



Water and Waste Department

Sewer By-law Review

About the draft Sewer By-law

We have prepared a new draft By-law that:

- ▶ includes stricter requirements to further protect our wastewater, land drainage and river systems
- ▶ incorporates recommendations made by the Clean Environment Commission to the Minister of Conservation in 2003
- ▶ is written in user-friendly language
- ▶ is ready for review and comment

New restrictions on what you can put down the drain into the sewer system

- ▶ we have added 4 substances to the list of prohibited substances (**Schedule B**)
- ▶ we have added 39 substances to the list of substances with discharge limits (**Schedule C**)

New restrictions on what you can put into the land drainage system

- ▶ we have added a new list of 13 prohibited substances (**Schedule D**)
- ▶ we have added a new list of 45 substances with discharge limits (**Schedule E**)

New fees and licences

- ▶ a Grease Interceptor Licence will be required by any food service establishment that is required to have a grease trap **(section 47)**
- ▶ additional requirements and conditions for wastewater haulers, including a Wastewater Hauler's Licence **(Part 10)**
- ▶ new charges for businesses that put nitrogen or phosphorus down the drain in amounts that are over the By-law limit:
 - **a per kilogram charge*** in excess of 60 milligrams per litre for nitrogen
 - **a per kilogram charge*** in excess of 10 milligrams per litre for phosphorus

* charges under review

Increased enforcement program and new pollution prevention requirements

- ▶ Our monitoring program for restricted and prohibited substances will be increased.
- ▶ New reporting requirements will apply for persons responsible for spills or who have custody and control of a substance involved in a spill. **(Part 9)**
- ▶ Businesses that put prohibited or restricted substances down the drain will be required to submit a pollution prevention plan, starting with metal finishing companies. **(Part 11)**
- ▶ Dilution of wastewater to achieve By-law limits will be prohibited. **(section 14)**

Next steps

We will:

- ▶ gather public comments until **Friday, March 12, 2010** (e.g., from the meetings, email, Facebook, mail)
- ▶ prepare a report including the revised By-law and a summary of the public comments for City Council to review and consider
- ▶ post the report and revised By-law on the City's web site for public information just before the Council meeting