



The Corporation of the City of Stratford Policy Manual

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Upgrade of Sanitary Service under the Subsidy Program

Policy Statement:

When the **public and private drain connections** are both to be upgraded by **open cut**, the following applies:

- i. When a homeowner wants to upgrade their sanitary **service lateral**, the homeowner pays \$4000 towards the costs for the **public drain connection**.
- ii. When a homeowner wants to upgrade their sanitary **service lateral**, the city will pay up to \$2000 towards the costs for the **private drain connection**.

When the **public and private drain connections** are both to be upgraded by **re-line**, the following applies:

- i. Re-lining will not be eligible where additional connections exist on the service.
- ii. When the upgrade is completed with a cured-in-place liner for the entire service lateral, the City will be responsible for 50% of the lining portion of the work only. The City will not rebate any private plumbing required to install the liner, restoration, locates or warranties. These items must be listed separately on the invoice and are the responsibility of the homeowner.

When the **public and private drain connections** are both to be upgraded by a combination of **open cut** and **re-line**, the following applies:

- i. When the upgrade is completed by re-line for the **public drain connection** only and open cut for the **private drain connection**, the City will be responsible for 50% of the total costs for the **public drain connection** and will contribute up to \$2000 once the **private drain connection** upgrades are completed. The percentage is based on the tables below.
- ii. The **private drain connection** upgrades must be completed in conjunction with the **public drain connection** upgrades.
- iii. When the upgrade is completed by re-line for the **private drain connection** only and open cut for the **public drain connection**, the City will be responsible for 50% of the total costs for the **private drain connection** and the homeowner will contribute \$4000 of the total costs of the **public drain connection**.

Sanitary Subsidy Cost Breakdown: Public Drain Connection

Method	Homeowner Pays	City Pays
Re-Line	50% of cost	50% of cost
Open Cut	\$4,000.00	Remaining cost

Sanitary Subsidy Cost Breakdown: Private Drain Connection

Method	Homeowner Pays	City Pays
Re-Line	50% of cost	50% of cost
Open Cut	Remaining cost	Up to \$2,000.00

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to describe, in detail, the City of Stratford’s sanitary service upgrades under the subsidy program.

Definitions:

“Sanitary service lateral” (“service lateral”) is composed of the public and private drain connections.

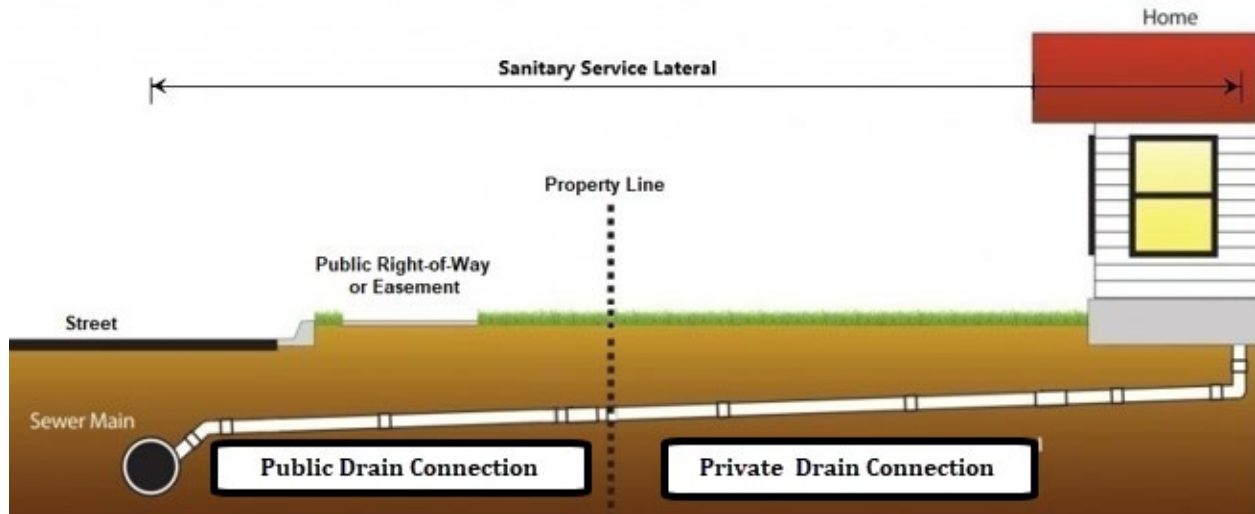
“Public drain connection” means the portion of the service lateral located within city property.

“Private drain connection” means the portion of the service lateral from the *property line into the building*.

“Open Cut” refers to excavation exercises to complete the work.

“Re-Line” refers to non-invasive technology for rehabilitation purposes.

Please refer to the image below for a visual description of the service lateral:



Scope:

This policy applies to the upgrade of sanitary services where there is no sanitary reconstruction project taking place.

For general requirements of the Sanitary Service Subsidy Program, refer to Policy S.1.8.

For sanitary service upgrades during a reconstruction project, refer to Policy S.1.9.

Legislative Authority:

Municipal Act, 2001

Related Documents:

- Policy S.1.8 Sanitary Service Subsidy Program General Requirements
- Policy S.1.9 Sanitary Service Subsidy Program during Reconstruction
- Sewer Use By-law 65-70, as amended