Rights-of-Way Guidelines
for compatible uses

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Email: properties.helpdesk@bchydro.com
**Electrical system assets and rights-of-way**

**What is the right-of-way?**

BC Hydro owns transmission and distribution system assets, including dams, substations, transmission towers and distribution poles. As the system asset owner, BC Hydro acquires certain rights from landowners (including private property owners, First Nations and the provincial and federal Crown) to install, replace, maintain and access works related to our electrical delivery system. These power line corridors, referred to as rights-of-way (ROW), may also be reserved for the placement of future lines. Landowners retain rights to use these ROW areas for activities that do not threaten or interfere with the utilities’ works (towers and poles with anchors, guy wires, brackets, crossarms, insulators, transformers and their several attachments and one or more lines of wire), cause a hazard or interfere with the rights granted to BC Hydro. The following guidelines should be read in conjunction with the ROW agreement registered against the specific property. The ROW is registered on the title of the property in perpetuity. The ROW remains on the title when the ownership of the property changes.

BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC) was established in 2003 as a provincial Crown corporation to focus on building and maintaining a safe, reliable and cost-effective power grid. While BCTC is responsible for operating, planning and maintaining the Province’s high-voltage electric transmission grid, BC Hydro retains ownership of the physical assets and the legal tenure for the ROW and lands over which the transmission system operates.

**Partners in use**

(BC Hydro, BCTC [“the utilities”] and the landowner)

The utilities recognize that the importance of safely managing activities within the rights-of-way, while respecting the landowner’s rights to the land, will require cooperation with the landowner. The utilities encourage uses within the ROW that are safe and compatible with the operation of the transmission and distribution lines. Managing these compatible uses requires a partnership among BC Hydro, BCTC and the landowner. We call this “Partners In Use”.

**Why a partnership for right-of-way uses?**

The utilities partner with landowners to manage rights-of-way to ensure the safety of the public and the security of the electrical supply. Through this cooperation we request that landowners contact the utilities before using the ROW to reduce the likelihood that they are putting themselves or others at risk. A ROW Compatible Use Form has been prepared for this purpose and is appended to these guidelines. Forms should be sent in to your regional BC Hydro Properties Office (see Contact Page for more information on locations).

If, in the opinion of the utilities, the proposed use of the ROW is compatible with our safety and security requirements BC Hydro will issue a Compatible Use Notice outlining necessities to maintain not only personal safety but also the security of the electrical system. Those activities considered to have a potentially major impact may require a more formal agreement with BC Hydro and/or a site safety plan (including restricted access and designated work areas) pre approved by WorkSafe BC. In some instances the proposed use may be disallowed if it is not possible to maintain safety or security requirements. Your proposal is also subject to regulations of other governing jurisdictions and agencies (e.g., building permits, environmental, safety and fire regulations). If you do not own the property, consent of the owner will be required.

**Did you know?**

A common misconception of the public is that BC Hydro owns the land under its transmission and distribution lines. Rather, the land may be owned by private landowners (including municipalities), First Nations or the Provincial or Federal Crown. The public should afford the same respect to lands within rights-of-way as land anywhere. The public requires appropriate approvals from the landowner before accessing those lands. BC Hydro has a right-of-way under power lines that authorizes BC Hydro and its contractors and agents, including BCTC, the limited use of the lands for access, operation and maintenance of the electrical system.
Submitting a proposal for compatible ROW use
Rights-of-way offer many opportunities for compatible uses. Proposals are submitted to your regional BC Hydro Properties Office for review. The utilities will consider the following factors:

1. Safety – of yourself and others
2. Security – of our works, property rights and our ability to serve our customers
3. Future Requirements – for additions, modifications and maintenance of our electrical system; and
4. Right-of-Way Agreement – the rights and obligations of both the landowners and BC Hydro

General guidelines
These guidelines will help you to prepare your proposal and guide you in providing information necessary for the prompt and effective evaluation of your proposal.

The following general guidelines pertain to all compatible uses of ROW. You are expected to:

- Follow established conditions.
- Follow the WorkSafe BC requirements for working in proximity to power lines.
- Release the utilities from any liability arising from the proposed use of the ROW, and be responsible for any damage to the utilities’ works.
- Assume the costs of any required modifications, protection or relocations of the utilities’ existing or future works to accommodate the proposed use.
- Ensure non-metallic materials are used, where possible, to avoid the necessity of grounding. Approved large metallic objects and works must be grounded (to avoid electric shock) to the utilities’ satisfaction.
- Ensure non-flammable and non-toxic materials are used where possible.
- Not inhibit or interfere with our access to the utilities’ works.
- Ensure activities that could result in changes in ground elevation or drainage patterns are approved before beginning such activity.
- Leave undisturbed any survey markers identifying the ROW.

Did you know?
BC Hydro owns approximately 74,000 km of power lines, both underground and overhead. Electricity is moved throughout the province using an interconnected grid. Approximately 18,000 km of transmission lines operating at voltages from 69,000 to 500,000 are managed by BCTC, while BC Hydro manages the remaining 56,000 km of distribution lines.

Did you know?
Overhead power lines do not have an insulating coating on them. Some have weatherproofing, but this is not insulation.
The utilities can not agree with any proposal where:

• The activities would be unsafe given the height and location of the utilities’ works or would come within unsafe electrical clearances (distances) of energized works. All activities and uses must meet minimum horizontal and vertical clearances (based on the utilities’ standards) to the utilities’ works.

• There is the risk of damage to the utilities’ works either directly or indirectly (for example, the excavation or placement of fill may adversely affect soil stability or drainage and render the utilities’ works unsafe).

• The proposal limits the utilities’ plans for the future ROW use.

• Substances such as explosives or highly flammable materials (which may present a hazard to the utilities’ works) are proposed. Also, this may contravene the BC Fire Code.

Safety

Safety of all persons using the ROW and the security of the utilities’ rights and works underlie the importance of the following guidelines.

There are potential risks with working or carrying out activities in or near the ROW area. Contact us before you start any project in the ROW or in proximity to our works because safety comes first.

Electrical hazards that should be noted when operating equipment, at a construction site, or carrying out other activities close to power lines can include:

• Equipment contact with the power lines

• Flashover (dangerous electrical shock to people or things too close to the power line)

• Electrical induction, particularly to longer vehicles and metal works (e.g. pipes, fences, metal-clad buildings) may result in an induction shock capable of creating a startle reaction.

• Step Voltage – accidental voltage in the ground and you are within a circle of unsafe distance from the sources (see Figure 5, page 10).

Did you know?

That some power lines are energized at 500,000 volts. That is 5,000 times more than the voltage in the wires of your home.

7 Steps to Electrical Safety

Electricity is a part of our everyday lives and must be treated with respect. Everyone should know the 7 Steps to Electrical Safety. Learn them and pass them on. Remember, they don’t call it power for nothing!

1. 10 Metres to safety
   Stay back at least 10 metres (33 feet) from any fallen power line or exposed underground cable.

2. Look up and live
   Look up, check and keep equipment clear of overhead power lines.

3. Know your limits
   When using equipment in the vicinity of power lines, always maintain the limits of approach: from 3–6 metres (10-20 feet), depending on the voltage.

4. Don’t hang around operating equipment
   Stay at least 10 metres (33 feet) from operating equipment, in case it contacts an energized line.

5. Shuffle or hop—don’t step
   If your vehicle makes contact with an energized line remain inside until help arrives. If you must get out due to fire, jump out with your feet together. Then shuffle away, keeping both feet close together. Never contact the ground and your vehicle at the same time.

6. Call before you dig
   To avoid contacting underground power lines, before you dig, call BC One Call at 1 800 474-6886.

7. Don’t become a victim
   Always call local emergency personnel when someone is injured in an electrical accident.
Understand when to contact the utilities

What you propose to do within a utility ROW determines the level of consultation necessary with the utilities. For general inquiries, contact the Provincial ROW Help Desk at 604 623-3637 or 1 800 667-1517 or your regional BC Hydro Properties Office.

Send your proposal directly to the regional BC Hydro Properties Office for your area or through the BC Hydro Provincial ROW Help Desk. Your proposal will be circulated for evaluation. This referral process could take three to six weeks to complete.

These lists are not exhaustive, and a request may be treated as a higher or lower impact in some cases, depending on the specific details of the request.

Please note
• Some uses within the ROW are subject to removal or relocation upon reasonable notice from the utilities. This applies even after a change in ownership.

Proposals for compatible use of the ROW are generally categorized as no significant impact, minor impact, or major impact.

No significant impact
Here are examples of activities that, if you are the landowner, are permitted without contacting the regional BC Hydro Properties Office.

• General landscaping and residential gardens where no change in grade is planned, where there are no underground services, where no metal irrigation pipes will be placed within the right-of-way, and where vegetation has a maximum height of 3 metres (10 feet) at maturity (a list of compatible species is available at www.bchydro.com/safety/vegetation - Planting near power lines).
• Grazing of animals.
• Agricultural uses (without mechanical irrigations systems), provided access to the utilities’ works is maintained.

Minor impact
Here are examples of activities that should be reviewed at the regional BC Hydro Properties Office for your area:

• Requests for short term uses (less than one year) if no safety hazard.
• Tree farms and other multi year crops where access to the utilities’ installations may be affected.
• Installation of fences where grounding (prevention of electric shock) is required.
• Hiking and equestrian trails, paths and walkways.
• Small garden sheds under 3.6 metres (11.8 feet) in height and a floor space of not more than 36 square metres (387.5 square feet) with no wiring or plumbing
• Storage of non-hazardous materials (e.g., containers)
• Non-metallic water and sewer lines, septic fields

Did you know?
It is not necessary to touch a wire to receive an electrical shock that could be fatal.
Major impact
Here are examples of activities that are coordinated by our Properties Division:

- Requests affecting the utilities’ works in highways/road allowances
- Driveways and access roads
- Commercial and long-term parking
- Utility crossings
- Fill, berms, retaining walls
- Gravel pits, quarries
- Landscaping plans where mature vegetation will be over 3 meters (10 feet) in height
- Playgrounds, tennis courts
- Mechanized farming, irrigation systems
- Logging and related activities on and adjacent to the ROW
- Any activity involving elevation or grade changes more than 0.5 metres
- Detention and/or retention ponds, swimming pools
- Sewage disposal fields
- Portions of non-habitable buildings (e.g., garages, carports)
- Roads (including private roads, public road crossings and highways)
- Roads and major pipelines parallel and within the ROW
- Cemeteries
- Watercourse relocations
- Golf courses
- Street lamps and other lighting standards
- Any activity involving any type of mechanized equipment (e.g., excavators, bulldozers, irrigation systems)

Note:
Should your proposal require transmission alteration, modification and/or protection, you will need to contact BCTC to obtain a Transmission Line Relocation Agreement. This document must be signed and returned along with your prepayment of the estimated costs for this work. Work will be scheduled once the signed agreement and payments are received.

Did you know?
Wooden ladders and tool handles offer no protection at all. Wood is not a safe electrical insulator for any voltage of electricity.

Possible compatible uses of ROWs.
Guidelines for the most common types of proposals

Rocks
Rocks, including driveways, are compatible within the ROW, provided that:

- The finished grade maintains the minimum electrical clearance requirements to overhead conductors, as specified by the utilities’ electrical standards.
- They cross the ROW at or near ninety degree angles. Roads that lie within the boundaries of the ROW will be considered on a site-specific basis.
- The utilities have provided written approval that the proposal has or will provide adequate protections where the road location poses a hazard to the utilities facilities.

BC Hydro’s signature is required by the Land Title and Survey Authority on subdivision plans where there is a ROW and public road dedication. This is subject to a documentation fee.

Landscaping and agriculture
Landscaping and agricultural uses are generally compatible within ROW, provided that:

- The height of trees and shrubs is no more than 3 metres (10 feet) at maturity. A list of compatible species is available at www.bchydro.com/safety/vegetation - Planting near power lines.
- Crops and landscaping do not limit the utilities’ crews and equipment in accessing its works.
- Farm machinery approaches the utilities’ works with caution.
- Trees and shrubs are not planted within 5 metres over the utilities’ underground cable installations. Invasive roots may damage underground ducts and equipment. (It may be possible to have some non tap-rooted trees within the five-metre offset but this should be reviewed by referral first).
- Spray irrigation equipment operates at safe clearances from the utilities’ works; this will vary with the voltage and height of the overhead electrical wires.

Planting near power lines
- Plant low growing species that are compatible with the transmission system
- Consider the planning location in relation to the location of the lines

Both size at maturity and proximity to the transmission lines determine whether or not the plant is suitable for the planting site.

- Be aware that transmission lines sag with increased electrical load (increased hot or cold weather) and swing in strong winds.

Managing hazardous edge trees
Hazardous edge trees grow along the edges of transmission line ROW and are at risk for falling or dropping branches onto the lines.

Plants that become a safety hazard to workers, the public or the transmission system will be identified for removal.

Before any work commences, we contact property owners with encroaching and hazard trees on their land to discuss the work required.
Did you know?

A hose spraying a power line can have the same effect as grabbing the line with your hands. Figs. 3 and 4 show safe and unsafe methods of operating irrigation equipment near power lines.

Figure 3
A safe, low-angle irrigation equipment that maintains safe clearance between the water jet and the live wires.

Water jets should have a minimum clearance from all power lines. This minimum clearance varies depending on the voltage of the powerline. Please contact your regional BC Hydro Properties office.

For more information on farm safety, energy-saving opportunities, and other services contact www.bchydro.com/powersmart/ or call:

In Greater Vancouver call 604 431-9463
Other areas, call toll free 1 877 431-9463

You can talk to a representative, listen to information, or request brochures by mail.

Figure 4
An unsafe high-angle irrigation equipment that sprays water on or near the live wires.
Logging and tree felling activities

Trees falling near and onto power lines pose extreme safety hazards. They also may cause power outages to large areas and many customers. The following guidelines will assist those proposing logging operations in understanding safe and appropriate uses of the ROW:

- BCTC has its own Compatible Use Form, which must be included with any conditions set out by BC Hydro when there is logging/felling around transmission lines.
- Helicopter logging is not allowed within the ROW area and helicopter must not fly over the powerlines when carrying logs.
- Helicopter logging around power lines is extremely hazardous. Prior to any helicopter logging in proximity to power lines, contact the regional BC Hydro Properties Office for your area.
- Highlead logging utilizing steel spars or cables is subject to significant electrical induction hazards in the vicinity of power lines. Please contact the regional BC Hydro Properties Office for your area well in advance so that your plans can be properly evaluated.
- Compatible activities will be subject to the WorkSafe BC Industrial Health and Safety Regulations and other regulatory agencies (such as the ministry responsible for Forestry).
- Trees must be felled away from the utilities’ works. In cases where this is not possible and a falling tree may encroach within the minimum distance to overhead electrical conductors, controlled directional felling methods shall be used. A utilities’ inspector must be present to ensure the safety of the workers and of the utilities’ works. Prior to felling the tree, the utilities must be given adequate notice (generally three working days). WorkSafe BC regulations must be observed for tree falling activities.
- Access to the ROW and the utilities’ works must not be restricted by logging activities.
- The storage of logs and debris is not permitted within the ROW.
- Slash burning is not permitted within the ROW.

Did you know?

Trees are full of sap and moisture, which makes them conductive. That’s why they conduct lightning, and why they create a danger when electrical wires are nearby. See Figure 5.

Figure 5
Contact of a tree with live wires causes flow of current into the ground, thus generating step voltages that can electrocute anyone in vicinity of the tree.
Operation of vehicles and machinery

Use of vehicles and machinery within the ROW may be compatible, provided that:

- WorkSafe BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulations are followed.
- Vehicles and machinery do not approach within a minimum 6.0 metres (20 feet) horizontal distance of the utilities’ works without specific review.
- Soil stability and drainage are maintained so as not to impact the utilities’ works.
- There is no storage of fuels, refuelling or maintenance of vehicles within the ROW.
- Site safety plans (including restricted access and designated work areas (dumping, storing, etc.) may be required to be submitted to WorkSafe BC as part of BC Hydro’s conditions prior to our signing of a 30M33 (WorkSafe BC form requiring BC Hydro’s signature).

Parking

Parking on the ROW may be compatible, provided that:

- All parked vehicles meet the minimum vertical and horizontal electrical clearance, as specified by the utilities’ electrical (distance) requirements to the utilities’ works.
- There is no refuelling or maintenance of vehicles within the ROW.
- A minimum 6.0 metre (20 feet) zone for access is maintained around the utilities’ works (towers, poles and anchor wires).
- Protective barriers are installed, at your expense, for the utilities’ works, if required.
- Safety and security of all are not compromised by changes in elevation caused by paving, and the utilities’ works are protected.

Did you know?

Rubber tires and rubber boots are not good insulators.

Figure 6

Induction in large vehicles can reach hazardous levels if parked at a location where height of the wires was not designed for such use. For safety’s sake, the height restrictions placed at some locations to limit access of specified vehicles to high electric field zones should be obeyed.
Storage

Storage of materials may be acceptable, provided that:

- The height of stored material or the machinery used to stack or transport it does not come within electrical clearances to overhead conductors, as established by the utilities’ electrical standards.
- The applicant provides protective barriers for the utilities’ works where required.
- The storage of material does not prevent access to the utilities’ works by our crews and equipment. A minimum 6.0 metre (20 feet) zone around the utilities’ works should be kept clear, unless specific review allows for less.
- Stored material does not create a fire hazard (see BC Fire Code).
- Storage may be restricted where underground cables are present.

Buildings

Permanent buildings, including foundations and overhangs, are generally not permitted on the right-of-way. Temporary buildings that are small and easily movable may be acceptable, provided that:

- The buildings have a floor space of not more than 36 square metres (387.5 square feet) and a maximum height of 3.6 metres (11.8 feet).
- They are located away from the utilities’ works and access roads and not directly beneath overhead conductors.
- Buildings are not habitable.
- Buildings are not used for the purpose of storing flammable, explosive or toxic materials that could create a fire hazard.
- The buildings do not have electrical or water service.
- Buildings are non-metallic construction, or are grounded to the utilities’ satisfaction.
Fences

Fences are compatible within the ROW, provided that:

- Access for the utilities’ crews is provided to the ROW by a gate or removable section.
- Metal fences on the ROW are grounded or sectionalized to the utilities’ satisfaction.

Note:
- Non-metallic fences under 2.0 metres (6.56 feet) in height are recommended.
- The utilities may supply gates for existing roads on the ROW.

Figure 7

Metallic fences should not be installed close to transmission towers without proper grounding as stray electricity flow into the footings of the tower would be partly diverted into the fence. This would then transfer hazardous step voltages to points far away from the tower, possibly into nearby buildings.
Compatible uses in residential areas

Above-ground works

Permanent or habitable buildings are generally not compatible within the ROW (refer to “Buildings”). Not only is there likelihood that safety problems could arise, but our ability to make full use of the ROW could be compromised.

Small, portable works may be compatible when safety conditions are satisfied. Height and location restrictions may apply, depending upon the location of works, power line voltage and future requirements.

Examples of compatible uses in this category may include:

- Patios and decks
- Garden or tool sheds (see “Buildings”)
- Fences (see “Fences”)
- Above-ground pools (see “Pools”)
- Well covers

Underground works

Examples of compatible uses in this category may include:

- Septic fields
- Sprinkler systems
- Irrigation/water/sewer and gas lines

Guidelines for the installation of underground works include:

- All underground works must be kept at minimum 10.0 metres (32.8 feet) from the utilities’ works, unless reduced by specific review.
- All underground works should be located to avoid or must be designed to withstand the weight of heavy construction and maintenance equipment.
- All underground works should be identified by permanent above ground markers.
- Safe irrigation spray clearances from power lines will vary with the voltage and height of the overhead electrical wires.
- Non-conductive material must be used where possible (PVC, PE, etc).
- No proposed underground works can be located between the guy anchor and pole/tower structure.

An induction coordination study may be necessary where long metallic pipelines run parallel to transmission lines.
Pools
In-ground pools are not permitted within the ROW. Above-ground pools may be acceptable on a site specific basis if they meet the utilities’ engineering and electrical safety standards.

Miscellaneous uses
Uses of the ROW other than those listed will be reviewed on an individual basis.

Did you know?
That the wires can move as much as four metres (over 13 feet) vertically on a high-voltage line, depending on electrical load and weather conditions. They also swing in the wind. See Figure 8.

Figure 8
A person could be killed by the step voltage if a gust of wind blows high-voltage wires within flashover distance from a tree planted near the power line.

Did you know?
Fires near power lines can cause power outages and cause electricity to arc to the ground, creating both a fire and electrical hazard, and can potentially injure someone. See Figure 9.

Figure 9
A person could be injured by the step voltage generated by a fire-induced flashover. A flashover could occur when there is fire (e.g. slash burning) under a high-voltage power line.
Preloading
Preloading in soft soil areas can cause significant ground movement, affecting the stability of the utilities’ poles, towers and underground works. This can occur even if the preloading takes place outside of the ROW. When at fill sites or preloading, site safety plans (including restricted access and designated work areas (dumping, storing, etc.) may be required to be submitted to WorkSafe BC as part of BC Hydro’s conditions of the compatible use. Contact the regional BC Hydro Properties Office for your area well in advance of preloading in the vicinity of the utilities’ works.

Blasting
• The utilities must be notified of blasting in the vicinity of the utilities’ works even outside of the ROW.
• The utilities may require an on site inspector to ensure the safety of the utilities’ works.
• The utilities must be advised at least three business days in advance of all blasting activities. If blasting within a ROW, in the vicinity of the utilities’ power lines, the utilities may require that a full referral be completed. This could take four to six weeks. Contact the regional BC Hydro Properties Office in your area.

Figure 10
Induction in umbrellas can be a nuisance but not hazardous. If desired, it can be avoided by using umbrellas with wooden shafts.
Preparing your proposal
Help us help you. The more detailed and complete your proposal is, the faster our response to you can be.

Identify the legal description
If you don’t have this information (it will be on your property tax assessment notice), you should contact your municipality, regional District or Land Title Office. (A current title search or State of Title Certificate is best).

Obtain all necessary consents
It is your responsibility to obtain the consent of the landowner and other parties with an interest in the land.

Check other jurisdictions
It is your responsibility to comply with the requirements and recommendations of all authorities having jurisdiction.

Contact the regional BC hydro properties office for your area
Present or enclose the information you have gathered with respect to both the land in question and your proposal. This should include:

- A description of your proposal
- The Certificate of Title or full legal description of the Land(s).
- A map or legal plan of an appropriate scale showing:
  - The location of the proposed installations or uses in relation to existing roads, the utilities’ ROW and adjacent legal boundaries
  - The horizontal distance from the proposed installation to adjacent utilities’ works (e.g., towers, legs, anchors)
  - The number (ID Tag) of the nearest utilities’ structure, if available (normally marked on the structure)
  - The dimensions of the proposed installations, changes in grade or elevation, uses and maximum heights (including load and reach) of any vehicles and equipment to be brought onto the ROW.
  - Materials to be used (wood, metal, etc.)
  - BC Hydro’s ROW plan number and Statutory ROW charge number(s) as filed in the Land Title Office (should be on the Certificate of Title)

If the regional BC Hydro Properties Office can approve your proposal without involving other stakeholders (BCTC, Engineering, Operations, Legal, etc.), then you will receive a Compatible Use Notice outlining the utilities’ conditions to proceed.

If your application is more complex or affects other departments, you will receive a response once our referral process has been completed. Ample lead time must be allowed if you have deadlines to meet (four weeks is the suggested minimum).

Remember, supplying us with as much of the above information as you can will help reduce response time.
Regional BC Hydro Properties Offices

**Provincial Help Desk**
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Fax: 604 623-3988
Email: properties.helpdesk@bchydro.com
Website: bchydro.com

**Properties – Lower Mainland**
(Including Sunshine Coast, north to Bridge River and east to Boston Bar)
Ingledow Substation
12430 - 88th Avenue
Surrey, BC  V3W 3Y1
Phone: 604 590-7664 or 604 590-7679
Toll free: 1 800 667-1517
Fax: 604 590-7681

**Properties – Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands**
PO Box 1500, 400 Madsen Road
Nanaimo, BC  V9R 5M3
Phone: 250 755-4704
Toll free: 1 800 667-1517
Fax: 250 755-7190

**Properties – Prince George**
(Northern interior)
PO Box 6500, 3333 - 22nd Avenue
Prince George, BC  V2N 2K4
Phone: 250 561-4943 or 604 623-4271
Toll free: 1 800 667-1517
Fax: 250 561-4965 or 604 623-3988

**Properties – Vernon**
(Southern Interior)
1401 Kalamalka Lake Road
Vernon, BC  V1T 8S4
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**Safety information available**
- www.bchydro.com/safety/
- Seven Steps to Electrical Safety
- www.bctc.com/the_transmission_system/safety/

**Other information available**
- Pest Management Plan
- Planting Near Power Lines
- Pruning Near Power Lines

Proposal for compatible use of a BC Hydro right-of-way

For more information contact 1 800 667-1517 or properties.helpdesk@bchydro.com.

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If you are not the owner, do you have the owner’s consent for the proposed right-of-way activity?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

### Proposal for compatible use within the BC Hydro right-of-way

(examples: driveway, road crossing, parking lot, storage, etc. with specifics)

Provide full details including a map or drawing of your proposal in relation to the BC Hydro right-of-boundaries. Please plot the location of any BC Hydro access roads, poles, towers or overhead lines in the immediate vicinity (include pole and tower numbers if available). Attach any supporting materials to this proposal.

### Address/location of proposal area

| Street Address: |
| City: |
| Area: |

### Legal description of property(ies) affected (include a current title search if available)

| Parcel Identifier: |
| Legal Description: |

### Include transmission line details (if available)

| Circuit Number(s): |
| Structure Numbers: |
What happens after we receive your proposal

- If your proposal is found to be compatible, you will receive a Compatible Use Notice to sign and return before work or the proposal begins.

- Please allow a minimum of 15 working days for processing the application.

- Do not start construction activity on the BC Hydro Right-of-Way until you have received our Compatible Use Notice and had an on-site meeting with BC Hydro to review safety procedures (if required).

- Please remember the following:
  - Once you receive the Compatible Use Notice give us a minimum of 72 hours notice prior to work beginning for an on-site visit.
  - Quote your Assignment Number.
  - Have copies of the Compatible Use Notice or letter agreement at the work site at all times.