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# Council Policy

## Conversion of Overhead Power Lines to Underground Installation

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RESOLUTION: R375/10/04/26  
REPLACING: R1039/08/11/24; R191/03/03/03  
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THAT the Municipal Council adopt as policy, the following terms and conditions for conversion of overhead power lines to underground installation.

1. Installation of underground wires and cables will still be required in all new development streets.
2. Burial of overhead wires will be required in all urban and village centre areas as outlined in the current Kelowna Official Community Plan. The City would ensure new development in these areas would be responsible for burial of wires fronting their property. The City would also develop various funding strategies to ensure all wires would ultimately be buried.
3. Redevelopment in existing areas outside of urban and village centres will be given the option whether to bury wires fronting their property.

In the City electrical utility service area the City will continue burial of wires under the following conditions:

- a. Where all the telecommunications and City Electrical utilities jointly identify a benefit to burial of the existing wires and agree to financially share in the costs.

### **REASON FOR POLICY**

To provide direction on when overhead power lines will be converted to underground.

### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Council resolution.

### **PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

As outlined in the policy.