure to pay any of the invoiced charges will result in the charges being added to the taxes for the property in question.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy takes effect _____

Tammie Jackson, CAO

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