



MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

REPORT NO. PW-ES-014-23

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Director of Public Works
MEETING DATE: November 27, 2023
SUBJECT: **By-Law Amendment - Water Distribution and Sewage Works**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PW-ES-014-23 be received for information;

AND THAT Council approve By-law 110-2023, being a by-law to provide for the maintenance, management, imposition and collection of rates and charges in connection with the Municipality of Thames Centre water distribution system and the Municipality of Thames Centre sewage works system, as included in the By-law portion of the November 27, 2023 agenda.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to update the existing water distribution system and sewage works system By-law, for housekeeping amendments and clarification.

BACKGROUND:

The Thames Centre Water Distribution and Sewage Works By-law was first adopted by Council in 2001. It received updates in 2005, and 2008 and most recently in 2016. An update to this Bylaw is important to support population growth, advancements in technology, as well as changes in government regulations and industry best practices. This update will ensure that the municipal bylaw:

- Reflects and aligns with industry standards and best practices.
- Complies with the *Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act* and other relevant government regulations.
- Prevents our water supply from sources of risk (such as cross-contamination from wrongful use).
- Provides reference for current levels of service and processes for our customers.

COMMENTS:

The revisions include small housekeeping changes as well as the following more noteworthy items, as highlighted in the attached By-law:

Section 2. Maintenance and Repairs

- 2.3 Property line changed to water shut off (curbstop) to clarify ownership of the service line. This is in line with other municipal systems.
- 2.4 changed to the responsibility of the property owner to allow property owners more flexibility to have repairs completed.

Section 3. Rates and Charges

- 3.3 Rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the most current Thames Centre Fees and Charges By-law instead of using the CPI.
- 3.5.1 Included to ensure all properties connected to the sanitary sewer system can be billed accurately in accordance with the water usage of that property.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Pillar: Infrastructure

Goal: Thames Centre focuses on infrastructure to support all stages of your life.

CONSULTATION:

None.

REFERENCES:

By-Law 40-2016 – Thames Centre Water Distribution and Sewage Works (Current By-law)

ATTACHMENTS:

By-law 40-2016 – Thames Centre Water Distribution and Sewage Works (Proposed Amendments)

Prepared by: J. Craven, Director of Public Works

Reviewed by: D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer