

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

BY-LAW 2004-47

A BY-LAW TO REGULATE CONNECTIONS TO THE EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL
WATERWORKS SYSTEM AND TO REGULATE WATER USE

WHEREAS The Public Utilities Act, The Municipal Act and The Ontario Water Resources Act authorize Council to pass by-laws;

- i) to acquire, establish, construct, maintain and operate water works; and
- ii) to regulate the supply, distribution and use of water, including the restricting of certain types of uses in order to preserve adequate supplies for essential purposes such as domestic use and firefighting purposes;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal (the Township) owns, operates and maintains municipal waterworks systems (the system);

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable and expedient to enact this by-law to ensure that there is a continued supply of water to those persons to whom water is supplied from such system;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal hereby ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. CONNECTIONS TO WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

- 1.1 No consumer or person shall connect, cause to be connected, or allow to remain connected, any piping fixture, fitting container or appliance, in a manner which, under any circumstance may allow water, wastewater or any harmful liquid, gas vapors or other substance to enter the system. Buildings which contain potentially high health hazards or where industrial piping systems are often modified or where access by municipal inspectors is limited will require a backflow preventor approved by the Environmental Services Department.
- 1.2 Any connections found by the Township or its agents not complying with section 1 shall be severed by the landlord or owner and the landlord or owner shall notify the Township for inspection within thirty (30) days of receiving notice to sever from the Township, thereafter no reconnection shall be made.
- 1.3 Where an approved auxiliary water supply exists, cross connections may be approved by the Environmental Services Department where it can be proven that adequate backflow protection devices are installed and are maintained to ensure that no flow into the system will occur from the auxiliary water supply. This requirement shall include that handling of process water and water originating from the system which have been or may be subject to deterioration in sanitary quality.
- 1.4 Any person authorized by the Township for the purpose of inspecting for cross connections has access, on obtaining the consent of the occupier, at all reasonable times, and upon reasonable notice given and request made, to all parts of every building or other premises to which any water service pipe is supplied for the purpose of inspecting or repairing, or of altering or disconnecting any water service pipe, wire, rod or cross connection within or without the building.
- 1.5 Where access is not provided, a written notice by the Township will be issued allowing forty-eight hours (48) hours to provide access. If access is not provided within this time frame, the Township may, at its discretion, shut off the supply of water to the premises until such time as the access is provided.

2. WATER USE

- 2.1 No person shall willfully let off or discharge water so that water runs waste or useless out of the system. Continuously discharging water to waste to prevent freezing of a water service or building plumbing is prohibited.
- 2.2 It shall not be lawful to use the supply of water for hydraulic elevators or motors, water driven appliances, whether operated wholly or in part by water, or for air conditioning or heating except where a special agreement has been entered into with the Corporation.
- 2.3 The Township may at anytime, by resolution, restrict the hours when water may be used for, including but not limited to, watering or sprinkling, by hose or pipe connections, lawns, gardens, grass plots, boulevards or grounds of any description, car washing and filling of pools.

3. PENALTIES

- 3.1 Every person who contravenes or causes or permits any contravention of any of the provisions of the By-Law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to payment of a fine not exceeding Five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars for each offense, exclusive of costs.
- 3.2 In addition to the imposing of a fine or other remedy, a court of competent jurisdiction may upon conviction of an offense under this By-law, issue an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the violation by the person convicted.
- 3.3 The Township shall have the right to shut off the water service from the premise of any person guilty of a breach or non-compliance with this by-law or because of waste, breakage or defects in the pipes or fixtures and not to turn on the water until such time as the penalty or fine imposed has been paid and/or until satisfactory evidence is received that the necessary repairs have been made.
4. Any by-law(s) or portions thereof conflicting with this by-law are hereby repealed.
5. This by-law may be referred to as the "Cross connection and Water Use By-law".
6. This By-Law shall come into force and take effect on the day of its passing.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME this 20th day of September, 2004.

READ A THIRD TIME, passed, signed and sealed this 20th day of September, 2004.

MAYOR

CLERK