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**CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION FOR
CONCRETE FOOTINGS AND MAINTENANCE PLATFORMS
FOR HIGH MAST LIGHTING POLES**

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631.01 SCOPE

This specification covers the requirements for the installation of concrete footings and maintenance platforms for high mast lighting poles.

631.01.01 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.

631.01.02 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.

631.02 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 Standard Specifications, Construction

OPSS 206	Grading
OPSS 501	Compacting
OPSS 603	Installation of Ducts
OPSS 609	Grounding
OPSS 903	Deep Foundations
OPSS 904	Concrete Structures
OPSS 905	Steel Reinforcement for Concrete
OPSS 906	Structural Steel for Bridges

Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications, Material

OPSS 1010	Aggregates - Base, Subbase, Select Subgrade, and Backfill Material
OPSS 1202	Bearings - Elastomeric Plain and Steel Laminated
OPSS 1350	Concrete - Materials and Production
OPSS 1440	Steel Reinforcement for Concrete
OPSS 1801	Corrugated Steel Pipe (CSP) Products
OPSS 2474	Anchorage Assembly - High Mast Lighting Pole

631.03 DEFINITIONS

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

Certificate of Conformance means a document issued by the Quality Verification Engineer confirming that the specified components of the Work are in general conformance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

Earth means as defined in OPSS 206.

Quality Verification Engineer (QVE) means an Engineer retained by the Contractor qualified to provide the services specified in the Contract Documents.

631.05 MATERIALS

631.05.01 Concrete

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

631.05.02 Steel Reinforcement

Steel reinforcement shall be according to OPSS 1440.

631.05.03 Structural Steel

Structural steel shall be according to OPSS 906.

631.05.04 Corrugated Steel Pipe

Corrugated steel pipe shall be according to OPSS 1801 and as specified in the Contract Documents.

631.05.05 Neoprene Pad

Neoprene pad shall be according to the plain bearing requirements specified OPSS 1202.

631.05.06 Granular A

Granular A shall be according to OPSS 1010.

631.05.07 Sleeves and Ducts

Sleeves and ducts shall be according to OPSS 603.

631.05.08 Anchorage Assemblies

Anchorage assemblies shall be according to OPSS 2474.

631.07 CONSTRUCTION

631.07.01 General

General requirements for electrical work shall be as specified in the Contract Documents.

Concrete footings and maintenance platforms for high mast lighting poles shall be as specified in the Contract Documents.

631.07.02 Concrete Footings for High Mast Lighting Poles

631.07.02.01 Earth Excavation

Excavation of the pole base shall be to the neat lines and grades specified in the Contract Documents. When additional excavation beyond the neat limits is required, such excavation shall be a minimum of 300 mm beyond the neat dimensions of the footing to accommodate backfill.

The Contractor is responsible for constructing excavations without disturbing the sides or bases of the excavation.

When rock is encountered, the earth excavation shall be widened to the dimensions suitable for rock excavation or rock drilling operations. Rock excavation shall be according to OPSS 603.

631.07.02.02 Caisson Pile

Caisson piles shall be as specified in the Contract Documents and placed according to OPSS 903.

The base of the caisson or shallow foundation shall be cleaned of loosened or softened materials or both and inspected prior to pouring concrete. Complete documentation of the inspection and installation of each caisson shall be maintained and submitted to the Contract Administrator.

631.07.02.03 Steel Reinforcement

Steel reinforcement shall be placed according to OPSS 905.

631.07.02.04 Anchorage Assemblies

Anchorage assemblies of the size, diameter, length, and type specified in the Contract Documents shall be positioned in footings to obtain the proper position and handhole orientation.

Anchorage assemblies shall be securely tied to the steel reinforcement and provided with supports to maintain the position of the anchorage assembly during the placing of concrete. The anchorage assembly shall not be welded to the steel reinforcement.

The anchorage setting templates shall remain in place until immediately prior to the installation of the poles.

631.07.02.05 Sleeves and Ducts

Sleeves and ducts for footings shall be located to suit incoming duct or cable systems and shall be securely tied to the steel reinforcement and supported prior to the placing of concrete.

The number of sleeves shall be as specified in the Contract Documents.

Sleeves shall be cut off cleanly above the footing to a minimum of 150 mm above the pole base plate.

Sleeves shall be temporarily plugged or sealed until wiring is installed.

631.07.02.06 Concrete

Concrete shall be placed according to OPSS 904, except as noted herein.

In earth, concrete may be placed directly against the undisturbed earth or may be formed in place such that a minimum of 300 mm all around the footing is available for the placing of granular backfill. The upper portion of the footing shall be formed to a minimum of 150 mm below grade level. Formwork shall be removed to a minimum depth of 150 mm below finished grade prior to placing granular backfill.

In rock, concrete shall be placed directly against the excavated rock surfaces. Portions of footings in earth above the top of the rock surface shall be formed as noted in the previous paragraph.

Prior to the installation of the pole, the concrete shall have reached the minimum strength specified in the Contract Documents.

Concrete for the high mast lighting pole footings shall be cured according to OPSS 904, except as noted herein.

- a) Wet burlap shall be applied to the top surface of the footing immediately after completion of the finishing operation without damaging or marring the surface of the concrete and shall be kept wet during the curing period.
- b) When white pigmented membrane is used as a curing compound on adjacent concrete barrier wall, a minimum of one coat of the curing compound shall be applied to the concrete footing immediately after completion of the curing cycle for the footing. Additional curing compound shall be applied as necessary to ensure colour uniformity with the adjacent concrete barrier wall.
- c) The curing compound shall only be used on the exposed final surfaces of the footing. Curing compound shall not be applied to construction joints.

631.07.02.07 Granular Backfill

Granular A backfill shall be placed around footings in earth and compacted according to OPSS 501.

631.07.02.08 Granular Apron

A granular apron consisting of Granular A shall be placed around each high mast lighting pole footing as specified in the Contract Documents.

631.07.02.09 Grading

Earth grading around the high mast lighting pole footings shall be as specified in the Contract Documents and OPSS 206.

631.07.03 Maintenance Platforms for High Mast Lighting Poles

631.07.03.01 Neoprene Pad

The size of the neoprene pad shall be as specified in the Contract Documents.

631.07.03.02 Fabrication, Delivery, and Installation

Fabrication, delivery, and installation of the platform and railing shall be according to OPSS 906 and the Contract Documents.

631.07.03.03 Grounding

Grounding shall be according to OPSS 609.

631.07.03.04 Mechanical Concrete Anchors

Mechanical concrete anchors shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

631.07.04 Quality Control

631.07.04.01 Submission of Certificate of Conformance

A Certificate of Conformance shall be submitted to the Contract Administrator upon completion of the work. The Quality Verification Engineer shall affix his or her seal and signature to the completed Certificate of Conformance confirming that the following are in general conformance with the requirements of the Contract Documents:

- a) Work
- b) Material and installations
- c) Inspection, testing, and test results

The Certificate of Conformance shall include that:

- a) The excavation was carried out without causing instability to the base and walls of the excavation.
- b) The base of the caisson or shallow concrete foundation was cleaned of loosened or softened material or both prior to placing concrete.
- c) The anchorage assemblies, sleeves, and ducts were properly placed in the centre of the concrete footings within a 15 mm tolerance.
- d) The placement of concrete was completed according to OPSS 904.

631.07.05 Management of Excess Material

Management of excess material shall be according to the Contract Documents.

631.09 MEASUREMENT FOR PAYMENT

631.09.01 Actual Measurement

631.09.01.01 Concrete Footings for High Mast Lighting Poles

For payment purposes, a count shall be made of the number of concrete footings for high mast lighting poles installed.

631.09.01.02 Maintenance Platform for High Mast Lighting Poles

For payment purposes, a count shall be made of the number of maintenance platforms for high mast lighting poles installed.

631.09.02 Plan Quantity Measurement

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

631.10 BASIS OF PAYMENT

**631.10.01 Concrete Footings for High Mast Lighting Poles - Item
Maintenance Platform for High Mast Lighting Poles - 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.

631.10.02 Rock Excavation for Electrical Installation

Payment for rock excavation for electrical installation shall be according to OPSS 603.

**Appendix 631-A, November 2019
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:

- Pole base excavation lines and grades. (631.07.02.01)
- Caisson pile requirements. (631.07.02.02)
- Anchorage assembly size, diameter, length, and type. (631.07.02.04)
- Number of sleeves into the pole bases. (631.07.02.05)
- Minimum concrete strength for pole installation. (631.07.02.06)
- Grading around pole footing requirements. (631.07.02.09)
- Maintenance platform requirements. (631.07.03)

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 2210.030	High Mast Lighting Pole, Apron
OPSD 2218.010	High Mast Lighting Pole Anchorage Assembly Placement
OPSD 2456.010	High Mast Lighting Pole Anchorage Assembly Details for Double Base Plate
OPSD 2456.011	High Mast Lighting Pole Anchorage Assembly Details