



DIGGING IN TO BEST PRACTICES

NOTICE TO USE STANDARD LOCATE PROCESS FOR DESIGNATED BROADBAND PROJECTS

What you need to know

As per a new regulation (O. Reg 376/24) under the *Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012*, effective October 9, 2024, some Designated Broadband Projects will have the option of using either a Dedicated Locator (DL) or the standard locate process to request locates for excavation projects.

Who does this apply to

This regulation allows Designated Broadband Project to determine how to obtain their required locates if their project meets the following criteria:

- The affected Underground Infrastructure Owners (UIO) and the Project Owner (PO) have not agreed on a Dedicated Locator Service Provider (DLSP); and
- All or part of the project takes place in a municipality with a population of less than 100,000; or
- The project takes place in Northern Ontario

Our Recommended Best Practice

Ontario One Call (OOC) must be notified at least 90 days before the project start date regarding how the required locates will be fulfilled (e.g., through a DL or through the standard locate process):

1. The PO must contact OOC's DL Team with this information via email to DL@OntarioOneCall.ca;
2. The DL Team will review the information to confirm that the Designated Broadband Project falls under the parameters set out in O. Reg 376/24
 - If the project falls under the parameters of the regulation, the PO will receive confirmation and can proceed to submit locate requests via the standard process as required.
 - If the project falls outside the parameters of the regulation, the DL Team will communicate the reasons why the projects does not meet the criteria, and the PO will be required use the DL Model.

