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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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## **ALBERTA UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM CONSULTATION ACT**

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Second Reading . . . . .

Committee of the Whole . . . . .

Third Reading . . . . .

Royal Assent . . . . .

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(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 2018)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the  
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

#### Definitions

1 In this Act,

- (a) “Committee” means the Committee appointed under section 2(1);
- (b) “excavator” means any individual, partnership, corporation, public agency or other person or entity that engages in an activity that causes a ground disturbance;
- (c) “ground disturbance” means any work, operation or activity on or under the surface of the soil that results in a disturbance of the soil or ground cover, including digging, boring, trenching, grading, excavating and moving and breaking earth, rock or other materials in the ground;
- (d) “Minister” means the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for this Act;
- (e) “notification system” means a system that transmits a notification from a person who intends to engage in an activity that will cause a ground disturbance to the owners of underground infrastructure that might be impacted by that ground disturbance.

## **Committee report**

**2(1)** Within 1 year of the coming into force of this Act, a committee of the Legislative Assembly shall prepare and submit to the Assembly a report on the underground infrastructure notification system in Alberta, which must include any recommendations for amendments to legislation to improve safety for excavators and to protect underground infrastructure.

**(2)** The report must include, but is not limited to, a review of the following elements of the notification system and any related recommendations of the Committee:

- (a) operation of a notification system to receive excavator requests for the location of underground infrastructure within Alberta by telephone, electronically or by other means;
- (b) identifying for excavators whether underground infrastructure is located in the vicinity of the site of a proposed ground disturbance;
- (c) notification of owners of underground infrastructure of proposed ground disturbances that may impact the underground infrastructure;
- (d) enforcement of rules pertaining to the underground infrastructure notification system;
- (e) improving public awareness of the underground infrastructure notification system and the importance of safety when engaging in activities that cause ground disturbances.

## **Public meetings**

**3** In preparing the report under section 2, the Committee shall conduct public meetings with individuals and organizations with experience related to and interest in the subject of the report, including representatives from the following groups:

- (a) Alberta One-Call Corporation;
- (b) municipalities;
- (c) licensees subject to section 59 of the *Pipeline Rules* (AR 91/2005);
- (d) owners of electric distribution systems or transmission facilities, as defined in the *Electric Utilities Act*;

- (e) owners and operators of rural gas utilities or low pressure distribution pipelines, as defined in the *Gas Distribution Act*;
- (f) telecommunication and broadcasting providers, including those corporations providing internet, telephone or television services in Alberta;
- (g) persons, corporations or groups engaged in activities that cause ground disturbances;
- (h) persons or corporations who fulfill locate requests for underground infrastructure;
- (i) damage prevention organizations;
- (j) persons or entities that own or operate underground infrastructure in Alberta that crosses a public right of way or is in the vicinity of a public right of way.

#### **Implementation of Committee recommendations**

**4** Within 6 months of the submission of the report under section 2(1), the Minister shall introduce in the Assembly a bill to give effect to any recommendations made by the Committee.







