

Blockages in Residential Sewer Lines Policy (NEW)**Report Purpose**

To seek Council approval of a new policy, SER-001-014 Private Sewer Service Lines – Requests for Assistance, and to seek Council approval on rescinding several other policies.

Recommendations

1. THAT Policy SER-009-043 Blockages in Residential Sewer Lines, as set out in Enclosure 1 of the May 8, 2018 Utilities report titled Blockages in Residential Sewer Lines Policy, be approved.
2. THAT the following policies be rescinded:
 - a. SER-001-014 Private Sewer Service Lines – Requests for Assistance
 - b. SER-001-016 Sewer Line / Tree Root – Damage Control
 - c. SER-001-018 Rehabilitation of Residential Sanitary Sewer Services

Council History

May 6, 1997 – Council approved SER-001-018: Rehabilitation of Residential Sanitary Sewer Services.

April 4, 1995 – Council approved SER-001-014: Private Sewer Service Lines – Requests for Assistance.

April 4, 1995 – Council approved SER-001-016: Sewer Line / Tree Root – Damage Control.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: This policy defines cost responsibilities for the property owner and the County. It also provides for a financing mechanism to support the property owner in specific circumstances.

Governance: n/a

Social: This policy is intended to assist in minimizing property damage and reduce potential health risks associated with sewer backups. It also helps to protect a natural asset within our neighbourhoods.

Culture: n/a

Environment: Mature trees deliver an environmental benefit to local residents and the broader community.

Other Impacts

Policy: This policy combines pre-existing policies SER-001-014, SER-001-016 and SER-001-018, carrying forward the original intent of all three inter-related policies into one updated and comprehensive policy.

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: Legislative & Legal Services, Financial Services, Utilities

Summary

The objectives of this policy are to minimize property damage to residential homes, protect County owned boulevard trees and to provide a financing mechanism to residents for the rehabilitation of sanitary sewer service laterals on private property.

Enclosures

- 1 New Policy: Blockages in Residential Sewer Lines
- 2 Policies to Rescind: SER-001-014, SER-001-016 and SER-001-018