CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION FOR PIPE CULVERT INSTALLATION IN OPEN CUT

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421.01 SCOPE

This specification covers the requirements for the installation of pipe culverts, pipe culvert end sections, and concrete appurtenances in open cut.

421.01.01 Specification Significance and Use

This specification is written as a municipal-oriented specification. Municipal-oriented specifications are developed to reflect the administration, testing, and payment policies, procedures, and practices of many municipalities in Ontario.

Use of this specification or any other specification shall be according to the Contract Documents.

421.01.02 Appendices Significance and Use

Appendices are not for use in provincial contracts as they are developed for municipal use, and then, only when invoked by the Owner.

Appendices are developed for the Owner's use only.

Inclusion of an appendix as part of the Contract Documents is solely at the discretion of the Owner. Appendices are not a mandatory part of this specification and only become part of the Contract Documents as the Owner invokes them.

Invoking a particular appendix does not obligate an Owner to use all available appendices. Only invoked appendices form part of the Contract Documents.

The decision to use any appendix is determined by an Owner after considering their contract requirements and their administrative, payment, and testing procedures, policies, and practices. Depending on these considerations, an Owner may not wish to invoke some or any of the available appendices.

421.02 REFERENCES

When the Contract Documents indicate that municipal-oriented specifications are to be used and there is a municipal-oriented specification of the same number as those listed below, references within this specification to an OPSS shall be deemed to mean OPSS.MUNI, unless use of a provincial-oriented specification is specified in the Contract Documents. When there is not a corresponding municipal-oriented specification, the references below shall be considered to be the OPSS listed, unless use of a provincial-oriented specification is specified in the Contract Documents.

This specification refers to the following standards, specifications, or publications:

Ontario Provincial Standards Specifications, Construction

OPSS 206	Grading
OPSS 401	Trenching, Backfilling, and Compacting
OPSS 404	Support Systems
OPSS 409	Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Inspection of Pipelines
OPSS 490	Site Preparation for Pipelines, Utilities, and Associated Structures
OPSS 491	Preservation, Protection, and Reconstruction of Existing Facilities
OPSS 492	Site Restoration Following Installation of Pipelines, Utilities, and Associated Structures
OPSS 510	Removal
OPSS 517	Dewatering of Pipeline, Utility, and Associated Structure Excavation
OPSS 539	Temporary Protection Systems
OPSS 904	Concrete Structures
OPSS 905	Steel Reinforcement for Concrete

Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications, Material

OPSS 1004	Aggregates - Miscellaneous
OPSS 1205	Clay Seal
OPSS 1301	Cementing Materials
OPSS 1302	Water
OPSS 1350	Concrete - Materials and Production
OPSS 1440	Steel Reinforcement for Concrete
OPSS 1801	Corrugated Steel Pipe Products
OPSS 1820	Circular Concrete Pipe

OPSS 1840 Non-Pressure Polyethylene Plastic Pipe Products
OPSS 1841 Non-Pressure Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pipe Products
OPSS 1843 Non-Pressure Polypropylene (PP) Plastic Pipe Products
OPSS 1860 Geotextiles

ASTM International

C 507-12 Reinforced Concrete Elliptical Culvert, Storm Drain, and Sewer Pipe

421.03 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this specification, the following definitions apply:

Backfilling means the operation of filling the trench with bedding, cover, and backfill material or embedment and backfill material.

Concrete Appurtenances means concrete head walls, cut-off walls, stiffeners, aprons, collars, and any other concrete fixtures associated with the pipe culvert, excluding concrete bedding or concrete structures specified in the Contract Documents.

Culvert End Section means appurtenances attached to the ends of culverts for hydraulic, safety, or slope stability purposes.

Excavation means the excavation classified as earth and rock according to OPSS 206.

Flexible Pipe means pipe that can deflect 2% or more without cracking, such as polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene, or steel pipe.

Pipe Class means a pipe's physical material specification, such as load and pressure ratings, wall thickness, protective coatings, corrugation profiles, ring stiffness constants, and reinforcement.

Pipe Culvert means an installation designed to provide for the conveyance of surface water, pedestrians, or livestock using preformed or precast pipe sections, circular or non-circular in cross-section, laid end to end using suitable joint materials.

Pipe Type means a pipe's inner wall design, which can be smooth or corrugated.

Polypropylene Plastic means a material made with virgin polymers in which propylene is essentially the sole monomer.

421.05 MATERIALS

421.05.01 Pipe Materials

421.05.01.01 General

Pipe culvert size, type, and class shall be as specified in the Contract Documents.

Pipe culvert type shall be consistent throughout the length of the pipe culvert as specified in the Contract Documents.

Fittings shall be suitable for and compatible with the pipe type and class for which they will be used.

421.05.01.02 Concrete Pipe

Circular concrete pipe and joints shall be according to OPSS 1820.

Elliptical concrete pipe and joints shall be according to ASTM C 507.

421.05.01.03 Corrugated Steel Pipe Products

Corrugated steel pipe products shall be according to OPSS 1801.

421.05.01.04 Polyethylene Pipe Products

Polyethylene pipe products shall be according to OPSS 1840.

421.05.01.05 Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe Products

Polyvinyl chloride pipe products shall be according to OPSS 1841.

421.05.01.06 Polypropylene Plastic Pipe Products

Polypropylene plastic pipe products shall be according to OPSS 1843.

421.05.02 Mortar

Mortar for joints shall consist of one part Portland cement and two parts mortar sand, wetted with sufficient water to only make the mixture plastic. The mortar sand shall be according to OPSS 1004, the normal Portland cement shall be according to OPSS 1301, and the water shall be according to OPSS 1302.

421.05.03 Clay Seal

Clay seal material shall be according to OPSS 1205.

421.05.04 Concrete

Concrete for concrete appurtenances shall be according to OPSS 1350 with a nominal minimum 28-Day compressive strength of 30 MPa.

421.05.05 Steel Reinforcement

Steel reinforcement shall be of the size and grade specified in the Contract Documents and shall be according to OPSS 1440.

421.05.06 Geotextile

Geotextile shall be according to OPSS 1860.

421.07 CONSTRUCTION

421.07.01 Site Preparation

Site preparation shall be according to OPSS 490.

421.07.02 Removals

Removals shall be according to OPSS 510.

421.07.03 Preservation and Protection of Existing Facilities

Preservation and protection of existing facilities shall be according to OPSS 491.

421.07.04 Protection Against Floatation

Damage to the pipeline due to floatation shall be prevented during construction and until completion of the work.

421.07.05 Cold Weather Work

All work shall be protected from freezing. Pipes and bedding material shall not be placed on frozen ground.

421.07.06 Transporting, Unloading, Storing, and Handling Pipe

Manufacturer's recommendations for transporting, unloading, storing, and handling of pipe, shall be followed.

All pipes, fittings, and gaskets that are unsound or damaged shall be rejected.

421.07.07 Excavation

Excavation for the placement of pipe culverts shall be according to OPSS 401.

421.07.08 Support Systems

Support systems shall be according to OPSS 404.

421.07.09 Dewatering

Dewatering shall be according to OPSS 517.

421.07.10 Protection Systems

The construction of all protection systems shall be according to OPSS 539. When the stability, safety or function of an existing roadway, railway, other works, or proposed works may be impaired due to the method of operation, such protection as may be required shall be provided. Protection may include sheathing, shoring and driving piles, when necessary, to prevent damage to such works or proposed works.

421.07.11 Backfilling and Compacting

Backfilling and compacting shall be according to OPSS 401.

421.07.12 Pipe Installation

421.07.12.01 General

If a universal dimple coupler or any other coupler does not follow the contour of the flexible pipe sections to be joined, polyethylene gaskets shall then be installed at all joints when such couplers are used. Polyethylene gaskets shall be installed symmetrically about the pipe joint, between the coupler and the pipe, and shall be of sufficient length to equal the circumference of the pipe plus a minimum overlap of 300 mm.

Pipe shall be laid within the alignment and grade tolerances specified in the Contract Documents. When bell and spigot pipe is laid, the bell end of the pipe shall be laid upgrade.

Pipe shall be kept clean and dry as work progresses. The trench shall be kept dry. A removable watertight bulkhead shall be installed at the open end of the last pipe laid whenever work is suspended.

Pipe shall not be laid until the preceding pipe joint has been completed and the pipe is carefully embedded and secured in place.

When the Owner raises or lowers the invert of a pipe culvert by up to 150 mm, it shall not constitute a Change in the Work and no adjustment shall be made to the payment. When the invert of a pipe culvert is raised or lowered by more than 150 mm, then this shall constitute a Change in the Work for the full extent of the change from the original grade.

The pipe culvert cut-end finish, end sections, and safety slope end treatments shall be as specified in the Contract Documents.

When installing gaskets, all pipe ends shall be thoroughly cleaned. For gaskets requiring field lubrication, a lubricant recommended by the pipe manufacturer shall be used.

When gaskets have been affixed, the pipe shall be handled in a way so that the gasket is not damaged, displaced, or contaminated with foreign matter. Any gasket displaced or contaminated shall be removed, cleaned, and lubricated, if required, and reinstalled before closure of the joint is attempted. When specified in the Contract Documents, nitrile gaskets shall be used.

The pipe shall be properly positioned by means of an appropriate mechanism. Sufficient pressure shall be applied in making the joint to ensure that the joint is in position. Sufficient restraint shall be applied to the line to ensure that joints are held in this position.

Once the pipe has been jointed, a test shall be made with a feeler gauge at intervals around the joint to ensure that the gasket has not been displaced from the spigot groove. If the gasket is found out of position, the joint shall be opened and the gasket placed in its proper position. If necessary, a new gasket shall be installed.

421.07.12.02 Circular Concrete Pipe

All circular concrete pipe joints shall have elastomeric gaskets.

421.07.12.03 Non-Circular Concrete Pipe

All non-circular concrete pipe joints shall be according to the procedures recommended by the manufacturer.

421.07.12.04 Corrugated Steel Pipe Products

Helical corrugated steel pipe without rerolled ends shall be installed so that the helix angle is constant for the total length of the installation. Each pipe section shall be installed next to the previous section so that the lockseam forms a continuous helix. For rerolled ends, the correct fit of the coupling system does not depend on the location of the helical lockseam and corrugation.

Corrugated steel pipe sections shall be joined by means of steel couplers. The couplers shall be installed to lap approximately equal portions of the pipe being connected so that the corrugations or projections of the coupler properly engage the pipe corrugations. As the coupler is being tightened, it shall be tapped with a mallet to take up the slack.

When joint seals are specified in the Contract Documents, they shall be installed immediately prior to the installation of steel couplers.

Structural plate pipe culverts may be assembled in the trench or beside the excavation. If the assembled structure has to be moved to its final position, it shall be moved so that no damage or distortion is caused to the structure.

When the structural plate pipe culvert has been placed to the alignment and grade as specified in the Contract Documents, all assembly bolts shall be retightened with a torque wrench to a minimum of:

a) 200 N·m for 3.5 and 3.0 mm gauge of pipe.

b) 340 N·m for heavier than 3.5 mm gauge of pipe.

421.07.12.05 Polyethylene Pipe

Polyethylene pipe shall be jointed by one of the following methods, as recommended by the pipe manufacturer:

a) Bell and Spigot

b) Welded Joint

c) Thermal Fusion Joint

d) Screw-on Coupler

e) Split Coupler

f) Threaded Joint

421.07.12.06 Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe

Polyvinyl chloride pipe shall be jointed, as recommended by the manufacturer, using a bell and spigot joint with an elastomeric gasket.

At the end of a day's work, the last pipe shall be blocked as may be required to prevent movement.

421.07.12.07 Polypropylene Pipe

Polypropylene pipe shall be jointed by means of a bell and spigot joint with elastomeric gasket or a coupler joint as recommended by the manufacturer to satisfy the pipe joint specification.

421.07.13 Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Inspection

When specified in the Contract Documents, pipe culverts shall be inspected using CCTV equipment. CCTV inspection of pipe culverts shall be according to OPSS 409.

421.07.14 Cleaning and Flushing of Pipe Culverts

When specified in the Contract Documents, pipe culverts shall be cleaned and flushed just prior to inspection and acceptance.

421.07.15 Clay seal

Clay seal shall be placed as specified in the Contract Documents and compacted to 95% of the Proctor maximum dry density.

421.07.16 Concrete Appurtenances

Concrete appurtenances shall be constructed as specified in the Contract Documents. Concrete in concrete appurtenances shall be placed according to OPSS 904. Steel reinforcement shall be placed according to OPSS 905. Steel grating shall be installed when specified in the Contract Documents.

421.07.17 Site Restoration

Site restoration shall be according to OPSS 492.

421.07.18 Management of Excess Material

Management of excess material shall be as specified in the Contract Documents.

421.09 MEASUREMENT FOR PAYMENT

421.09.01 Actual Measurement

421.09.01.01 Pipe Culverts
Non-Circular Pipe Culverts
Pipe Culvert Extensions
Non-Circular Pipe Culvert Extensions

Measurement of pipe culverts, non-circular pipe culverts, pipe culvert extensions, and non-circular pipe culvert extensions shall be along the horizontal length of the pipe in metres, from one end of the pipe to the other end of the pipe. When the grade of the pipe culvert is 10% or greater, the above measurement shall then be of the slope length.

421.09.01.02 Concrete Appurtenances

Measurement for concrete appurtenances shall be by volume in cubic metres for the volume of concrete placed. Alternatively, concrete appurtenances may be a lump sum item.

421.09.01.03 Clay Seal

Measurement for clay seal shall be by volume in cubic metres for the volume of clay placed. Alternatively, clay seal may be a lump sum item.

421.09.02 Plan Quantity Measurement

When measurement is by Plan Quantity, such measurement shall be based on the units shown in the clauses under Actual Measurement.

421.10 BASIS OF PAYMENT

421.10.01 ***"size, type, class"*** **Pipe Culverts - Item**
"size, type, class" **Non-Circular Pipe Culverts - Item**
"size, type, class" **Pipe Culvert Extensions - Item**
"size, type, class" **Non-Circular Pipe Culvert Extensions - Item**
Clay Seal - Item
Concrete Appurtenances – Item
Culvert End Section – Item

Payment at the Contract price for the above tender items shall be full compensation for all labour, Equipment, and Material to do the work.

421.10.02 Swamp Excavation

When the Contract requires swamp excavation to place a pipe culvert, payment for the swamp excavation shall be under the tender item covering the swamp excavation for earth embankment construction. No alterations shall be made to the tender item for the pipe culvert so affected.

421.10.03 Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Inspection

When a CCTV inspection of pipe culverts is specified in the Contract Documents, payment for the CCTV inspection shall be according to OPSS 409.

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FOR USE WHILE DESIGNING MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS

Note: This is a non-mandatory Commentary Appendix intended to provide information to a designer, during the design stage of a contract, on the use of the OPS specification in a municipal contract. This appendix does not form part of the standard specification. Actions and considerations discussed in this appendix are for information purposes only and do not supersede an Owner's design decisions and methodology.

Designer Action/Considerations

The designer should specify the following in the Contract Documents:

- Pipe culvert size, type, and class. (421.05.01.01)

- Size and grade of steel reinforcement. (421.05.05)

- Alignment and grade tolerances, including camber, for the pipe installation. (421.07.12.01)

- Pipe culvert cut-end finish, end sections, and safety slope end treatments. (421.07.12.01)

- Alignment and grade for the placement of structural plate pipe culvert. (421.07.12.04)

- Placement of clay seal at the inlet side of culverts, as required. (421.07.15)

- Requirements to construct concrete appurtenances. (421.07.16)

- Pipe culvert size, type, class, shape, clay seal, concrete appurtenances, and end sections to complete the tender item description. (421.10.01)

The designer should determine if the following are required and, if so, add the requirement in the Contract Documents:

- Use of nitrile gaskets. (421.07.12.01)

- Use of joint seals with corrugated steel pipe products. (421.07.12.04)

- CCTV inspection and any other testing. (421.07.13)

- Cleaning and flushing prior to inspection and acceptance. (421.07.14)

- Use of steel grating. (421.07.16)

- Payment of concrete appurtenances by volume or lump sum. (421.09.01.02)

The designer should ensure that the General Conditions of Contract and the 100 Series General Specifications are included in the Contract Documents.

Related Ontario Provincial Standard Drawings

OPSD 800.010	Concrete Pipe Culvert and Sewer Extensions Using Corrugated Steel Pipe
OPSD 800.011	Concrete Rigid Frame Box and Open Culvert Extensions Using Corrugated Steel Pipe
OPSD 801.010	Cut End Finish, Circular Pipe and Pipe-Arch Corrugated Steel Pipe
OPSD 801.020	End Section Details, Corrugated Steel Pipe
OPSD 801.030	Bevel Details for Structural Plate Pipe and Pipe-Arch - Corrugated Steel Pipe

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OPSD 801.040	Culvert and Sewer Safety Slope End Treatment, Notes and Tables
OPSD 801.041	Culvert and Sewer Safety Slope End Treatment, Assembly Details
OPSD 801.042	Culvert and Sewer Safety Slope End Treatment, Connection Details
OPSD 801.043	Culvert and Sewer Safety Slope End Treatment, Installation Details
OPSD 802.010	Flexible Pipe Embedment and Backfill, Earth Excavation
OPSD 802.013	Flexible Pipe Embedment and Backfill, Rock Excavation
OPSD 802.014	Flexible Pipe Embedment in Embankment, Original Ground: Earth or Rock
OPSD 802.020	Flexible Pipe Arch Embedment and Backfill, Earth Excavation
OPSD 802.023	Flexible Pipe Arch Embedment and Backfill, Rock Excavation
OPSD 802.024	Flexible Pipe Arch Embedment in Embankment, Original Ground: Earth or Rock
OPSD 802.030	Rigid Pipe Bedding, Cover, and Backfill, Type 1 or 2 Soil - Earth Excavation
OPSD 802.031	Rigid Pipe Bedding, Cover, and Backfill, Type 3 Soil - Earth Excavation
OPSD 802.032	Rigid Pipe Bedding, Cover, and Backfill, Type 4 Soil - Earth Excavation
OPSD 802.033	Rigid Pipe Bedding, Cover, and Backfill, Rock Excavation
OPSD 802.034	Rigid Pipe Bedding and Cover in Embankment, Original Ground: Earth or Rock
OPSD 802.050	Horizontal Elliptical Rigid Pipe Bedding, Cover, and Backfill, Type 1 or 2 Soil - Earth Excavation
OPSD 802.051	Horizontal Elliptical Rigid Pipe Bedding, Cover, and Backfill, Type 3 Soil - Earth Excavation
OPSD 802.052	Horizontal Elliptical Rigid Pipe Bedding, Cover, and Backfill, Type 4 Soil - Earth Excavation
OPSD 802.053	Horizontal Elliptical Rigid Pipe Bedding, Cover, and Backfill, Rock Excavation
OPSD 802.054	Horizontal Elliptical Rigid Pipe Bedding and Cover in Embankment, Original Ground: Earth or Rock
OPSD 802.095	Clay Seal for Pipe Trenches
OPSD 804.030	Concrete Headwall, for Pipe Less Than 900 mm Diameter
OPSD 804.040	Concrete Headwall, for Sewer or Culvert Pipe Outlet
OPSD 804.050	Grating, for Concrete Endwall
OPSD 805.010	Height of Fill Table, Round Corrugated Steel Pipe and Structural Plate Corrugated Steel Pipe
OPSD 805.020	Height of Fill Table, Corrugated Steel Pipe Arch and Structural Plate Corrugated Steel Pipe Arch
OPSD 805.030	Height of Fill Table, Spiral Rib Round Pipe
OPSD 805.040	Height of Fill Table, Spiral Rib Pipe Arch
OPSD 806.020	Height of Fill Table, Dual Wall Corrugated Polyethylene Gravity Sewer Pipe, 210 and 320 kPa
OPSD 806.021	Height of Fill Table, Closed Profile Wall Polyethylene Pipe, RSC 160 and 250
OPSD 806.022	Height of Fill Table, Dual Wall Corrugated Polyethylene Gravity Sewer Pipe RSC 100 and RSC 160
OPSD 806.030	Height of Fill Table, Dual and Triple Wall Corrugated Polypropylene Gravity Sewer Pipe, 320 kPa
OPSD 806.040	Height of Fill Table, Polyvinyl Chloride Gravity Sewer Pipe, 210, 320, and 625 kPa
OPSD 806.060	Height of Fill Table, Polyvinyl Chloride Pressure Pipe for Different Dimension Ratios
OPSD 807.010	Height of Fill Table, Reinforced Concrete Pipe - Confined Trench, Class 50-D, 65-D, 100-D, and 140-D
OPSD 807.030	Height of Fill Table, Reinforced Concrete Pipe - Embankment, Class 50-D, 65-D, 100-D, and 140-D
OPSD 807.040	Height of Fill Table, Non-reinforced Concrete Pipe Class 3
OPSD 807.050	Height of Fill Table, Horizontal Elliptical Concrete Pipe, Class HE-A, HE-I, HE-II, HE-III, and HE-IV