



### Legal Agreement Precedents

The City of Calgary is publishing legal agreement precedents on Calgary.ca. They can be found at <https://www.calgary.ca/pda/pd/planning-and-development-resource-library/publications.html>.

Legal Agreements are required for a variety of reasons at various stages through the development approvals continuum. The continuum is the regulatory approvals process by which a landowner transforms undeveloped land into developed land. Reasons an agreement may be required include but are not limited to: creating access for private or public traffic; managing stormwater conveyance; protecting underground utilities; and restricting development on a portion of land. These agreements are required to enable urban development to proceed while simultaneously safeguarding public safety and ensuring public infrastructure operates as intended and can be maintained in the future.

There are precedents for most of the agreements that are administered by The City. Each department within The City maintains and administers their respective set of precedents. Precedents administered by the Development Engineering section will be available at launch. Over time, each department will review and prepare their respective set of precedents, and publish them when appropriate.

The City hopes to achieve the following outcomes by publishing the precedents:

- **Transparency.** Many landowners are unfamiliar with the legal agreements that are required by The City and may have concerns about entering into an agreement with The City. Landowners can now review and seek advice on an agreement.
- **Simplification.** The precedents have been converted into a fillable format. Using the precedents requires a person to fill in the blanks and select the appropriate dropdown boxes. The rest of the content is locked and cannot be altered.
- **Consistency.** Everyone will have access to the current version of each precedent. The City had often received signed agreements based on an outdated precedent. This led to lost time in processing the agreement and duplication of work. The fillable format ensures each agreement is filled out in a consistent manner.
- **Efficiency.** Having simplified and standardized precedents will assist The City in processing agreements. Errors in filling out the precedent will be reduced and therefore reduce the back and forth with landowners.

An instruction page on how to complete the precedent is included with every precedent. Before printing, executing and mailing an agreement to The City, please contact your Development Engineering Generalist ([link](#)) and have them review your draft. This will minimize potential errors in the agreement and need for multiple submissions. You may contact Lawrence Wong at [Lawrence.Wong@calgary.ca](mailto:Lawrence.Wong@calgary.ca) should you have any questions or concerns.