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IMPORTANT INFO ON PRIVATE LANES

As a courtesy, the Township is reminding all owners who depend on private access to their property of the importance of ensuring that the access can be used by emergency vehicles. Homes or cottages built on private lanes/rights-of-way may not be accessible in the event of an emergency unless the lane/right-of-way is designed and maintained to an appropriate standard. This includes private driveways as well.

The Township is not responsible for inspecting or identifying private lanes/rights-of-way or driveways that do not meet the Township's minimum standard. It is the sole responsibility of the land owner to ensure that their lane/right-of-way/driveway is accessible for emergency vehicles and maintained in a safe condition. The Township recommends the following minimum standards for private lanes/rights-of-way and private driveways:

- the traveled portion of the lane/right-of-way shall be cleared to 6.1 meters (20'); of a driveway shall be 3.5 m (12');
- the overhead clearance for all traveled portions shall be 4.27 meters (14');
- the ends of all lanes/rights-of-way should terminate in a turnaround of a minimum of 20 meters (65') in diameter;
- the surface of the lane/right-of-way/driveway should be compacted

gravel or other suitable material that offers safe passage; and

- the lane/right-of-way or driveway should be brushed out and maintained annually to ensure these minimums are met and that there are no other hazards such as rocks, debris, depressions or other obstructions that could hinder emergency response vehicles.

In addition, there may be circumstances due to steep grades, surface conditions or weather-related conditions that impact emergency response vehicles. As the Township is not responsible for private lanes/rights-of-way or private driveways it is the land owners' obligation to be aware of these potential limitations and take all steps to ensure safe access to their property.



Example of poor access



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The Public Works Manager and/or the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief are available to inspect private lanes and offer recommendations to ensure emergency services can obtain access.

We hope that this will be helpful in upgrading and maintaining your private lane/right of way to a safe standard.



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