

**08015 Sewers Constructed in Tunnels****Index**

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**08015-1     Scope**

The Contractor shall furnish all material, labour, equipment, plant and tools necessary to perform the work required under the Contract. The Contractor shall remove any road surface as stipulated at shaft locations, excavate for shafts and tunnel to the required dimensions, sheet, brace and support the tunnel section during construction, handle all drainage of ground water, provide barricades, guards and warning lights, backfill and consolidate shafts, repair or replace all structures removed or damaged during the course of the fulfilment of the Contract, remove surplus excavated material and cleanup the site of the work.

**08015-2     Drawings**

The drawings and the specifications are intended to supplement each other. The Contractor shall examine both carefully. Any discrepancies shall be brought to the attention of the Engineer as outlined in the General Conditions.

**08015-3     Materials**

The Contractor shall supply all materials required for the fulfilment of the Contract except those specifically listed elsewhere in the specification as being supplied by the Owner. The Contractor is solely responsible for delivery to site from point of origin, handling and safe storage of all materials until such time as they are incorporated in the work and it is accepted by the Engineer. The Contractor is further responsible for any surplus material supplied by the Owner until he has returned such surplus to the Owner's storage yard.

**08015-4     Tunnel Excavation****4.1           General**

The method of tunnelling may vary in accordance with requirements of the particular materials being excavated.

The method of tunnelling shall be subject to prior approval by the Engineer but full responsibility for safety and quality of the work shall be borne by the Contractor. The use of primary tunnel lining will not decrease the specified requirements for tunnel pipe.

#### **4.2 Tunnel Excavation and Material Removal**

Excavation shall mean the removal of all material of whatever kind from the shafts and tunnel for the laying or construction therein of all liner and for the construction of manholes. The tunnel shall be excavated to lines and grades shown on the plans and established by the Engineer. Excavation for the tunnel shall be to the sizes and shapes specified or shown and such as will allow placing of tunnel liner or the full concrete section specified. Excavated material shall be promptly removed from the tunnel and tunnel exit as soon as it is taken out of the heading and disposed of at a site designated by the Engineer. Where the haul to the dump site is greater than 1.6 kilometres from the exit, the Contractor shall be paid for overhaul at the rate set out in the Specific Conditions section. Excavation shall be carried out in accordance with the best rules and methods of tunnel construction with safety to life and property and with a minimum of inconvenience to the public.

#### **4.3 Support of Tunnel**

The right of the Engineer to order sheeting, bracing, underpinning or any other form of brace or support shall not be construed as creating any obligation on his part to issue such orders and his failure to exercise his right, shall not relieve the Contractor from his responsibility for damages to persons, or property arising from or upon the work of construction occasioned by negligence or otherwise growing out of a failure on the part of the Contractor to leave in place in the tunnel sufficient sheeting and bracing to prevent any caving or moving of the ground adjacent to the sides of the tunnel, or for failure to construct and maintain proper support of all kinds whatsoever in the first instance.

#### **4.4 Tunnel Headings**

Tunnel headings shall not be farther than 7.6 metres from the concrete or tunnel liner section except with the written permission of the Engineer. All mining operations shall cease until this provision is fulfilled and the general procedure of the work indicates that this provision will be maintained. Whenever two headings or a heading and a shaft are to meet underground the final 6.0 metres shall be driven without the use of explosives approximately 1.0 metres smaller in diameter except in the case of soft ground or forepoled tunnels so that adjustment to line or grade may be made. The entire cost of enlarging this connecting tunnel to the specified size and dimensions shall be included

in the price bid for that section by the Contractor and no additional payment will be made.

#### **4.5 Rock Excavation**

Excavation in rock shall be carried out in such a way as to not damage structures above or adjacent to the work. Boulders one quarter of a cubic metre or over within the line of the tunnel will be classified as rock.

#### **4.6 Explosives**

The use of explosives shall be permitted only when the Contractor has demonstrated his ability to undertake subsurface blasting with absolutely no damage resulting to structures in the vicinity of the blasts. Only a minimum of nuisance from blasting operations can be tolerated.

The Contractor shall comply with the "Explosives Act" 1927 Revised Statutes of Canada, Chapter 63 and Amendment, and with all regulations made thereafter, plus any local regulations.

#### **4.7 Water Removal**

All water shall be removed by the Contractor from the tunnel by pumping or other means and the tunnel must be kept free from water until the structures to be built therein are completed. No concrete shall be placed in water nor shall water be allowed to rise over, drip on or flow over freshly placed concrete until the concrete or mortar has hardened sufficiently to prevent damage. The disposal of water after removal from the tunnel shall be to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

#### **4.8 Drainage**

Such drains or outlets as are built as part of this Contract may be used for removal of water under conditions approved by the Engineer but such drains or outlets shall be left in a clean and satisfactory condition at the completion of this Contract.

**08015-5      Shafts, Manholes and Alignment Holes****5.1            Shafts**

Construction shafts shall be located to coincide with manholes unless otherwise shown on plans. Additional shafts desired by the Contractor shall be located on streets or easements. Plans of location and proposed type of construction of all shafts shall be submitted by the Contractor for approval of the Engineer before commencement of excavation. Such approval shall not relieve the Contractor from any responsibility or liability under the Contract or from any expenses incurred or delay by reason of encountering any underground objects.

Shafts shall be sized to provide ample space for hoisting operations and for safety ladders, which ladders must be installed in each shaft. Shafts may be of concrete, corrugated steel or timber construction. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to design and construct the shafts to be suitable and safe for the depth and soil conditions.

At all tunnel shafts concrete tunnel liner shall be increased to a minimum thickness of 500mm at the spring lines. That external portion of the concrete shell below and above the spring lines shall be carried vertically downward to the floor of the shaft to form a flat monolithic concrete base. The concrete shall also be carried vertically upward from the spring line to a height which produces a minimum concrete thickness of 500mm at the crown of the sewer. In no case shall the shaft rest on any portion of the sewer pipe.

In the event that steel tunnel liner is being used at a shaft location, such tunnel liner shall be strutted in accordance with the tunnel liner manufacturer's recommendations. The tunnel liner at the shaft locations shall be boxed in with concrete as outlined in the preceding paragraph.

**5.2            Manholes**

Manholes shall be constructed at the points designated on the plans. The manholes will be constructed according to current City of Saskatoon Standard Drawings as posted on the City's Internet web site.

Where manholes are required at shaft locations, the Contractor shall cap the shaft with a 300mm thick reinforced concrete slab containing 19mm diameter reinforcing steel bars at 100mm on center each way. The slab shall be capped at an elevation below the

ground surface as directed by the Engineer. Standard 1050mm diameter manhole pipe shall be constructed from the top of the slab to the surface elevation where the manhole will be equipped with a standard manhole frame and cover. All steps and manhole pipe shall be so arranged so as to allow easy access to the sewer pipe. Only shafts constructed of precast or poured-in-place concrete shall be capped in this manner.

### **5.3 Alignment Holes**

The Contractor shall drill alignment holes where required to ensure proper alignment of the pipe. Alignment holes shall be located within 15.25 metres of each end of each bend with at least one hole in each straight section between bends. The exact location of alignment holes shall be arranged at the time of construction or where required to ensure proper alignment of the pipe. The alignment holes may be used for ventilation purposes and for concreting operations at the option of the Contractor. Alignment holes shall consist of 250mm diameter steel casing driven in a drilled hole over the centre of the tunnel. The casing shall be vertical so a plumb bob will hang free inside it. The top of the hole shall be covered with a substantial steel plate securely fastened but removable. The lower end of the casing shall pass through the tunnel wall and shall be watertight. After the tunnel section is completed, the casing shall be removed, the opening in the tunnel wall filled with concrete and the hole filled with sand.

### **5.4 Backfilling Shafts and Around Manholes**

When the project is completed, the Contractor shall backfill the construction shafts and around manholes. The top of the shaft shall be removed to a point not less than 1.5 metres below finished grade. Backfill shall be imported granular material where the structure is located on a travelled roadway or surplus excavated material if not located on a travelled roadway. Where surplus excavated material is to be used, the Contractor shall first place imported granular material to a point at least 300mm above the top of the sewer.

Every attempt shall be made to consolidate the shaft backfilling to the end that no more than 150mm of settlement shall take place in one year.

The ground surface shall be evenly and smoothly graded to its original condition. The heaping of earth over the shaft excavation will not be permitted. A minimum of 300mm of gravel shall be placed over all shaft excavations located on any City roadways.

**08015-6     Tunnel Lining****6.1           General**

The tunnel lining shall completely fill the bore of the tunnel. Where overbreak has occurred, the void shall be completely filled with concrete or with sand-cement grout as determined by the Engineer, and the expense shall be completely borne by the Contractor. The tunnel lining shall be monolithic concrete unless otherwise specified.

**6.2           Alignment and Grade**

Survey line and grade control markers will be provided by the Engineer in a manner consistent with accepted practices. The Contractor shall establish his own reference and control from this information using a laser beam system or other system approved by the Engineer. The Contractor shall constantly check line and grade and in the event that they do not meet that specified, the work shall be immediately stopped, the Engineer notified, and the cause remedied before proceeding with the work.

The completed sewer shall conform to the prescribed line and grade.

Variance from grade shall not exceed the larger of 12.7mm or 0.03mm per millimetre of pipe diameter. Provided in all cases that such variation does not result in a reverse sloping of invert.

Variance from alignment shall not exceed two (2) times the variance allowed for grade.

**6.3           Monolithic Concrete Sewer**

Diameter, wall thickness, type and strength shall be as stated on drawings or elsewhere in the specifications. All concrete work shall conform to City of Saskatoon specification 06020 entitled "Plain and Reinforced Concrete".

The lower third of the sewer circumference shall be formed using rolled steel forms. Each form shall be accurately manufactured to fit the specified radius and shall be continuous throughout the length to be poured. The balance of the forms may be of wood or steel provided they are adequate for strength and quality of finish.



When the forms are removed, all protrusions shall be chipped from the walls of the tunnel and any rough sections shall be mortared. The completed tunnel shall have smooth walls which accurately match the specified radius.

At construction shaft locations, bends and manhole locations, the Contractor shall construct the special sections of tunnel as shown on the plans. The Contractor shall include all the extra cost for additional excavation, labour, concrete and reinforcing steel in his unit price for the standard tunnel construction. No additional payment will be made for these special sections.

#### **6.4            Galvanized Steel Tunnel Liner**

Galvanized steel tunnel liner shall be stated on drawings or elsewhere in the specifications. Installation shall be in strict accordance with manufacturers' recommendations and instructions of the Engineer. The Contractor shall cut and reweld tunnel liner as required to make specified bends and deflections. All such reworked metal shall be given two (2) coats of an approved asphalt prior to installation. The Contractor shall include all cost for such special work in his unit price for standard tunnel construction. No additional payment will be made for these special sections.

Where monolithic concrete has been specified but adverse soil conditions make it impossible to construct same, steel tunnel liner may be substituted upon written permission of the Engineer. The steel tunnel liner shall be not less than one standard size or 150mm diameter, whichever is greater, larger than the specified inside diameter for monolithic concrete liner. The steel liner shall be hot dip bituminous coated prior to installation.

The Contractor will be paid for supplying and installing the steel liner at the same unit price as was tendered for installing monolithic concrete liner.

### **08015-7        Tunnel Safety and Accessories**

#### **7.1            General**

The Contractor shall comply with all regulations of the Saskatchewan Workmen's Compensation Board and the Saskatchewan Department of Labour respecting the protection of persons working in tunnels and/or in compressed air.

All power machinery and tools within the tunnel heading and shaft shall be operated by electricity, compressed air or other approved power. The use of internal combustion engines in the tunnel or shafts is forbidden.

The Contractor shall keep adequate first aid kits at the site of the works at all times.

All reasonable precaution against fire shall be taken and adequate fire protection shall be provided in such a manner as may be approved by the Engineer. Head frames built of combustible material shall be open framework. Waste material and rubbish of any kind shall not be allowed to accumulate underground. Only material which may be used within the next 24 hour period may be stored in the tunnel at any time and the tunnel shall be kept free and clear of all material not actually in use. Smoking or the use of unprotected lights shall be prohibited in the head houses, shafts and tunnel and notice shall be posted to this effect. Adequate approved fire extinguishers full and ready for use shall be provided in all surface buildings, head frames and underground workings or where danger of fire seems likely to exist.

## **7.2            Ventilation**

A supply of fresh air to the working chambers shall be sufficient at all times to permit work to be done without damage or discomfort.

Suitable provision shall be made by the best available means to keep the temperature in the working chamber at comfortable levels.

A ventilating plant with a capacity of at least 2.83 cubic metres of air per man per minute shall be installed and used while work is going on, and so much of the other time as is required to produce the conditions herein before specified.

Ventilating pipes shall be of approved size, well supported, strong enough to resist collapse and maintained airtight. Unless otherwise permitted, vent pipes shall be maintained within 45.7 metres of the face of the heading in tunnel. In tunnels 45.7 metres or less in total length, the Contractor may, subject to prior approval of the Engineer, modify this requirement through the assistance of natural ventilation.

**7.3            Electric Wiring and Lighting**

All electrical wiring and facilities shall be in accordance with Provincial regulations and shall be maintained in first class conditions. All wiring and conduits in shafts and the tunnel shall be removed on or before completion of the Contract.

The shafts and tunnel shall be lighted with electric lights in sufficient number to insure proper work and inspection. At headings and at places where pipe lining or concrete is being placed or grouting done, and at other points where work is going on or inspection is being made, adequate special illumination shall be provided.

**7.4            Hoisting**

Bucket cables shall be equipped with an approved safety hook attached directly to the cable and all buckets shall be equipped with approved safety dogs on the bail. No men shall be allowed to ride on loaded buckets and all men shall be required to ride in the bucket and not on the rim or bail. Full safety precautions shall be taken to insure safety of buckets. Cages shall be provided with strong protective roofs.

Safety precautions shall include frequent inspection of hoisting cables, safety catches, hooks and dogs and landing dogs at all landings, and effective devices for the prevention of overwinding shall be provided. All hooks and dogs shall be of the best design. Effective and reliable means shall be provided for indicating at all times to the hoisting engine man, the position of buckets or cages. The efficiency of all safety devices shall be established by satisfactory tests before the hoists are put in service, and at approved intervals thereafter.

In addition to a telephone system, effective and reliable signalling devices shall be maintained at all times to give instant communications from the foot of the shaft and the shaft head to the hoist room.

**08015-8       Tunnelling Under Compression Air**

If the soil is found to be unstable and of such high water content that operations cannot be carried on satisfactorily with tunnel liners, the soil shall be dewatered. The Contractor shall submit for approval to the Engineer, his proposed method of working with compressed air and proposed air pressures prior to starting this working method.

The Contractor shall comply with any orders issued by the Workmen's Compensation Board in this connection.

The Contractor shall supply complete compressing equipment, locks, etc. required to supply and control air pressure as required in the tunnels. The compressors both for high pressure air for mining, etc. and low pressure air for ventilation and water control shall be electrically driven with standby diesel or gas engine driven equipment and operated so as to cause a minimum of inconvenience to adjacent residences. Standby equipment for low pressure air shall be arranged for immediate starting in case of failure of electric power. The compressing machinery shall be installed in a weatherproof structure adjacent to the operating shaft. The building shall be tight all around, including at the ground level, eaves, etc. and shall be insulated against sound transmission. Compressors shall be equipped with silencers and receivers on the intake and exhaust lines and engines shall have super quiet exhaust silencers as required to effectively reduce the noise to prevent annoyance to adjacent owners.

Air shall be admitted to the compressors through the roof by steel or cast iron pipes. Compressors shall not be operated after 10 o'clock at night without permission of the Engineer.

Air for ventilation and water control shall be supplied by compressors separate from compressors supplying high pressure air. Low pressure air compressors shall have ample standby units so one compressor can be out of service without reducing the amount of air supplied. Accurate gauges and controls shall be operated to carefully control the air pressure. A recording gauge shall provide a continuous record of the air pressure in each heading and be mounted outside the air lock. Gauges shall be enclosed in locked waterproof cases and shall be kept in continuous operation.

A lock attendant shall be on duty and shall control operation of the air lock and locking out time, whenever air pressure in the tunnel exceeds 103.4 kPa and shall keep a complete record of personnel entering and leaving the tunnel with time of entry and leaving and rate of decompression. Decompression time for all personnel passing through the lock shall be strictly controlled according to the Department of Labour regulations.

The Contractor shall advise all employees working under compressed air or in other hazardous conditions, of the dangers which might be encountered and of precautions to be taken to assure their safety in cases of emergency.

The Contractor shall provide competent medical attendance and such other medical facilities as may be required by current regulations of the Department of Labour.

The Contractor shall keep complete full records of medical examinations of his personnel working under compressed air and such records shall be available to the Engineer. Any cases of compressed air sickness shall be reported and treated at once. Records of such cases shall be kept on the job and shall be readily accessible. All persons working in compressed air shall undergo regular physical examinations.

**08015-9      Clean-up**

The tunnel shall be cleaned of construction material, waste and debris as each section is completed. Surface work site areas including shaft and alignment hole locations shall be cleaned up and restored to original condition except where otherwise permitted in writing by the Engineer. Excavated material hauled to dumping sites shall be trimmed and levelled thereon.

**End of Specification 08015**