



# Corporate *NO: R148*

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<b>REGULAR COUNCIL</b>			
<b>TO:</b>	<b>Mayor &amp; Council</b>	<b>DATE:</b>	<b>June 21, 2001</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>General Manager, Engineering</b>	<b>FILE:</b>	<b>0023-2240</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Housekeeping Amendments to Sewer By-law No. 2240</b>		

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize staff to bring forward minor amendments to By-law No. 2240 (Sewer By-law) to more clearly define the conditions under which sanitary sewer connections may be installed and clarify responsibility between the property owner and the City for blockages in storm sewer connections.

## BACKGROUND

The current By-law gives authority to install sewer connections when road works are taking place or where it is prudent and cost-effective to install such a sewer connection, even if the property to be connected is undeveloped. The minor amendment is to clearly define such connections as sanitary sewer connections. Storm sewer connections are handled in a different way and do not need such authority to be installed.

The second requested amendment relates to blockages in connections. The principle used to assign responsibility is that if the blockage is on private property, it is the owner's responsibility, and if it is on the road allowance or City right-of-way, it is the City's responsibility. This is relatively easy to determine where an inspection chamber exists at the property line. However, older storm sewer connections were not fitted with inspection chambers. The new amendment puts into the By-law what has largely been the City's practice to date, namely that the property owner is responsible for exposing the service connection at the property line. The location of the blockage and responsibility can then be determined. If the blockage is on the City side, the City will pay for all works necessary to unblock the system and reinstate the area plus reasonable direct costs to initially expose the connection.

We believe it is better to have the property owner expose the connection at the property line as they know what landscaping or other features they wish to be particularly careful about when excavating.

The proposed amendments are attached as Appendix A.

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Attachment

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