

This work resulted in the development and acceptance of a protocol agreement between BC Hydro, Telus Corporation and the City that lays out responsibilities and timelines for the relocation of utilities from within our road allowances. It also initiated more cooperative relations with the Telus Corporation that has continued to this day.

During the 2007 calendar year, regular meetings continued with BC Hydro, Telus Corporation and the City's Engineering Department. The combined meetings have proved helpful in prioritizing and speeding up the elimination of pole conflicts, and have resulted in a significant number of pole relocations being completed. The list below documents the recently completed pole relocations and remaining locations where pole relocations are outstanding. An estimate of when the relocations will be completed is also included for reference.

Location	Priority for Removal	Projected Completion
Fraser Hwy: 17900 to 18500 Block	N/A	Complete
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24 Avenue: 157 Street to 16200 Block	N/A	Complete
160 Street: 2200 Block to 26 Avenue	N/A	Complete
88 Avenue: 132 Street to King George Hwy	N/A	Complete
24 Avenue: 152 Street to 157 Street	1	Feb-08
168 Street: 60 Avenue to 64 Avenue	2	Mar-08
128 Street: Highway 10 to 64 Avenue	3	Jul-08

Additionally, the section of Fraser Highway, from 148 to 151 Streets, is currently under construction and the poles will be relocated in accordance with the new relocation protocol.

DISCUSSION

Staff continues to meet regularly with the utility companies to minimize the amount of delay experienced in the relocation of utility poles. It is expected that the remaining backlog of pole relocations will be completed by this summer.

Staff will continue to explore means to "speed up" the process of handling the relocation of utility poles on City road allowances, with the goal of ensuring that the utility relocations are completed in a timely and seamless manner as future construction projects come on stream.

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