

Town of Panton Culvert Policy

The following policy outlines best practices for town culverts, and private culverts (e.g. driveway), where they intersect or impact a right of way or access a town road. In line with VTRANS standards:


- Replacement of existing town road culverts and any new culvert must have a minimum culvert diameter of 18 inches
- Replacement of existing bridges and culverts and any new bridges and culverts must be designed in accordance with the VTrans Hydraulics Manual, and, in the case of perennial streams, conform to the statewide Stream Alteration standards.
- All new driveway culverts must have a minimum diameter of 15 inches; any variations on diameter must be approved in advance, and in some instances, may be required, by the Road Foreman. New or replacement driveway, private road, or other access culverts must be approved by the Road foreman.
- When installing or replacing culverts, use appropriate techniques such as headwalls and wingwalls, where there is erosion or undermining or where it is expected to occur.
- Install a splash pad or plunge pool at the outlet of new or repaired drainage culverts where there is erosion or where erosion may occur. Splash pads and plunge pools are not appropriate for use in streams supporting aquatic life.

Additionally, property owners whose driveway/access/private road abuts a **town road/town highway** are responsible for the cost of their own driveway or private road or other access culverts, as well as proper maintenance and replacement and installation of these culverts. Culverts must be prepaid to the town, when ordered.

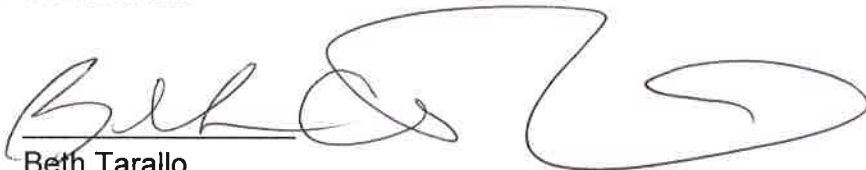
Property owners wishing to replace or purchase a new culvert for above mentioned culverts may do so through the town of Panton. The property owner will be responsible for reimbursing the town the cost of the culvert. This enables the property owner to benefit from an at-cost culvert (note that typically the town does not pay tax on culverts, thus the reimbursement amount payable to the town would not require tax).

If the town is ditching the area (e.g. lowering a ditch) and a private culvert needs replacement, the property owner is responsible for the cost of the culvert, however in this scenario the town may do the work of replacing the culvert as it does the ditching.

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