

Canadian Association of Pipeline and Utility Locating Contractors (CAPULC) – June 2023 Update

Underground Facility Locating and Marking Standard (Version 1.0)

On February 8, 2023, the Canadian Association of Pipeline and Utility Locating Contractors (CAPULC) announced the successful completion and launch of Version 1.0 of the Underground Facility Locating and Marking Standard. This significant achievement marked a major milestone in the industry, as it established the first-ever comprehensive framework for locating and marking underground infrastructure. The implementation of this Standard is crucial not only for protecting buried facilities from accidental damage but also for promoting operational efficiency and addressing the shortage of skilled workers. By providing a consistent framework, it enables standardization and paves the way for improved efficiencies in the industry.

The development of the Underground Facility Locating and Marking Standard was overseen by the CAPULC Board of Directors, with invaluable assistance from Jiva Consulting. This accomplishment is the result of an intensive year-long process, involving thorough research and rigorous peer review, before receiving acceptance by the Board and being published as Version 1.0. The document offers comprehensive guidance on locating all types of buried infrastructure across the country. This achievement represents years of dedicated effort by CAPULC members and stands as Canada's pioneering document in this field. According to Jamie Andersen, the President of the CAPULC Board, the absence of a standardized document has posed increasing challenges in establishing consistency and fostering expertise, considering the growing demand for this critical service. "We are delighted to unveil this document," expressed Ms. Andersen. "With the invaluable support of Jiva, we have succeeded in distilling a complex process into clear guidance for individuals involved in locating underground facilities. The instructions provided in this document will enhance the safety and effectiveness of industry professionals nationwide. Moreover, it establishes a solid foundation to attract, retain, and develop talent, thereby ensuring the continuity of line locating as a vital aspect of infrastructure maintenance and a promising career pathway."

To download a copy of the Underground Facility Locating and Marking Standard (Version 1.0) follow the QR Code below or email admin@capulc.ca and request your copy!

<https://capulc.ca/UNDERGROUND-FACILITY-LOCATING-AND-MARKING-STANDARD>



**Underground Facility Locating and
Marking Standard (Version 1.0)**

Is your business an industry leader?

Receive the recognition your company deserves by signing to a CAPULC Sponsor Opportunity that's right for you!

CAPULC Annual Sponsor opportunities are available in amounts between \$500 to \$5,000 so there are sponsor levels for companies of all sizes. All CAPULC Annual Sponsors receive recognition on CAPULC social media pages, through email blasts, at CAPULC general meetings, as well as on the Sponsor Appreciation page in CAPULC's annual publication The Locator. If you are interested in receiving industry wide recognition by becoming a CAPULC sponsor, please complete the short application by clicking <https://forms.office.com/r/JkxreJHbm9>, or by emailing admin@capulc.ca.

The Locator 2024!

To submit an article, or to submit a locating experience you've had that you would like to share in the ever-popular Stories From the Field, please email Tracey at admin@capulc.ca. If you have questions or have ideas that you would like to see in this year's edition of The Locator, email admin@capulc.ca.

Watch for the 2024 edition of The Locator coming this October!

