Glossary

Alignment – A location specified or approved by the General Manager for locating equipment on, over, along, across, under, or in a street.

Applicant – A person applying for a permit or other consent under these requirements. This shall be extended, where applicable, to include the Applicant’s direct employees and its agents, consultants and contractors.

Book 7 – Ontario Traffic Manual, Book 7 – Temporary Conditions (Field Edition) was developed to show how to apply traffic control devices in temporary construction, maintenance, and utility work zones, to help ensure worker safety, motorist safety, and motorist mobility. It has been prepared to assist works in the field by illustrating the appropriate signing and the channelization required for the most common types of roadway work operations.

Boulevard – That part of a public street that is not used, or intended to be used, for vehicle travel by the general public, and that is situated between the travelled portion of the road and the adjoining property line.

City – The City of Hamilton the corporation – and will be referred to as the City for the purposes of this document.

Commissioner – The Commissioner of Transportation and designated staff and any appointed engineering firm and/or appointed testing firm for the Contract.

Contraction Joint – A cut or formed joint to regulate the location and degree of cracking in the plane of the pavement.

Deep Trench – A trench deeper than 1.2 m

Dripline of a Tree – The area defined by the outermost circumference of a tree canopy where water drips from and onto the ground.
Emergency Work – Work within a street that must be completed immediately due to health or safety concerns or because the provision of essential services is endangered.

Equipment – Includes any machinery, vehicles, construction materials, poles, cables, pipes, conduits, ducts, pedestals, antennas, towers, wires, amplifiers, vaults, maintenance holes, hand holes, support structures or other appurtenances or ancillary facilities, structures or devices used to provide any public utility, including telecommunications, electrical energy, steam energy or water and waste water utility services.

Essential Services – Energy (including, but not limited to, natural gas, steam, and electricity), water, sanitary sewage, traffic control, and the following communication services: 911 service, communications for financial transactions, business networks, and Internet.

Expansion Joint – A physical separation between the concrete and appurtenances, or between parts of the sidewalk or raised median, which allows both horizontal and vertical movement.

Excavating – The breaking, digging up, tearing up, tunnelling, boring, coring, cutting into or removing any portion of the surface or subsurface of the street, including pavement, sidewalk, curbs, gutter or landscaping.

General Manager – The person appointed by the City from time to time as the general manager of Transportation Services and his or her successors or his or her duly authorized representative.

Hamilton Public Utilities Coordinating Committee (HPUCC) – the organization, or any successor organization, comprised of member utility companies and the City who own and operate equipment in City streets.

HSR – The Hamilton Street Railway.

Intersection – The area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines or, if none, then of the lateral boundary lines of two or more streets or private driveways that join one another at an angle, whether or not one street or private driveway crosses the other.
**Location Certificate** – A drawing prepared according to the General Manager’s specifications that, in the General Manager’s opinion, is sufficient to accurately establish the location, elevation and distance of any equipment constructed, installed or reconstructed within a street.

**Mainline** – Any plant that is not a service or service drop.

**Municipal Access Agreement (MAA)** – A legal agreement, approved by City Council, which contains provisions for granting consent to a person to do work in the streets upon compliance by such person with all other applicable municipal requirements.

**Municipal Consent Requirements (MCR)** – This document, specifying the requirements for the installation of plant within city of Hamilton streets.

**Narrow Trench** – The width of a trench is less than or equal to 350 mm

**Native Material** – Excavated material for placement into the exact location from which it was removed.

**Municipal Address** – The city, street and number on the street by which a property is known.


**Permanent Repair** – The process whereby a cut and/or excavation is reinstated to a condition which requires no further repair.

**Permit** – Written authorization granted by the General Manager under the provisions of this document.

**Person** – One or more individuals, partnerships, corporate bodies, unincorporated organisations, governments, government agencies, trustees, executors, administrators or other legal representatives, other than the City or its legal representatives.

**Plant** – Any poles, cables, pipes, conduits, ducts, pedestals, regulators, antennas, towers, wires, amplifiers, vaults, maintenance holes, hand holes, support structures and or other appurtenances or ancillary facilities or structures used for the provision of telecommunications,
internet, energy, water, waste water, steam, fuel and/or other materials. Any encasement, steel plating or other non-excavatable material shall be considered to be part of the plant.

**Road** – The portion of the street designed, improved and ordinarily used by vehicle traffic.

**Service / Service Drop** – A cable, pipe, conduit, or any other plant that provides service directly to a customer.

**Shallow Trench** – The depth of trench is less than or equal to 1.2 m

**Sidewalk** – That part of a public street located within the boulevard that is improved for the exclusive use of pedestrians.

**Street** – A common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct or trestle, any part of which is intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicle and includes the area between the lateral property lines thereof. The terms City’s public road allowance, right-of-way and highway shall have the same meaning as street.

**Street Line** – The property line indicating the boundary of the right-of-way and private property.

**Suitable Backfill Material** – The native materials or imported granular materials that can be used as utility trench backfill materials in lieu of Unshrinkable Fill as defined in this specification.

**Temporary Repair** – The process whereby a cut and/or excavation is reinstated as a temporary measure pending completion of a permanent repair.

**Trunk** – A watermain with an inside diameter equal to or greater than 400 millimetres; a storm sewer with an inside diameter equal to or greater than 750 millimetres; a sanitary or combined sewer with an inside diameter equal to or greater than 375 millimetres; any attachment to the aforementioned watermains/sewers including, but not limited to, maintenance holes, appurtenances, valve chambers, cathodic protection or other features.

**Unshrinkable Fill** – A self-compacting cement treated aggregate with flowable consistency and controlled low strength properties that conforms to Appendix E, *Specification for Unshrinkable Fill*. 
Utility Company – A company owning, operating and maintaining plant in the public right-of-way.

Work – Includes any excavating in streets, and the installing, repairing, replacing, extending or operating and maintaining of any equipment, structure or device located on, over, along, across, under, or in streets.