

Amendment 31 to the Pickering Official Plan

- Purpose:** The purpose of this Amendment is to add new policies and revise existing policies in the Pickering Official Plan with regard to the City's Information and Communication Technology Network and "Dig Once" Standard.
- Location:** The Amendment applies City wide.
- Basis:** Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is the infrastructure and components that enable the modern use of computers. ICT includes the establishment of a broadband network and high speed internet service. This amendment strengthens and supports the development of an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) network, and the implementation of the "Dig Once" Standard.
- Amendment:** The Pickering Official Plan is hereby amended by:

- 1) Adding new Sections 7.11, 7.12 and 7.13 in Chapter 7 – Community Services, to read as follows:

City Policy ICT Network

- 7.11 City Council shall provide clear direction for collaboration, facilitation, investment, infrastructure advancement, skills development, and other initiatives necessary to implement an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) network throughout the City, by:**
- (a) identifying locations, in addition to the City Centre and Pickering Innovation Corridor, where a more robust ICT infrastructure will be offered;**
 - (b) prioritizing the implementation of ICT infrastructure to public facilities and spaces;**
 - (c) identifying measures that will be necessary to implement a city-wide ICT network within, and outside, the existing built-up urban area;**
 - (d) identifying measures which will minimize the impact of ICT infrastructure on the community and natural environment; and**
 - (e) identifying measures which will ensure that the City's ICT infrastructure is resilient and adaptable to change and next-generation technologies.**

City Policy "Dig Once" Standard

- 7.12 City Council shall require, subject to the approval of the applicable jurisdiction with responsibility for the road, and any requirements of any other applicable agencies, the inclusion of conduit for fiber optic cable in all public rights-of-way, where such conduits or trenches do not already exist or where a need is identified, through new development, redevelopment, road construction and reconstruction, in accordance with the City's "Dig Once" Standard, and shall:**

- (a) **ensure that all new development or redevelopment is designed to provide the infrastructure for the delivery of, current or future, leading edge information and communication technologies; and**
- (b) **require applications for development to provide an ICT Implementation Plan which demonstrates how ICT technologies are to be designed and implemented, including information regarding conduit construction and ownership, and demonstrates that the associated conduit and wiring meets or exceeds the minimum industry standard.**

7.13 Notwithstanding Section 7.12, within the Seaton Urban Area, City Council shall require the inclusion of conduit for fiber optic cable where such conduits or trenches do not already exist or where a need is identified only within type C arterial roads and collector roads.

- 2) Revising Section 16.5A, “Required Studies for an Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision, and Draft Plan of Condominium Approval”, in Chapter 16 – Development Review, by removing the word “and” at the end of Subsection (xxxv), and the period at the end of Subsection (xxxvi), and replacing it with a semi-colon, and adding the word “and”, and by adding the following new Subsection (xxxvii) at the end of the section, to read as follows:

(xxxvii) an Information and Communication Technologies Implementation Plan, as referred to in Section 7.12(b).

- 3) Revising Section 16.5B, “Required Studies for Site Plan Approval”, in Chapter 16 – Development Review, by removing the word “and” at the end of Subsection (xxv), and the period at the end of Subsection (xxxvi), and replacing it with a semi-colon, and adding the word “and”, and by adding the following new Subsection (xxvii) at the end of the section, to read as follows:

(xxvii) an Information and Communication Technologies Implementation Plan, as referred to in Section 7.12(b).

Implementation: The implementation provisions of the City of Pickering Official Plan, as amended, shall apply to this Amendment.

Interpretation: The interpretation provisions of the City of Pickering Official Plan, as amended, shall apply to this Amendment.