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TOWN OF PRINCETON
BYLAW NO. 992, 2020

A Bylaw for the purpose of establishing Sewer System Connections and Regulations

WHEREAS Council of the Town of Princeton may establish regulations governing the connection of a parcel of land to a municipal sewer distribution main;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Princeton in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows**:**

1. This Bylaw shall be cited as the **"Sewer Connections and Regulations Bylaw No. 992, 2020"**

2. Definitions:

Director of Infrastructure and Parks means the Director of Infrastructure and Parks for the Town of Princeton or his designate and includes the Chief Administrative Officer.

Fees and Charges Bylaw means the most recent version and amendments of the *Town of Princeton Fees and Charges Bylaw.*

Storm Drains means a sewer for the collection and transmission of uncontaminated water, storm water, drainage from land or from a watercourse or any combination thereof; through catch basins, lawn basins, roof leaders, perimeter drainage and/or sump pumps.

Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw means the most recent version and amendments of the *Town of Princeton Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw.*

Sump Pump means a pump used to remove water that has accumulated in a water-collecting sump basin, commonly found in the basements of homes.

Surface Water means any pool, pond, lake, or stream that conveys or collects precipitation.

Town means the Town of Princeton

Town Official means the official or officials appointed by the Town Council to administer and enforce the provisions of this Bylaw and may include a Chief Administrative Officer, Building Inspector, and Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

3. The owner for whom, or on whose application, a sewer connection is to be laid, installed or constructed must, before such work is undertaken or commenced, enter into an agreement with the *Town* on a form to be provided by the *Town* for that purpose, and pay the cost (or such amount as the Council may by resolution establish) as set out in the *Town*'s *Fees and Charges Bylaw* for such sewer connection.

4. The *Town* shall in every case determine the size of pipe to be used in supplying sewer service to any lands or premises and the position in the street in which it is placed. No work of any kind connected with such service shall be permitted to be done on or under the *Town*'s streets by any person other than an employee of the *Town* or agent unless given express written permission by the *Town*, as given by the *Director of Infrastructure and Parks* or his or her delegate.

5. The subdividing party of a parcel of land shall provide a sewer distribution system within the subdivision pursuant to the requirements of the *Town's Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw*. Every customer that is supplied a connection to the *Town's* sanitary sewer system by the *Town* must ensure it is used only in compliance with this bylaw, and that all fees and rates payable, as established in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*, are paid in full to the *Town,* whether or not the property is occupied or vacant or whether the sewer is actually used or not.

6. All applications for connection to the *Town*'s sanitary sewer shall be made in triplicate and shall be in the form attached to this bylaw as Schedule "A". All applications for connection are subject to approval from the *Town*. Once an application has been approved the applicant shall complete such service connection within ninety (90) days. Should the connection not be completed within this timeframe the connection shall be deemed to have been made and the registered owner of the property shall be charged and required to pay the applicable sewer rates.

7. Each sewer connection must be inspected by the *Town's* Public Works Department before being used, which must be performed by the *Town*'s Public Works Department or Building Inspector following the applicant notifying the *Director of Infrastructure and Parks* or his or her delegate.

8. No application for connection to the *Town* Sanitary Sewer shall place any obligation upon the *Town* to provide such connection if in the opinion of the *Director of Infrastructure and Parks* or their authorized delegate, it is not practical or feasible to establish such connection.

9. Except where a contractor has been employed by the *Town* or with the *Town*'s consent to install sewer mains, and the installation of service laterals is an integral part of the work for which the contractor has been employed, all sewer service laterals shall be installed to property lines by employees of the *Town* and by no other person, persons or corporations except with the permission of the *Town*.

    a. When any building (house) sewer extension has become stopped, application to have it unstopped shall be made to the *Director of Infrastructure and Parks* along with a deposit in the amount as set out in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw.*

    b. Prior to demolition or abandonment, the property owner must apply to the *Town* for abandonment of the sewer service and pay the applicable fee established in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*.

c. Where a building (house) is taken off septic tank and connected to sewer, the septic tank must be filled into the satisfaction of the *Town*'s *Director of Infrastructure and Parks*.

d. Manhole covers must only be removed by *Town* employees or agents unless others are authorized to do so by the *Director of Infrastructure and Parks* or his or her delegate.

10. Nothing in the Bylaw shall be construed to permit the connection of surface water to the *Town's* sanitary sewer system. The connection either directly or indirectly to the *Town's* sanitary sewer, off roof leaders, foundation drains, *sump pumps, storm drains* or any other collector of surface or ground water is not permitted.

11. Where the *Town* has installed sewer mains that are adjacent to a parcel:

    a. The owner of the parcel is required to connect to the *Town* sewer system within three months of notification of same.

    b. The owner of a parcel that is required to connect to the *Town* sewer system under subsection (a) shall connect to and maintain a sanitary sewer connection and once connected to the *Town* sewer system, an owner must not use any septic tank or septic system for the parcel.

12. Once connected to the *Town* sewer system, it is the property owner's responsibility to ensure only sewage and grey water enter the sanitary sewer. It is also the property owner's responsibility to maintain and keep free and clear of obstructions up to the sewer main.

13. No parcel shall be disconnected from the *Town* sewer system without the prior written approval of the *Town*.

14. If an owner fails to connect to the *Town* sewer system, or disconnects a parcel from the sewer system without approval, and in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under the *Town*'s bylaws, the *Town* may have the work done to establish or re-establish a connection at the expense of the owner. The *Town* shall be entitled to recover the actual cost of the work done from the owner in the same manner as *Town* taxes.

15. The pouring of household garbage, gasoline, coal oil, waste acid, fats, grease, or any inflammable liquid into the *Town* Sanitary Sewer Collection System is strictly prohibited.

16. In the case of any commercial or industrial premises where there exists a possibility that such wastes as described in section 15 may be discharged into the sanitary sewer, a permit to connect to the sewer shall not be issued until the *Director of Infrastructure and Parks* has examined and approved the layout and design of the protective devices by means of which the applicant proposes to prevent or neutralize the discharge of said wastes into the sanitary sewer.

17. The *Town* may terminate the sewer connection to the land or premises of any owner or occupier of land who:

    a. is not in compliance with any of the provisions of this bylaw; or

b. has failed to pay fees or charges required under the *Town's Fees and Charges Bylaw;* and may refuse to restore the sewer connection until the owner is in compliance with this bylaw and has paid all fees and charges required.

18. The *Town* may not terminate the sewer connection under section 17(a) unless it has, at least seven (7) days prior to the termination of the sewer connection, delivered written notice of the impending termination of services to the owner or occupier.

19. The *Town's Officials* shall have the right to access, at all reasonable times, any premises, connected or about to be connected to the *Town* Sanitary Sewer Collection System, for the purpose of inspection, installation or repair of any sewer service.

20. No person shall have any claim for compensation or damages as a result of the *Town* shutting off the sewer service for any cause whatsoever.

21. Offences identified in Column 1 of Schedule "B" may be enforced by issuance of a ticket under s. 264 of the *Community Charter,* in which case the fine amounts identified in Column 3 of Schedule "B" apply.

    a. The following persons are designate as bylaw enforcement officers under section 264(1)(b) of the *Community Charter* for enforcing the offences in Schedule "B": *building officials* and persons designated by Council as bylaw enforcement officers.

    b. The words or expressions set forth in Column 1 of Schedule "B" are authorized pursuant to s. 264(1)(c) of the *Community Charter* to designate the offence committed under the bylaw section number appearing in Column 2 opposite the respective words or expressions.

22. Each day that a contravention of the provisions of this Bylaw exists or is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offence.

23. If a portion of this Bylaw is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of this Bylaw is deemed to have been adopted without the severed section, subsequent paragraph, subparagraph, clause or phrase.

SCHEDULES

24. Schedules "A" & "B" are attached hereto and form part of this bylaw.

REPEAL

25. This bylaw repeals and replaces the "*Sewer Regulation Consolidated Bylaw No. 557, 1991"*

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME ON THE 19th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.
ADOPTED ON THE 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.

Original signed by:	*Original signed by:*
Spencer Coyne, Mayor	Lyle Thomas, CAO

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Schedule "A" - Application for Connection

DATE:

The undersigned being the registered owner/owners of the property described as:

Lot:_____ Block:_____

D.L._____Plan No.:_____Roll #:_____

DO HEREBY APPLY for sewer service connection from the sewer main to my near property line. I/We having hereby applied to the Town of Princeton, agree to comply with all the applicable Provincial Plumbing, Health and Safety Codes and such bylaws as may be in effect or may be passed on by Council in the future relating to such services.

I/We hereby authorize the Town of Princeton to arrange to install the sewer service connection, it being fully understood that the charges for the said installation will be on the following basis:

> Connection and inspection charges will be levied on each service and are payable with the application, as per the *Town of Princeton Fees and Charges Bylaw.*

In consideration of the Town of Princeton undertaking to supply me/us a sewer service connection, I/We hereby covenant and agree to protect and save harmless the Town of Princeton from all claims, demands, costs and charges of whatsoever kind arising out of or in any manner incident to or caused by any stoppage or defect or other pertinent to the said sewer service connection made pursuant to this application.

_____

APPLICANTS NAME

_____

APPLICANTS MAILING ADDRESS

_____

OWNERS NAME/ADDRESS

_____

INSTALLATION ADDRESS

_____

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE

_____CONNECTION FEE _____INSPECTION FEE

Municipal Approval			
	Date	Name/Title	Signature

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Schedule "B"- Offences

Designated Expression	Section	Fine
Fail to obtain a permit	3	$500
Trespass on public property without permission	4, 9.d	$250
Fail to request inspection	7	$250
Fail to cap services	9.b.	$500
Fail to fill in abandoned septic tank	9.c.	$500
Release of non-approved item to sanitary sewer	10, 15	$250
Fail to comply with notice	11.a.	$500
Fail to remove other connections	10.b.	$50
Fail to obtain written approval	13	$100