

<b>Infrastructure Operation and Maintenance</b>	Policy	PW1
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## What is the policy?

This policy describes the responsibilities of the council where community services are provided and infrastructure maintained. Each community receives funding for their community infrastructure and for employees (see Policy F1 Funding Formula Overview), who are then charged with performing job functions to ensure compliance with various legislation. Employees and the council are responsible to respond to maintenance and emergency issues, with the department available to provide support services.

When a council does not respond to, or accept direction from the department regarding outstanding deficiencies in infrastructure and requires the department to perform work or arrange for work to be performed, or council employees act in a manner which is negligent, the council will be charged the cost incurred by the department to address the matter which can include an invoice for the:

- consultants wages and travel to fix the problem
- consultants wages and time to arrange for work to be performed on council's behalf
- the cost of fines

## Council responsibilities:

- The council is responsible for providing services, facilities and other matters for community benefit and for providing stewardship of public assets. These responsibilities include ensuring applicable legislation is followed including, but not limited to:
  - The Drinking Water Safety Act
  - The Public Health Act
  - The Water Protection Act
  - Waste Management Facilities Regulation (under The Environment Act)
  - Manitoba Fire Code Regulation (under The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act)

## Department responsibilities:

- The department will provide support, consultation and assist the council and their employees to respond to maintenance and emergency issues.