



## **BY-LAW #2025-003 – RESIDENTIAL SERVICES – SEWER LATERAL BLOCKAGE**

### **1.0 BY-LAW**

This by-law shall be known as the Town of Deer Lake’s “Residential Services – Sewer Lateral Blockage” by-law.

### **2.0 ADOPTED**

This by-law is adopted under Section 8 of the Town and Local Service District Act, Chapter T-6.2, SNL 2023.

### **3.0 APPLICATION**

The by-law described herein shall apply to all sewer blockages discovered within a residential lateral between the dwelling and the Town owned sewer main.

### **4.0 BY-LAW STATEMENT**

The by-law described herein shall clearly define the responsible party for the rectification of a sewer blockage located within a sewer lateral extending from a residential dwelling to the Town owned sewer main.

### **5.0 BACKGROUND**

Based on previous attempts for monetary compensation, this by-law will clearly define the party responsible for repairs/maintenance of any residential sewer service.

### **6.0 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this by-law is to provide a legal document that clearly defines the responsible party for repairs/maintenance of any residential sewer lateral blockage.



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### **7.0 DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this by-law:

**Correction** means any method to clean/clear a sewer lateral blockage.

**Existing Home** means a dwelling that is built and is currently occupied.

**Lateral** means the sewer service line extending from any residential dwelling to the Town owned sewer main.

**Party** means either the Town of Deer Lake or property owner.

**Property** means a parcel of land or real estate that is owned by an entity.

**Residential Lateral** means the residential sewer service extending from a dwelling to the Town owned sewer main.

**Town** means the Town of Deer Lake, NL.

### **8.0 By-Law**

8.1 Discovery of a sewer blockage located within the residential lateral shall be considered the responsibility of the property owner. Correction of such blockage shall be completed by a professional and shall be at the expense of the property owner. At no time shall the Town compensate the owner or any professional for works completed along the lateral.

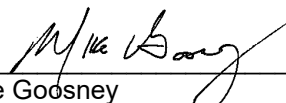
8.2 If the discovery of the obstruction is located beyond the property boundary and is within the Town's Right-of-way or easement, the Town shall perform all excavation work to expose the sewer main/lateral connection.


8.2.1 Should the blockage be determined by the Town as misuse or neglect by the occupants of the dwelling, the property owner shall bear all costs associated with the repair and compensate the Town for all labour, materials and equipment.

8.2.2 Should the blockage be determined a result of a collapsed or broken line, the Town shall complete all works to rectify the blockage at no cost to the property owner.

This "Residential Services – Sewer Lateral Blockage" By-law is adopted by Resolution of Council, this 7 day of April, 2025

Resolution No. #2025-0404-02

  
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