

## PLANNING THE BISON PIPELINE

This landowner fact sheet describes what to expect if a proposed pipeline route crosses your property. It describes the major tasks involved with:

- Developing agreements with landowners
- Finalizing the route and project plans

A separate fact sheet discusses the basic steps in pipeline construction.

### ***LANDOWNER DISCUSSIONS***

Over the next few months, Bison Pipeline Ltd. (Bison) land agents from Progress Land Services will be contacting landowners to discuss the proposed pipeline. If the proposed route crosses your property the land agents will talk to you about:

- The location of the pipeline right-of-way
- Compensation for the right-of-way and the effects of construction
- Impacts of pipeline construction, operation and reclamation

Bison is committed to developing and maintaining good communication with landowners. Our representatives will explain the project timeline and help you know what to expect prior to, during and after construction. We will discuss ways of addressing disturbances to your land or farming operations.

### ***COMPENSATION***

Bison will ask the landowner for the right to build, operate and maintain a pipeline facility on his or her land. The company purchases the right-of-way across the land for an indefinite period of time. Landowners are paid a lump sum, based on the value of the land. The amount paid is determined by the value of the land itself, with reference to the surrounding uses.

The land agents will meet with you to discuss compensation for the right-of-way and any special considerations during construction such as crop loss, fencing or weed control.

### ***THE EASEMENT AGREEMENT***

Once you and the land agent agree, the details are recorded in a pipeline right-of-way (or easement) agreement. This legal document states the rights and obligations of both the company and the landowner with respect to the pipeline.

Bison is committed to working with you to identify and address any impacts from this project. Please take the time to meet with a company representative so that we can come to a successful resolution of any issues.



## Finalizing the Route and Project Plans

An environmental assessment of the pipeline right-of-way will be undertaken to determine the potential impact of the pipeline. This includes a number of environmental studies, some of which may be conducted on your property. Bison representatives will contact you if access to your property is required. Some of the studies include:

### **SOIL SAMPLING AND GEOTECHNICAL EVALUATION**

Soil samples will be collected at locations along the pipeline alignment. This will help identify the appropriate soil handling procedures for both topsoil and trench soil.

### **AQUATIC STUDIES**

Fish population and aquatic habitat will be assessed. This will help select appropriate construction near or across water bodies.

### **WILDLIFE AND VEGETATION SURVEYS**

Wildlife habitat and rare plant surveys may be conducted if there are concerns about special or rare species or habitat in the area.

Once the route is finalized, there will be a *legal survey* to determine the precise boundaries of the right-of-way. Bison representatives will contact you to discuss surveyor access to your land.

### **For Further Information:**

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