
TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Aaron Bourgeois, Director of Operations

DATE: March 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Bylaw Respecting Discharge into Public Sewers D-3

ORIGIN: A complete policy and bylaw review is a one of Council's strategic priorities.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: MGA section 47(1) states; The council shall make decisions in the exercise of its powers and duties by resolution, by policy or by by-law.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council give first reading of the amendments to the Bylaw Respecting Discharge into Public Sewers D-3.

BACKGROUND: This purpose of the wastewater discharge bylaw is to protect the Town's sewer infrastructure, which include the sewer lines, sewage pump-stations and the wastewater treatment plant. Any wastewater discharge in excess of the parameters set forth in the bylaw have the potential to cause damage to sewer infrastructure and create treatment problems.

DISCUSSION: Upon review, staff are recommending the following amendments to the wastewater discharge bylaw:

New Section

2. PURPOSE

- (1) This Bylaw outlines the controls for connections and discharges to public sewer systems. The objectives of the Bylaw are to:
- (a) Protect the sewer collection system from corrosion, damage, and obstruction
 - (b) Protect the wastewater treatment process from upset
 - (c) Protect the public, municipal workers, and property from hazardous conditions
 - (d) Protect the environment

Definition section amended

- (b) "Building Service Connection" means any piping system which conveys sewage or liquid waste from the buildings on any property to a public sewer;

The proposed changes help to provide clarity on the intent and interpretation of the bylaw.





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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no financial implications.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications to amending this bylaw.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: There is no community engagement required at this time. A notice advertising Council's intent to give second reading will appear in a local newspaper.

ALTERNATIVES:

Direct staff to make additional changes to the bylaw.

Do approve the proposed amendments to the bylaw.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bylaw Respecting Discharge into Public Sewers Bylaw D-3.

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Report and Financial approved by:

