

**Subject: Sanitary Sewer Backwater Prevention Program Policy
OPE-050 Amendment****APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the amended Sanitary Sewer Backwater Prevention Program Council Policy OPE-050, as outlined in Attachment 1, be approved; and

THAT no further budget be allocated at this time and should there be a requirement for further funding, a request be brought forward to Council once the current budget funds have been exhausted.

Summary:

On December 15, 2020, Council approved the Sanitary Sewer Backwater Prevention Program Policy OPE-050 (Policy) that the following must be satisfied and will be verified by the Municipality at the time the Recipient requests reimbursement:

- 3.6.5.1. Property taxes must be current and paid;
- 3.6.5.2. Utility bills must be current and paid;
- 3.6.5.3. Properties must not have an unresolved order to comply with the Land Use Bylaw, Building Code, Fire Code, Nuisance Bylaw, or other regulation; and
- 3.6.5.4. Applicant is not a party to a legal dispute with the Municipality.

On May 4, 2021, Council approved a motion requesting that Administration bring forward an amended Policy to have the eligibility criteria (section 3.6.5.1.) amended to include anyone who has entered into a tax repayment plan and is in good standing. This report is in response to this direction of Council.

Background:

The Sanitary Sewer Backwater Prevention Program "Grant" provides subsidy to eligible

property owners to install a “Backwater Valve” on their “Sanitary Sewer Service” provided criteria outlined in the Policy is met. When developing the Policy, applicants enrolled in tax repayment plans in good standing were not included; therefore, this amendment is to include those applicants.

Alternatives:

Not approving the amendment to include those who have entered into a tax repayment plan and are in good standing. These residents will need to get fully caught up with their taxes to have access to the grant program.

Budget/Financial Implications:

No further budget be allocated at this time and, should there be a requirement for further funding, a request be brought forward to Council once the current budgeted funds have been exhausted.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government

Attachments:

- 1. Policy OPE-050**
- 2. Policy OPE-050 RedLine**