

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH BRUCE

BY-LAW #2003- 04

BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE SUPPLY AND TO PROHIBIT THE WRONGFUL USE OF WATER

WHEREAS the Public Utilities Act, R. S. O., 1990, Chapter P.52, Sections 12 and 13, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws for regulating the supply and to prohibit the wrongful use of water.

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of South Bruce has acquired, maintains and operates waterworks systems in the former Township of Mildmay-Carrick and the former Township of Teeswater-Culross.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of South Bruce enacts as follows:

1. That the corporation regulates the time, manner, extent and nature of the supply by the works, the building or persons to which and to whom the water shall be furnished, the price to be paid therefor, and every other matter or thing related to or connected therewith that it may be necessary or proper to regulate, in order to secure to the inhabitants of the municipality a continued and abundant supply of pure and wholesome water, and to prevent the practicing of frauds upon the corporation with regard to the water so supplied.
2. That the undermentioned will be considered contraventions of this by-law. Every person who:
 - a) willfully hinders or interrupts, or causes or procures to be hindered or interrupted, the corporation or any of its officers, contractors, agents, servants or workmen, in the exercise of any of the powers conferred by this Act;
 - b) willfully lets off or discharges water so that the water runs waste of useless out of the works;
 - c) being a tenant, occupant, or inmate of any house, building or other place supplied with water from the waterworks, improperly wastes the water or, without the consent of the corporation lends, sells, or disposes of the water, gives it away, permits it to be taken or carried away, uses or applies it to the use or benefit other than his/her own or increases the supply of water agreed for;
 - d) without lawful authority willfully opens or closes any hydrant, or obstructs the free access to any hydrant, stopcock, chamber, pipe, or hydrant-chamber, by placing on it any building material, rubbish, or other obstruction;
 - e) throws or deposits any injurious, noisome or offensive matter into the water or waterworks, or upon the ice, if the water is frozen, or in any way fouls the water or commits any willful damage, or injury to the works, pipes or water, or encourages the same to be done;
 - f) willfully alters any meter placed upon any service pipe or connected therewith, within or without any building or other place, so as to lessen or alter the amount of water registered; or
 - g) lays or causes to be laid any pipe or main to communicate with any pipe or main of the waterworks, or in any way obtains or uses the water without the consent of the corporation;

- h) willfully lets off or discharges water on to lawns, flower beds, and gardens or for any other outside purpose during times of restrictions and at times which have been duly advertised as "**WATERING RESTRICTION TIMES**", and are attached as "Schedule A" to this by-law.
 - a) The Water and Sewer Manager or his designate, has the authority to make exceptions to these provisions in emergency situations or under extenuating circumstances.
3. The Corporation may order the suspension of all use of water through a hose, or other attachment for use on lawns, flower beds, streets or garden sprinkling, or for any other outside purpose whenever the use of water in a previous twenty-four (24) hour period exceeds the current capacity of the Corporation's water system. An order to suspend this use shall continue in effect until revoked by the Council, and shall only be revoked when the current capacity of the water system again meets or exceeds the safe level as determined by Council.
 4. The Corporation does not guarantee the supply or quality of water and failure to supply water of sufficient quantity or quality shall not be construed as neglect on the part of the Corporation.
 5. Every person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and an administration charge of \$50.00 per offence will be charged to the offender and if not paid will be added to the taxes of the property owner.
 6. This by-law supercedes any by-law passed with the intent of this By-law and comes into force and effect upon passing.

READ a FIRST and SECOND TIME this _____ day of _____ 2003.

MAYOR

CLERK

READ a THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED, SIGNED and SEALED this _____ day of _____ 2003.

MAYOR

CLERK

Original Signed