

# Corporate Policy

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## Related Policies

Number	Title
<a href="#">Bylaw Link</a>	City of Port Moody Sidewalk and Boulevard Maintenance Bylaw

## Approvals

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## Corporate Policy Manual

### Hydrant Access Maintenance

## Policy

The General Manager of Engineering and Operations and the Fire Chief, or their designates, are authorized to remove any objects preventing access to fire hydrants on City property in accordance with the requirements specified in the City of Port Moody Sidewalk and Boulevard Maintenance Bylaw.

## Definitions

“Boulevard” means the area of a highway between the edge of pavement, sidewalk, and/or curb of the roadway and the adjacent property line.

“Occupier” means a person who occupies the land but is not the registered Owner.

“Owner” has the same meaning as “Owner” defined in the *Community Charter*, and includes an agent authorized in writing by the Owner to act on their behalf.

“Real Property” means land, with or without improvements so affixed to the land as to make them in fact and law a part of it.

“Parcel” has the same meaning as “Parcel” as defined in the *Community Charter*.

## Procedures

1. Requirements for Owners or Occupiers of Real Property to maintain unencumbered access to fire hydrants on adjacent Boulevards are prescribed in the City of Port Moody Sidewalk and Boulevard Maintenance Bylaw.
2. All ticketing fees collected through enforcement of the Sidewalk and Boulevard Maintenance Bylaw shall be deposited in a reserve dedicated to water distribution system operation and maintenance or replacement.
3. The General Manager of Engineering and Operations and the Fire Chief and their designates are authorized to direct the removal of objects preventing access to fire hydrants where:
  - a. the Owner or Occupier of the adjacent Real Property has failed to maintain access to the hydrant in accordance with the Sidewalk and Boulevard Maintenance Bylaw; or
  - b. access to the hydrant is required for operation and maintenance of the water distribution system or response to an emergency.
4. City costs to maintain access to hydrants may be recovered from the dedicated reserve.
5. Where Owners or Occupiers of Real Property adjacent to Boulevards are notified of the requirements of the Sidewalk and Boulevard Maintenance Bylaw, actual costs to ensure unencumbered access to hydrants on the Boulevard may be billed directly to the property.

## Monitoring/Authority

The General Manager of Engineering and Operations and the Fire Chief or their designates are responsible for implementation, administration, customer service, and communications related to this policy.