

# CORPORATE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

**Policy No:** 

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**Policy Name:** 

**RIGHT OF WAYS WIDTHS** 

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### **POLICY STATEMENT AND RATIONALE:**

Right of ways are common public lands and provide space for the placement of common services such as roads, sidewalks, water and sewer and utilities such as telephone, electricity and natural gas. Because we are in a northern climate, right of ways must also provide sufficient volume for the storage of snow plowed from the streets.

The widths recommended in the policy are considered the minimum necessary to provide for the placement of common services for the public. They represent a reasonable balance between the needs of the road authority to provide for the services and desires of the development community to minimize the allocation of lands for such common purposes.

#### SCOPE:

This policy applies to all existing and proposed right of ways within the City of Kawartha Lakes.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

Local Roads – Roads whose primary function is to provide access to adjoining properties. Local roads connect to other local roads and collector roads.

Collector Roads – Roads whose purpose is to provide access to property and move traffic. They connect local roads to the arterial system. Collector roads place equal priority on these two functions. Minor Collectors provide service to a small number of local roadways, typically less than five. Major Collectors service larger numbers of roadways and hence carry higher volumes of traffic.

Arterial Roads – Roads whose function is primarily to move traffic. Property access is a secondary consideration and may be restricted to avoid interference with the flow of traffic.

## **POLICY, PROCEDURE AND IMPLEMENTATION:**

## 1.0 That the City adopt a policy on minimum right of ways.

1.01 The City of Kawartha Lakes adopts the following minimum widths for public purposes:

Road Classification	<u>Urban</u>	<u>Rural</u>
Local	18.5 metres	20.0 metres
Minor Collector	20.0 metres	
Major Collector	26.0 metres *	
Arterial	30.0 metres *	26.0 metres*

<sup>\*</sup> Additional widths may be required if additional lanes are warranted as a result of a traffic management plan.

Other Corridors

Drainage Corridors 4.5 to 6.0 metres
Utilities Corridors 4.5 to 6.0 metres
Pathways 3.0 to 4.5 metres