

Strengthening Alignment with Provincial Locate Requirements in Municipal Construction Processes

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BACKGROUND & UPDATE

Background: In response to unsafe residential construction and excavation activities, Council direction was received to explore integrating utility locate requirements into local processes ([CW360-2024](#) & [C211-2024](#)).

Update: Multi-departmental collaboration (Public Works & Engineering, Building, Enforcement, Service Brampton) to develop and implement improvements under municipal authority:

- Inter-agency training and MOU enabling information sharing.
- New mandatory site alteration permit acknowledgement statement and conditions mandating the acquisition of utility locates.
- Updated building inspection protocols and education material.

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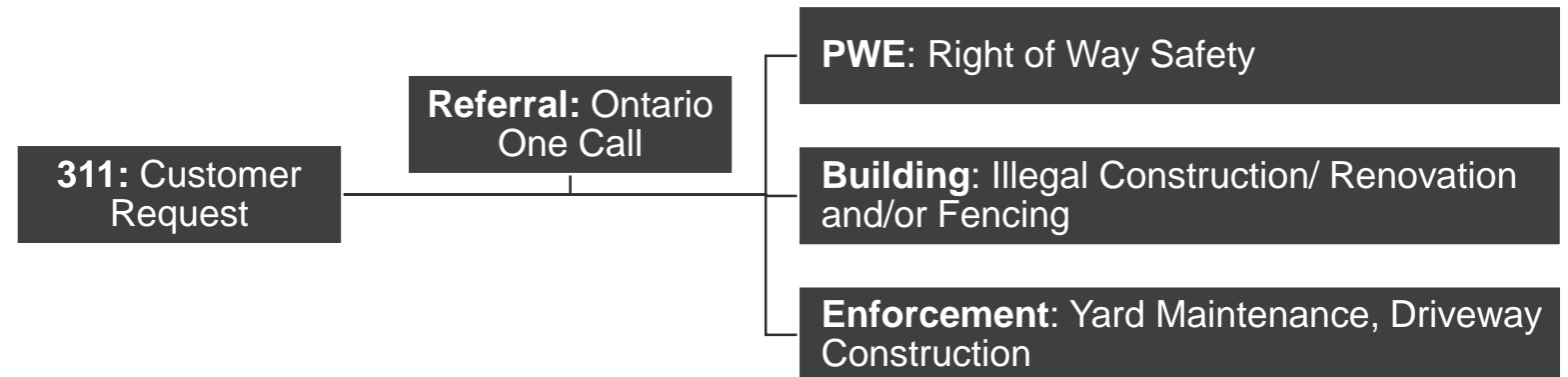
Recommendation: Amendments to the Site Alteration By-law

- Introduce the requirement to produce proof of utility locate documentation upon request during any digging projects.
Offence: Fail to produce proof of completed locates (\$250)
- Referrals will continue to be made to Ontario One Call for escalation under the *Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act*.
Offence: Digging without locates (\$10,000)
- **Outcome:** Supporting a two-tier oversight model

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Service requests will continue to be directed to the appropriate operating area based on the type and location of work in addition to the referral to Ontario One Call (or other authorities as needed).



Amendments are required to the *Ontario Building Code* to enable the application of *Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act* (locates) as applicable law for permit revocation and orders.

ONTARIO ONE CALL

Public Safety Administrative Authority

Mission: To regulate an efficient locate system, foster industry wide collaboration, and promote safe, timely excavation across Ontario.

What we do: act as a communications link between buried infrastructure owners and individuals who are planning to dig in the province of Ontario and is responsible for enforcing *the Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act*.

Challenges: Enforcement tools, but limited inspection powers and resources (young organization).

Value of Establishing Two-Tier Model:

- More coordinated enforcement ecosystem between municipalities and Ontario One Call
- Improved ability to enhance public awareness, protect infrastructure and change behaviour
- Demonstrates excellent example of leading modern regulation



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Strengthening Capacity & Compliance Together



Benefit of Community Partnerships: Strengthens frontline capacity to enhance education, compliance and coordination between stakeholders and levels of government.

Working With Brampton's Frontline Staff (Building Inspections, Public Works & Enforcement) builds a shared understanding of provincial locate obligations, while equipping staff to proactively identify violations and escalate concerns appropriately.



Thank you!

