



# The Underground

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2008

## INDUSTRY EVENTS

**BC Common Ground Alliance  
Stakeholder/Board Meeting**  
October 23, 2008  
Vancouver, BC  
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## ACCIDENT FILES

September 13/08 - No one was injured after City of Regina workers ruptured a natural gas line in the central part of the city. Regina firefighters and the police were called to the incident shortly before 10:30 a.m. A technician was quickly on the scene to shut off the gas, which was venting from a large hole made in the line. The City of Regina crew was performing maintenance in a back lane when they hit the smaller gas line heading to a home. Service was disrupted to one residence only. A construction crew replaced and upgraded the line.

September 11/08 - A major water main break cause officials to close a road in the Wonderland Road area. A private contractor accidentally punctured the 12-inch water main while installing a utility service. The contractor was operating a directional drill unit at the time when the mishap occurred.

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## IN THE NEWS...

Victoria Times Colonist, July 7, 2008

The elderly man who tried to bury his recently deceased family cat in the backyard last summer probably expected a private sendoff for his beloved pet - until he hit the gas line.

The first unexpected guests who arrived shortly after he dialed 9-1-1 were eight firefighters in two fire trucks.

They ordered his none-too-happy neighbours from their homes until the final attendees, a two-man repair crew from Terasen Gas, arrived within 20 minutes to repair the ruptured yellow, three-quarter-inch polyethylene pipe.

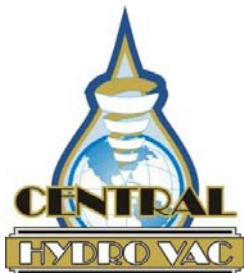
"We usually advise the public to call before they dig, but, in this instance, perhaps 'call before you bury' may have been more appropriate," said Gary Tremblay, executive director of B.C. One Call, a member-funded organization that promotes safe digging practices in British Columbia. Members include major utilities such as B.C. Hydro and Terasen Gas.

The grave-digging pet owner was perhaps the most memorable of the 1,700 incidents that Terasen Gas responded to in 2007. Most of the time homeowners strike gas and utility lines when they dig to set fence posts or plant trees.

## DIG THIS...

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