

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF  
NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS  
BY-LAW NO. 2012-43  
Being a by-law to establish a Policy for  
Drainage and Plumbing Systems**

**Being a By-law to Prohibit, Regulate and Control Discharges into the Public Sewer System**

WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipality Act, 2001, as amended, a municipality may pass by-laws regarding services delivered by the Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation provides services in the areas of collection of sanitary sewage, collection of storm water and other drainage from land, sewage treatment, among other areas;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Ontario Water Resources Act, every municipality that discharges or causes or permits the discharge of any material of any kind into or in any waters or on any shore or bank thereof or into or in any place that may impair the quality of water or any waters is guilty of an offence;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, a municipality may enter on land, at reasonable times, to inspect the discharge of any matter into the sewage system the contents of which ultimately empty into the municipal sewage system and may conduct tests and take samples for this purpose;

AND WHEREAS Council is desirous of passing a by-law to address such services;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands enacts as follows:

Definitions:

For the purposes of this by-law the following definitions shall apply:

Sanitary sewer: a sewer that conducts sewage.

Storm drain – Culverts, ditches, drains, etc. that enable the movement of rain and other surface water,

Storm water – water from rainfall, other natural precipitation, drainage or from the melting of snow or ice.

All further definitions as may be found in the Ontario Building Code.

**DRAINAGE AND PLUMBING SYSTEMS**

Drainage and plumbing systems on the property shall be provided, installed and maintained

in good working order:

- a) in compliance with the requirements of the Ontario Building Code, the Ontario Water Resources Act, the Environmental Protection Act of Ontario and their Regulations; and
- b) free from leaks, defective or dripping taps and other defects

Water run-off from roof surfaces shall discharge into an eavestrough or gutter and thence to a down pipe, discharging into a storm sewer and maintained:

- a) watertight and free from leaks;

b) working order and free from health and accident hazards.

Down pipes need not be connected to a storm sewer when arranged to discharge water run-off at least three feet from the building and contained on the property.

Eaves troughs, gutters, down pipes and storm sewer when arranged to discharge water run-off at least three feet from the building and contained on the property.

No person being the owner of a premises shall discharge, drain or cause or permit to be discharged or drained, water from the roof or from the sump pump of any building on the land or surface water from the premises such that it flows onto an adjoining property.

Every person being the owner of a premises discharging or drain water from the roof or from the sump pump or any building on the land or surface water from the premises shall cause the water to be:

Discharge by way of controlled discharge to the owner's property such that the discharge is at all times contained with the property until it evaporates or infiltrates into the ground.

### **SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

When a sanitary sewer is installed on a street or road, all sewage from the abutting property shall be discharged into the sanitary sewer.

When a sanitary sewer has not been installed on a street or road, all sewage from each abutting property shall be discharged into private sewage disposal systems on the subject property: each such system shall be approved by and maintained to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.

### **FAILURE TO COMPLY**

Where a person has acted contrary to this by-law or is in default of doing a matter or thing required to be done under this by-law, the Town may remedy the default or have the matter or thing done as the case may be, without notice to the person and at the cost of the person, and the cost thereof shall be a debt of the person to the Corporation and if more than one person, each person shall be jointly and severally liable for payment of the total expense. Any such amount may be recovered from the person or persons by action or any other means available to the Corporation at law.

Where an owner has acted contrary to this by-law or is in default of doing the matter or thing required to be done under this by-law, then in addition to the remedies provided for above the cost may be added to the property tax rolls for the owner's property collected in the same manner as taxes.