

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ASPHODEL-NORWOOD**

BY-LAW No. 2018-03

**A by-law to provide for the regulation of water supply for
the Corporation of Township of Asphodel-Norwood**

WHEREAS the Section 11 of the *Municipal Act 2001*, a municipality may pass by-laws respecting matters within the sphere of jurisdiction of Public Utilities, and Public Utilities, includes a system that is used to provide water services for the public;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Building Code and the *Safe Drinking Water Act 2002* authorize the Township of Asphodel-Norwood to enact by-laws to protect the drinking water system;

AND WHEREAS it is essential to the citizens of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood, who are part of the Township's distribution system to have a reliable, safe supply of drinking water;

NOW, THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood enacts as follows:

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PART 1 – DEFINITIONS

In this By-Law:

Building – shall mean a structure supplied with water by the Corporation

Building permit for water connection/alteration – shall mean approval by the Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services authorizing the permit holder to connect to the water distribution system in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the permit

Chief Building Official – shall mean the person appointed by the Corporation to perform the duties of the Chief Building Official or his/her alternate

Contractor – shall mean a person, partnership or corporation who contracts to undertake the execution of work commissioned by the owner or the Corporation to install or maintain watermains, water services, services, hydrants and other appurtenances.

Corporation – shall mean the Corporation of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood

Council – shall mean the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood

Cross connection – shall mean any temporary, permanent or potential water connection that may allow backflow of contaminants, pollutants, infectious agents, other material or substance that will change the water quality in the water

distribution system and includes without limitation, swivel or changeover devices, removable sections, jumper connections and bypass arrangements.

Drinking water system – has the same meaning as in subsection 2(1) of the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*.

External use of water – shall mean the use of water for any purpose outside the walls of any building located at a municipal address

Fire Chief – shall mean the person appointed by the Corporation to perform the duties of the Fire Chief or his/her alternate.

Forty-eight (48) hour notice – shall mean the notice which is hand-delivered to the resident of a property with a water account in arrears

Inspection – shall mean an audit, physical, visual or other examination, survey, test or inquiry.

In-service – shall mean those parts of the water distribution system that have been approved by the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager or the Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services for the provision of potable water and in which potable water is available for use.

Land – shall mean all real property, including buildings or any part of any building and all structures, machinery and fixtures erected or placed upon, in, over, under or affixed to land and in the case of utility service providers and the Corporation, all buildings or any part of any building erected or placed upon, in, over, under or affixed to land but shall not include machinery whether fixed or not, nor the foundation on which it rests, works structures other than buildings, substructures, poles, towers, lines, nor any of the things exempted from taxation, nor to any easement or the right, use or occupation or other interest in land not owned by utility service providers or the Corporation.

Live tap – shall mean a connection to the water distribution system that is in-service and in which isolation of a part or portion of the water distribution system cannot be undertaken.

Long water service – shall mean a service stub attached to the water main and crossing the road allowance to the opposite side ending at the curb stop.

Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services – shall mean the person appointed by the Corporation to perform the duties of the Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services or his/her alternate

Water and Wastewater Operations Manager – shall mean the person appointed by the Corporation to perform the duties of the Manager of Water and Wastewater Operations or his/her alternate

Occupant – shall mean any lessee, tenant, the agent of a lease, owner, or any person in possession of a premise

Other charges – shall mean those charges related to repairs, installations, services rendered, or other expenses, exclusive of charges included in water rates, frontage charges and sewage service rates, payable by the consumer as provided for in this by-law or as directed by Council

Owner – shall mean any person, including a corporation, who is the registered owner of the property under consideration including a trustee in whom land is vested, a committee of the estate of a mentally incompetent person, an executor, an administrator or a guardian. The obligations of the owner under this by-law may not be transferred to a party which is not an owner

Permit holder – shall mean the person to whom a building permit for a water connection/alteration has been issued, or with whom an agreement has been signed, authorizing the installation, repair, renewal, removal or connection to the

water distribution system in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permits or agreement

Person – shall mean an individual, association, partnership, corporation, municipality, Provincial or Federal agency, or any agent or employee thereof

Plan of Subdivision – shall mean a plan approved by the Corporation that clearly outlines all details that are required to develop a parcel of land into a subdivision with individual parcels

Potable water – shall mean water that is fit for human consumption

Private watermain – shall mean a pipe connected to a watermain and installed on private property and from which more than one water service and/or hydrant lateral are connected

Short Water Service – shall mean a service stub attached to the watermain supplying a property on the same side of the road allowance as the watermain.

Site Plan – shall mean a graphical plan of a proposed development illustrating all the features of the development including dwellings, commercial establishments, roads and other public or private infrastructure that has been approved by the Corporation pursuant to the *Planning Act*.

Temporary disconnection – shall mean a service being shut off at the curb stop at or after a 48 hour notice has been hand-delivered.

Temporary water service – shall mean a pipe installed from the water distribution system by the Corporation, for a Corporation project, and for a specified temporary period of time or a pipe installed with the permission of the Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services for construction purposes

Water distribution system – shall mean the part of the Corporation's drinking water system that is used in the distribution, storage or supply of water up to and including the water shut-off valve, and is not part of a treatment system

Watermain – shall mean every water pipe, except water services and portions of private watermains as herein defined, owned and operated by the Corporation

Water rates – shall mean rates and charges as defined in the Fees and Charges By-law and the By-law establishing the rates for the water system as amended from time to time

Water meter – shall mean a device supplied by the Corporation to measure the quantity or rate of water flowing through a pipe that is used to supply a building

Water service – shall mean a portion of a water service pipe from the property line to the water meter location, or for a fire service to the inside of the exterior wall of a structure, i.e. an extension of a water service stub

Water service stub – shall mean the portion of a water service pipe from a watermain to the water shut-off valve

Water shut-off valve – shall mean the valve on the water service or private main owned and used by the Corporation to shut off or turn on the water supply from the Corporation's water distribution system to any building

Water valve – shall mean the valve used to shut off or turn on the supply of water which forms part of the water distribution system

PART 2 – ESTABLISHING OR ALTERING A WATER SERVICE

2.1 Building Permit for Water Connection/Alteration

The owner shall obtain a building permit for a water connection/alteration prior to the installation, repair, renewal, removal, plugging, capping or disconnection of a

private watermain or a water service except where such a water connection has been specifically provided for and approved through the Corporation's subdivision or site plan approval process.

2.2 Requirements for Building Permit

Applicants for a building permit for a water connection/alteration shall complete and submit the appropriate forms, provide the required drawings and information, and pay the stipulated fees or charges to the satisfaction of the Corporation. The installation or disconnection of a private watermain or a water service shall not commence until a building permit for a water connection/alteration is issued and all required payments have been received.

2.3 Process for a Permit

Building permit forms shall be available from the Corporation and are to be submitted to the Corporation along with any plans or drawings detailing the proposed connection, any other supporting information and required fees as stipulated in the Fees and Charges By-Law. The Water and Wastewater Operations Manager, Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services and/or the Chief Building Official shall review the proposed connection/alteration proposed and shall impose any condition that is deemed advisable and appropriate to ensure the integrity and safety of the water distribution system and the provision of potable water. Any conditions imposed will be identified in writing forming part of the approved permit and said conditions shall be complied with.

2.4 Extension and Connections

Extensions of and connection to the Corporation's water distribution system shall only be permitted where they conform to the Official Plan.

2.5 Water service replacements

As part of a watermain rehabilitation project the Corporation shall renew water service stubs on public property at its expense and to its specification when 1) piping is deemed by the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager or The Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services to be beyond repair, 2) the existing pipe material is lead and supplies a single detached residence, or 3) the replaced public water service is the same diameter or a 20 mm diameter service.

2.6 Installation – Mandatory

Connection to the Corporation's water distribution system shall be mandatory to all buildings where the service is readily available.

2.7 Installation – by Corporation

All water service pipes or private watermains that are to be connected to the drinking water system that require a live tap shall only be installed by the Corporation.

All costs associated with a live tap and all other works to provide a service stub to a property shall be paid by the owner. The owner shall pay for this service at the rate as indicated in the Fees and Charges By-Law. Costs for this work, for example time and material, will vary as defined by a long or short service.

2.8 Installation – Corporation Specifications

All water service pipes and private watermains located within Corporation property shall be constructed according to the Corporation standards. All water service pipes and private watermains located on private property shall be constructed in accordance with the Ontario Building Code as revised from time and time and in accordance with good practices and shall be approved by the Chief Building Official. Where the Ontario Building Code is silent the Corporation's specifications shall be applied and shall prevail.

2.9 Installation Inspection – by Corporation

All water service pipes and appurtenances installed must be inspected by the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager, Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services and/or the Chief Building Official.

2.10 Installation – Access for Inspection

The Water and Wastewater Operations Manager and/or the Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services shall be authorized to carry out the inspection, at all times, and shall be entitled to enter any premises for the purposes of examining pipes, connections and fixtures which are used in connection with the water service pipe and/or service main.

2.11 Disconnection of Service – Temporary

When an owner temporarily discontinues the use of a water service for water supply to a building, the owner shall pay to the Corporation a charge as indicated in the Fees and Charges By-Law for disconnecting the water meter for such service from the water distribution system.

2.12 Disconnection of Service – Permanent

When an owner permanently discontinues the use of a water service or private water watermain for water supply to a building or buildings the water service pipe or private watermain must be disconnected at the watermain, the watermain plugged or capped and the curb box and rod removed at the owner's expense. All work must be inspected by the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager the Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services and/or his or her designates. The owner shall pay for such inspection as required in the Fees and Charges By-Law.

2.13 Multiple Water Services – Prohibited

Only one water service per lot shall be permitted from the water distribution system. In situations where a shared water service would result from a division of land the shared water service shall be eliminated and a separate water service to each lot from the water distribution system shall be installed at the owner's expense.

2.14 Hydraulic Equipment Connections – Prohibited

No owner or occupant shall connect or permit to be connected to any part of the water system any hydraulic motor, elevator or other type of appliance that operates in whole or in part using potable water.

PART 3 – CROSS CONNECTIONS/BACKFLOW PREVENTION

3.1 Protection from Contamination

No person shall connect, cause to be connected or allow to remain connected to the plumbing system within a building or water distribution system any piping, fixture, fitting container or appliance in a manner which under any circumstances may allow alter, waste water, non potable water or any other liquid, chemical or substance to enter the plumbing system within a building or water distribution system. The means for protection from contamination shall be in accordance with the requirements of the *Ontario Building Code Act, 1992*, as amended.

3.2 Inspection for Cross Connections – Access

The Water and Wastewater Operations Manager, Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services, and/or the Chief Building Official shall conduct all inspections of any component of the drinking water system or its appurtenances, whether privately owned or not has free access at all reasonable times, and upon reasonable notice given in accordance with this By-Law, 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.

3.3 Order to Install Control Device

If a condition is found to exist which is contrary to Section 3.1 of this By-Law, the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager, Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services and/or the Chief Building Official shall immediately carry out an inspection and shall issue such order or orders to the owner as may be required to obtain compliance with Section 3.1 of this By-Law.

3.4 Additional Device on Service

Where a risk of possible contamination of the water distribution system exists in the opinion of the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager, Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services and/or the Chief Building Official, an owner shall on notice from the Corporation, install on his water service pipe a cross connection control device, approved by the Corporation, in addition to any cross connection control devices installed in the owner's water system at the source of potential contamination.

3.5 Installation to Required Standards

Cross connection control or backflow prevention devices when required by the Corporation shall be installed in accordance with the Ontario Building Code and "CAN/CSA-B64.10-94 Manual for the Selection, Installation, Maintenance and Field Testing of Backflow Prevention Devices", as amended.

3.6 Inspection and Testing – Paid by Owner

All backflow prevention devices shall be inspected and tested by a certified individual, at the expense of the owner, upon installation and thereafter annually or more often if required by the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager or Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services to carry out such tests to demonstrate that the device is in good working condition. The owner shall submit a report to the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager, of any or all tests performed on a cross connection control device within ten (10) days of a test, and a record cards shall be displayed on or adjacent to the cross connection control device on which the tester shall record the address of the premises, the location, type, manufacturer, serial number and size of the device, and the test date, the tester's initials, the tester's names (if self employed) or the name of his employer and the tester's license number.

3.7 Failure to Test Device – Notification – Water Shut-off

If an owner fails to have a cross connection control device tested, the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager or Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services may request that the owner have the backflow prevention tested within four (4) days of the owner receiving the notice.

3.8 Repair – Replacement – By Owner

When the results of a test referred to in Section 3.6 of this By-law show that a cross connection control device is not in good working condition, the owner shall provide written confirmation of the failure to the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager or the Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services within twenty-four (24) hours of the test and make repairs or replace the device within four (4) days of the date of the test.

3.9 Removal of Device – Permission by Corporation

No person shall without the prior written approval of the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager or the Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services, remove any cross connection control or backflow prevention devices installed as a requirement of Provincial legislation or by order under Section 3.3 notwithstanding the fact that the applicable Provincial regulation has been rescinded.

PART 4 – INSPECTION AND ACCESS TO PROPERTY

4.1 Inspection Power

The Water and Wastewater Operations Manager, Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services and/or the Chief Building Official at reasonable times may enter onto any land on which the Corporation supplies drinking water for the following inspection purposes:

- a) To inspect the service pipe or wire, machinery, equipment and other works used to supply drinking water to the building or land;
- b) To inspect, install, repair, replace or alter a water meter; or
- c) To determine if this By-Law, an order or condition to any permit is being complied with.

4.2 Reduce Supply of Water

For the purpose of carrying out an installation, inspection, repair, disconnection or other work the Corporation may shut off or reduce the supply of water to any building or land.

4.3 Access to Buildings/Lands

The Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services, Water and Wastewater Operations Manager and/or the Chief Building Official is hereby authorized by the Corporation for the purpose and has free access, at all reasonable times, and upon reasonable notice given and request made, to all parts of every building or other premise to which any public utility is supplied for the purpose of inspecting, repairing, altering or disconnecting any service pipe, wire, rod, within or without the building as considers expedient. No person shall hinder, impede or obstruct the Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services, Water and Wastewater Operations Manager, and/or the Chief Building Official from entering property.

4.4 Corporation Expenses

All costs incurred by the Corporation to perform work required by this By-Law shall be charged to the owner of the property where such work is performed and shall be collected according to law, and until paid, such cost shall remain a lien on such property and may also be collected in the like manner as taxes. The Corporation shall not be held responsible for the cost of restoration.

PART 5 – WATER METERS

5.1 Water to be Metered – Remedy for Violation

All water drawn from the water distribution systems, except water used for firefighting purposes, or water use authorized by the Corporation, shall pass through the water meter supplied by the Corporation for use upon such premises, and in addition to whatever other remedies the Corporation may have by law in respect to infringement of this By-Law, the Corporation may, upon ascertaining that water has been used which has not passed through the water meter of such premises, shut off and stop the supply of water upon providing notice as required by this By-Law.

5.2 Supply – Installation – Ownership – Replacement

The owner shall pay the water service installation charge as indicated in the Fees and Charges By-Law, before the Corporation will supply the owner with a water meter and the water meter must be installed prior to occupancy of the building. The water meter shall remain the exclusive property of the Corporation and may be removed as and when the Corporation may see fit, upon the same being replaced by another water meter, or for any reason which the Corporation may, in its discretion, deem sufficient.

5.3 Restoration of Water Supply – As Soon As Practicable

If the Corporation has shut off or restricted the supply of water under Section 4.2 of this By-Law, the Corporation shall restore the supply of water as soon as practicable upon completion of the required work.

5.4 Charges – Meters – Owner to Pay

Charges for all measured water consumption, as well as any work or services performed by the Corporation will be determined by the Corporation as indicated in the Fees and Charges By-Law and will be paid in full by the owner. Work performed on the water distribution system that requires an owner or occupant to flush their plumbing system within the building to remove dirt or cloudiness shall not be exempt in part or in whole from any measured water consumption and the applicable rates or charges. In the circumstances of a monthly account in arrears, a 48 hour notice shall be hand-delivered to the residence by the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager, Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services or his/her designates. If no payment arrangements are made before the 48 hours expire, water service will be temporarily disconnected until payment has been received. A charge will be added for the shut off and turn on of the water service. The owner shall pay for this service at the rate as indicated in the Fees and Charges By-Law.

No notice will be given upon temporary disconnection at or after the 48 hours expire.

5.5 Every Building Metered – Corporation’s Discretion

Every building or property shall be water metered at the absolute sole discretion of the Corporation.

5.6 Installations to Corporation Specifications

All water meters, supplied by the Corporation, shall be installed to conform to the specifications of the Corporation. All water meters shall be purchased from the Corporation.

5.7 Meter Location – Operating Authority to Consent to Change

The location of a water meter, once installed to the specifications of the Corporation, shall not be changed by any person except with the consent of the Corporation.

5.8 Private Meters – Owners Responsible

The Corporation will not supply, install, inspect or read private water meters, nor will the Corporation bill consumption on private water meters. Water supply pipes to private water meters shall only be connected to the owner’s plumbing on the outlet side of the Corporation’s water meter.

5.9 Reading Meter – Access

The Corporation shall be allowed access to the premises and be provided free and clear access to the water meter where water is being supplied at all reasonable times for the purpose of reading, at the discretion of the Corporation. Where such access to the premises and/or free and clear access to a water meter is not provided by the owner, the Corporation may, at its discretion, shut off the supply of water to the premises until such time as free and clear access to the water meter is provided.

5.10 Valve Maintenance – Responsibility of Owner

The owner shall supply, install and be responsible for maintaining in good working order the inlet valve to the water meter, the outlet and bypass valves for all water meters, and shall ensure that such valves are accessible.

5.11 Leaks Must be Reported

Any leaks that develop at the water meter or its couplings must be reported immediately to the Corporation. The Corporation is not liable for damage caused by such leaks.

5.12 Interference with Meter Not Permitted

No person, other than persons authorized by the Corporation for that purpose shall be permitted to open, or in any way whatsoever to tamper with any water meter, or with the seals placed thereon, or do any manner of thing which may interfere with the proper registration of the quantity of water passing through such water meter, and should any person change, tamper with or otherwise interfere, in any way whatsoever, with any water meter placed in any building, the Corporation may shut off the water from such building or premises and the water shall not be again turned on to such building or premises without the express consent of the Corporation.

5.13 Owner Responsible to Repair Piping

If, in the opinion of the Corporation, the condition of the water service pipe and/or valves and the plumbing system on such piping is such that the water meter cannot be safely removed for the purpose of testing, replacing, repairing or testing in place without fear of damage to the water service pipe and valves, the Corporation may require the owner to make such repairs as may be deemed necessary to facilitate the removal or testing of the water meter. If, upon notification, the owner does not comply with the Corporation’s request, then the water supply to the property may be turned off at the shut off valve during removal, replacement, repair and testing of the water meter and the Corporation shall not be held responsible for any damages to the owner’s property arising from such work.

5.14 Non-Functioning Meter – Amount of Water Estimated

If, for any cause, any water meter shall be found to not be working properly, then the amount of water to be charged for shall be estimated on the average reading for the previous months, when the water meter was working properly, or, if unavailable or proven inaccurate, the amount of water to be charged for shall be estimated on a daily average when the water meter is working properly, and the charge for the water for the period during which the water meter was not working properly shall be based thereon.

5.15 Meter Reading Supersedes Remote Device Reading

Where the water meter is equipped with a remote read-out unit of any type and a discrepancy occurs between the reading at the register of the water meter itself and the reading on the read-out device, the Corporation will consider the reading at the water meter to be correct and will adjust and correct the owner's account accordingly.

PART 6 – OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

6.1 Maintenance of Water Service Stub – Corporation

The water service stub shall be maintained by the Corporation at the Corporation's expense.

6.2 Maintenance of Service Extension and Private Watermain – Owner

Any and all defects, including the breaking of a water service, private watermain and meter pit shall be required by the owner of the property being serviced. Should the Corporation become aware of any such defect, and upon written notification to the owner, the said defect is not repaired within seven (7) days of the date of notification or within such time as the Corporation may deem necessary, then the Corporation may turn off the water supply to the property. If the Corporation is ordered to restore the water supply, then the Corporation may repair the defective water service pipe.

6.3 Operation of Water Shut-off Valve

No person, other than person authorized by the Corporation for that purpose shall be permitted to operate the water shut-off valve to any premises.

6.4 Access/Location of Water Shut-off Valves

All water shut-off valves must be left clear and accessible at all times so that the water in the water service pipe and private watermains may be turned off or on as may be found necessary by the Corporation. All water shut-off valves shall be located on the property line or at a location determined by the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager or the Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services.

6.5 Responsibility for Protection, Water Loss, Damage

All water service to and including the water meter shall be properly protected from frost and any other damage at the expense and risk of the owner of the property being serviced. The owner shall be responsible for water loss occasioned by a leak in the water service and/or private main and the charge for such water loss shall be determined by the Corporation, shall be paid by the owner upon demand by the Corporation and the Corporation shall not be held responsible for any damages arising from such leakage.

6.6 Responsibility – Vacant and Unheated Premises

When any premises is left vacant or without heat, it is the owner's responsibility to shut off the water supply from within the premises and to drain the piping therein. The owner shall request that the Corporation have the water shut-off valve turned off to stop the water supply. The valve will be turned on only at the owner's request and in the owner's presence. The owner shall pay for this service at the rate as indicated in the Fees and Charges By-Law.

6.7 Responsibility – Water Damage

When any premises left vacant, unattended or without heat, where the water supply has not been shut off, suffers damage to it and its contents from a leaking

or burst water pipe, the owner or occupant shall have no claim against the Corporation.

6.8 Responsibility for Frozen Pipes – Corporation – Owner

Thawing out frozen water service stubs shall be the Corporation's responsibility. Thawing out of frozen water service or private watermains shall be the owner's responsibility. Where any employee of the Corporation assists the owner in the thawing of frozen pipes on the owner's property, all such assistance work will be considered to be at the owner's risk and the owner shall have no claim against the Corporation by reason of such work.

6.9 Conditions on Water Supply

The Corporation agrees to use reasonable diligence in providing a regular and uninterrupted supply and quality of water, but does not guarantee a constant service or the maintenance of unvaried pressure or quality or supply of water and is not liable for damages to the owner or occupant caused by the breaking of any water service pipe or attachment, or for the shutting off of water to repair or rehabilitate watermains or to tap watermains. Where planned work on the water distribution is contemplated the Corporation will make reasonable effort to provide two (2) days' notice, delivered to the lands affected, of the intention to shut off water, save and except for emergency shut downs.

6.10 Unusual Service Demands

Where an owner requires a supply, a guaranteed supply or quality of water or water pressures beyond that provided by the water distribution system, the owner is responsible for providing such services, devices or processes that satisfy their specific requirements.

6.11 Unauthorized Operation or Interference – Offence

No person, other than the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager, Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services or his/her designates with appropriate license shall open or close a water valve in the public water distribution system, or remove, tamper with or in any way interfere with any water shut-off valve, water meter, structure, watermain or water service in the water distribution system, including private watermains, nor tap off or make any connection to a watermain.

6.12 Work on the System

The Corporation shall perform all work having to do with the Corporation's water distribution system and with the installation, repair, renewal or removal of the Corporation's in-service water distribution system. The Corporation may delegate to any person the authority to perform work on the water distribution system, on conditions acceptable to the Corporation.

6.13 Shut-Off Repair

The Corporation shall have the right at any time and without notice to shut off the supply of water to any building if, in the opinion of the Corporation, the water service located on the property is not being properly maintained, develops a significant leak, or in any way compromises the integrity of the Corporation's water works, and not to restore service until such condition has been rectified to the satisfaction of the Corporation.

6.14 Damage to Water Distribution System – Offence

No person shall break, damage, destroy, deface or temper with, or cause or permit the breaking, damaging, destroying, defacing or tampering with any part of the water distribution system.

PART 7 – FIRE HYDRANTS

7.1 Unauthorized Operation of Fire Hydrant – Offence

No person, except for the Water and Wastewater Operations Manager, Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services or his/her designates authorized under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* or the Fire Chief or his/her designate authorized under the *Ontario Fire Code* is permitted to operate a fire hydrant.

7.2 Responsibility for Hydrant Maintenance - Municipal

Any hydrant situated within the road allowance is the property of the Corporation and shall be maintained by it, Corporation owned hydrants located on private property shall be maintained by the Corporation. Hydrants owned and paid for by any persons other than the Corporation shall be maintained by such persons.

7.3 Painting/Colour

All fire hydrants located within the Corporation must be painted and colour coded to meet the Ontario Fire Code standards.

7.4 Tampering

No person shall paint fire hydrants or tamper with the color scheme of fire hydrants except with the permission of the Corporation.

7.5 Access

No person shall obstruct the free access to any fire hydrant or plant or place, or cause or permit to be planted or placed, vegetation or other objects within a 3 metre corridor between the hydrant and the curb nor within a 1.5 metre radius beside or behind a hydrant except with the prior written authorization of the Corporation. Accumulated snow shall be removed by the Public Works Department at the discretion of the Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services.

7.6 Use of Water from Hydrants

Except for water used for fire fighting and those operations as authorized by the Corporation, any other use of a Corporation's fire hydrant for water supply is prohibited. Any usage of a hydrant must be recorded with date, time, location and quantity used.

PART 8 – OFFENCES

8.1 Contravention

Every person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine as provided for in the *Provincial Offences Act*.

PART 9 – REPEAL

9.1 Repeal of Existing By-Law

Any other By-Law or part thereof which conflicts with this By-Law is hereby repealed.

PART 10 – EFFECTIVE

10.1 – Effective Date

This By-Law shall come into force and effect immediately upon passing.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 9th day of January, 2018.

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Mayor, Terrence J. Low

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Clerk, Candice White