
MEMORANDUM

PWC-C 28-2019

Subject: Appointment of By-law Officers for Enforcement of the Sewer-Use By-law #27-2014

Date: December 3, 2019

To: Public Works Committee

From: Jason Oatley, Manager, Quality and Compliance-Wastewater

Niagara Region enacted Sewer-use By-law #27-2014 (By-law) on February 27, 2014. The By-law contains concentration-based limits for the discharge of heavy metals, suspended solids, oil and grease, phosphorus and other parameters of concern. The By-law also contains requirements for the discharge of Hauled Sewage and storm water. The limits and requirements of the By-law are designed to protect the wastewater collection system and sewage treatment plant infrastructure and to protect the wastewater treatment plant processes to maintain environmental compliance.

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval from Regional Council for the appointment of individuals involved in administration and enforcement of the By-law as listed below. Individuals responsible for the administration and enforcement of this By-law require Council approval to be duly authorized as by-law enforcement officers and Provincial Offences Officers.

Under Section 87 of the Municipal Act, 2001, A municipality may enter on land, at reasonable times, to inspect the discharge of any matter into the sewage system of the municipality or into any other sewage system the contents of which ultimately empty into the municipal sewage system and may conduct tests and take samples for this purpose.

Under Section 3.1 of Niagara Region By-law, 27-2014, Regional Council may enact a by-law appointing enforcement officers for the purpose of the enforcement of this By-law as required.

As a result of staffing changes in the Environmental Enforcement Section of the Water and Wastewater Division, staff is requesting the required by-law be enacted to appoint specific individuals to enforce the Bylaw.

The following list of individuals are employees of the Corporation that have been trained and are qualified for the enforcement of the By-law:

- Jason Oatley, Manager, Quality and Compliance (Wastewater) - Previously Appointed
- Dominic Valentini, Environmental Enforcement Officer- Previously Appointed

- Craig Burns, Environmental Enforcement Officer – Previously Appointed
- Ashley Marshall, Environmental Enforcement Officer – New Appointment
- Chris Brylinski, Environmental Enforcement Officer – New Appointment

It is therefore recommended that these individuals be appointed as by-law enforcement officers and Provincial Offences Officers and included in a by-law as appropriate.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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