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### **Purpose**

To enable the City to respond to requests for services for private roads.

### **Policy Statement**

1. All private roads which are to become public would have a street alignment established that is acceptable to the Department of Engineering and Planning. This alignment would take into consideration that in all cases the establishment of a standard 50 ft. right-of-way is not possible and that existing conditions would dictate the actual street right-of-way width. If no other alternative is practical, then the minimum right-of-way width of six (6) metres would have to be satisfied.
2. There would have to be unanimous agreement from all property owners of existing private roads to transfer any existing right-of-way and its rights to any existing right-of-way as well as any land required for widening prior to any action being taken by the City. This agreement would have to be in the form of a signed agreement by all property owners and the City of St. John's.
3. All lands required for the right-of-way would be deeded without cost to the City of St. John's. This would include the existing right-of-way and any additional lands from abutters for proposed upgrading.
4. The City would prepare all legal survey plans and descriptions of lands to be deeded to the City.
5. Any services presently being provided to private roads would continue to be provided.
6. Requests for additional services and further development will only be permitted when the required right-of-way is officially deeded to the City and declared a public right-of-way.
7. To provide for the upgrading of these private streets once they have been officially deeded to the City, the City will include on a priority basis, in its annual Street Rehabilitation Program, the upgrading of these facilities.
8. All abutting property owners on any private road which has been deemed public will be assessed for a civic improvement assessment for the rural street upgrading. This assessment will be based upon the rate that has been established for the rural street upgrade assessment in the year in which the work was undertaken.

### **Application**

### **Responsibilities**

Department of Engineering and Planning.

## **Definition**

## **References/Appendix**

## **Monitoring and Contravention**

## **Approvals**

Public Works, Environment and Protection Standing Committee Report, April 2, 1998; Regular Meeting of Council April 13, 1998.

## **Review Period**

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