

BYLAW 06-2021

**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHY FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND
MANAGEMENT OF THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM AND THE
SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.**

The Council of the Village of Beechy enacts as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw the words: Person, Persons, Consumer, Consumers, Customer, Customers, Account Holder, is synonymous, and means the person or persons, organizations, corporations, etc., responsible for the payment of charges for water and sewer services.

Village-means the Village of Beechy, its employee or employee's whose employment requires them to undertake certain works under this bylaw.

2. WATERWORKS SYSTEM

- (1) Every person desiring to have his premises connected to the waterworks system shall apply to the Village for that service. Water shall only be connected when the account holder is onsite and the attached form A has been completed.
- (2) The council may cause to be installed in the premises of every person receiving water service, a meter to be placed upon the service pipe connecting the premises to the Village system.
- (3) No service will be given and any existing service may be discontinued without notice where no meter has been installed.
- (4) Only one (1) meter shall be supplied for each connection to the water system of the Village.
- (5) The Village council or Village employee may enter the premises of any customer at any reasonable time for the purpose of installing, removing or reading meters, examining pipes, and fixtures, repairing same or ascertaining the quantity of water used and the manner of its use.
- (6) No person other than the Village employee or a member of the Fire Department shall open, close or interfere with any hydrant, gate, or valve connected with the waterworks system and no person shall in any way interfere with any curb stop, pipe or other waterworks appliance outside of his premises, nor shall he/she interfere with any meter, whether inside or outside of the premises.
- (10) No person shall turn water on in any premises or open a Village curb stop except Village employee. When water has been turned off for nonpayment of rates or for failure to protect meters or pipes to the satisfaction of the Village council or for any other necessary or proper reason, no person shall turn it on again who is not duly authorized to do so.
- (11) All expenses in connection with laying the service pipe from the street line into any premises shall be borne by the owner of such premises. In the event of a water leak or line damage, the cost of repair is borne by the Village if the water line break occurs from the center of the water valve to the main line and the property owner pays from the center of the valve to the building, the determining factor being turning

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off the valve. The replacement or repair of a curb stop is the responsibility of the Village. If the water quits leaking when the valve is turned off, then it is the property owner's problem.

- (12) Every person interfering with, abusing or obstructing the Village employee in their work, shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to the penalties imposed by the General Penalties Bylaw of the Village of Beechy in addition to having the water shut off.
- (13) For the purpose of making repairs to the mains or of connecting or repairing service pipes or constructing extensions or new work or any other work, the Village shall have the right to shut off the water from any customer without notice and to keep it shut off as long as may be necessary to enable the work to be completed. Whenever feasible, the customer shall be notified in advance.
- (14) The Village or its employees shall not be liable for any damages resulting from the discontinuance of water supply, with or without notice, to any building, boiler or manufactory deriving its supply from the waterworks system.
- (15) The Village shall have the right to limit the amount of water furnished to any customer, upon reasonable notice to the customer of such intended action.
- (16) The Village shall have the right by resolution to discontinue the supply of water for fountains or jets, hose or sprinklers or to limit the hours for using the same. Every person found guilty of an infraction of any restriction imposed by authority of this Section shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding Fifty (\$50.00) dollars.
- (17) Every customer intending to vacate any premises supplied with water from the Waterworks System or who intends to discontinue the use of such water, shall give notice of the same to The Village ^{The customer shall} and shall turn off the water on the inside of the building before leaving. The account holder must be present at the time of water shut off at the curb stop and a form must be signed to discontinue the use of water supplied by the Village (Appendix B). It is the responsibility of the account holder to ensure water has been shut off and is no longer running to the house after the closure of the curb stop. The Village holds no responsibility for damage caused to the building as a result of a future water leak or line break.

3. SEWAGE SYSTEM

- (1) Rental rates or service charges imposed by Water and Sewer Bylaws shall commence at and from the time the sewer outlet is open to receive drainage irrespective as to when plumbing fixtures are installed, provided the premises are occupied.

- (2) All expenses in accordance with new connections including laying the service pipe from the connection to the main sewer line into any premises and shall be borne by the owner of such premises. These expenses include and are not limited to the cost of excavation, labor, materials, as well as repair and maintenance of the damaged street for 1 year following the completion of construction. All road repair and maintenance must meet Village standards with proper fill material and appropriate compaction. All such work shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Village Council and in accordance with their instructions. All installations must be signed off on by a licensed plumber prior to the back fill of the project.
- (3) All expenses in accordance with aged infrastructure/sewer line repairs shall be borne by the landowner from the property line to the connection into the land owner's dwelling. All expenses incurred to repair damaged sewer line infrastructure from the property line to the main sewer line shall be borne by the Village of Beechy. Any landowner that wishes to have a sewer line repaired from the property line to the main sewer line shall apply to the Village of Beechy council for the work to be completed. Application shall be submitted via signed letter with supporting evidence indicating the need for a sewer line repair. The Village of Beechy council reserves the right to approve or deny the application for a sewer line repair.
- (4) The expense of removing of an obstruction or blockage from a sewer service connection from the main line to the building shall be completed by Village staff and invoiced to the account holder. In an event that the Village Staff cannot clear the blockage or are unable to complete the work, the Village will cover half of the cost of a plumber to clear the obstruction up to a maximum expense to the Village of \$250.00.
 - (a) It is the responsibility of the account holder to contact a plumber to complete the work in an event that the Village staff are unavailable. All plumbers shall invoice the home owner for the full amount of the work to clear the obstruction. The homeowner may bring the invoice for clearing a sewer obstruction to the Village office for reimbursement of half the cost up to \$250.00. Any additional work completed other than clearing a sewer blockage will not be cost shared by the Village of Beechy.



4. GENERAL

- (1) The council may from time to time by resolution determine the periods for billing purposes.
- (2) For the purposes of this Bylaw the payment by a customer of any rates or levies charged shall constitute acceptance of a contract for the supply of such services between the Village and such consumer in accordance with this bylaw and subsequent amendments which may be enacted from time to time.
- (3) The Village shall not be liable for sewer backups or any damages resulting from water line breaks.
- (4) This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the 11 day of August, 2021.

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