



# Township of St. Clair

## By-Law No. 5 of 2026

### BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE AND STORM WATER IN ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Act, 2001, SD. 2001, c.25, as amended provides authority for the collection and

treatment of sewage, for the collection of storm water and for the regulation of substances to be discharged into these systems;

**AND WHEREAS** it is deemed expedient to regulate the discharge of substances into the sanitary and storm sewer systems;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE COPORPATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

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## Part 1-Definitions

In this by-law:

**“accredited laboratory”** means any laboratory accredited by an authorized accreditation body in accordance with a standard based on *“CAN-P-1585: Requirements for the*

*Accreditation of Environmental Testing Laboratories*" established by the Standards Council of Canada, as amended, or *"ISO/IEC/EN 17025: General Requirements for Competence of Calibration and Testing Laboratories"* established by the International Organization for Standardization, as amended.

**"biochemical oxygen demand"** (or BOD) means the five-day BOD which is the determination of the molecular oxygen utilized during a five-day incubation period for the biochemical degradation of organic material (carbonaceous demand), and the oxygen used to oxidize inorganic material such as sulphides and ferrous iron, and the amount of oxygen used to oxidize reduced forms of nitrogen (nitrogenous demand) as determined by the appropriate procedure in the Standard Methods.

**"biomedical waste"** means biomedical waste as defined in MOE Guideline C-4 entitled "The management of Biomedical Waste in Ontario" dated November 2009, as amended from time to time.

**"biosolids"** means organic solid material recovered from the sewage treatment process.

**"blowdown water"** means recirculating water that is discharged from a cooling or heating water system for the purpose of controlling the level of water in the system or for the purpose of discharging from the system materials contained in the system, the further buildup of which would or might impair the operation of the system.

**"Building Code Act"** means the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c.23, as amended from time to time.

**"capital charge"** or **"sanitary sewer capital charge"** or **"capital sewer buy-in charge"** means a charge imposed by the Municipality as a condition of approving a connection to, or increased use of, a sanitary sewer, to recover all or a portion of the historical, current, or future capital costs incurred or to be incurred by the Municipality in the planning, design, construction, expansion, upgrading, replacement, financing, and administration of sanitary sewer infrastructure and related sewage works.

**"combustible liquid"** means a liquid that has a flash point not less than 37.8 degrees Celsius and not greater than 93.3 degrees Celsius.

**"composite sample"** means two or more grab samples of a discharge to the sewage works taken at intervals during the sampling period that have been combined automatically or manually.

**"dental amalgam"** means dental filling material consisting of an amalgam of mercury, silver or other materials such as copper, tin or zinc.

**"dewatering activity"** means:

- a) Taking water from a well or otherwise extracting groundwater;
- b) Draining water from a permanent or temporary pond or other surface water body, whether natural or manmade;
- c) Releasing water previously stored in a tank, tanker truck, vessel, or other means of water storage;
- d) The permanent or temporary alteration of a natural or pre-existing drainage pattern;  
or
- e) Any combination of the above-noted activities.

where the water from such activity would be discharged to a sewage works and such activity is related to construction, land development, renovation, repair, maintenance or demolition activity at a property.

"**discharge**" when used as a verb, includes add, deposit, emit, release or leak, and when used as a noun, includes addition, deposit, emission, release or leak.

"**discharger**" means a person who is the owner, is in occupation of, or has charge, management or control of a site that discharges to a sewage works or sewage, storm water, uncontaminated water or other substance or thing to which this by-law applies.

"**Environmental Protection Act**" means Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.19, as amended from time to time.

"**Fisheries Act**" means the Fisheries Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. F-14, as amended from time to time.

"**food waste grinder**" means a device used for the purposes of macerating or grinding garbage and/or food wastes.

"**fuel**" means alcohol, gasoline, naphtha, diesel fuel, fuel oil or any other ignitable substance intended for as a fuel.

"**grab sample**" means a sample of discharge into a sewage works.

"**groundwater**" means subsurface water including water held in soil, in pores, cracks or crevices in rocks or as a free standing body beneath the surface.

"**hailed sewage**" includes sewage which is removed from a cesspool, a septic tank system, a privy vault or privy pit, a chemical toilet, a portable toilet or a sewage holding tank or any sewage infrastructure and is transported for discharge, but does not include hauled waste.

"**hailed waste**" means any liquid industrial waste (as this term is defined in O. Reg. 347) that is transported with a manifest in accordance with O. Reg. 347.

"**hazardous wastes**" include waste that is a hazardous industrial waste, acute hazardous waste chemical, hazardous waste chemical, severely toxic waste, ignitable waste, corrosive waste, reactive waste, radioactive waste, pathological waste, leachate toxic waste, PCB waste, or any combination thereof, each as defined by O. Reg. 347.

"**increased sanitary demand**" means any increase in the volume of sewage discharged, or proposed to be discharged, to a sanitary sewer beyond that which was previously approved by the Municipality for a property, including increases resulting from redevelopment, expansion, change of use, intensification, or an increase to the approved maximum daily discharge volume.

"**Industrial**" means of or pertaining to manufacturing, commerce, trade, business or institutions as distinguished from domestic or residential.

"**Institution**" means a facility, usually owned by a government, operated for public purposes, such as schools, universities, medical facilities (hospitals, nursing stations, nursing homes), museums, prisons, government offices, military bases.

"**maintenance access facility**" means an access facility, such as a chamber to allow for observation, sampling and flow measurement of discharge to a sewage works.

"**MECP**" means the "Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks" Formerly known as the "Ontario Ministry of the Environment" or the "MOE"

"**Municipal Act**" means the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.2S, as amended from time to time.

"**Municipality**" means the "Corporation of the Township of St. Clair".

"**Natural environment**" means the air, land and water, or any combination or part thereof.

"**non-contact cooling water**" means water which is used to reduce temperature for the purpose of cooling and which does not come into direct contact with any raw material, intermediate or finished product other than heat.

"**oil and grease**" means n-Hexane extractable matter as described in Standard Methods.

"**Ontario Building Code**" means the Ontario Building Code, O.Reg. 332/ 12, as amended from time to time.

"**Ontario Water Resources Act**" means Ontario Water Resources Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.0.40, as amended from time to time.

"**O. Reg. 347**" means R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 347, General - Waste Management, as amended from time to time.

"**PCBs**" means any monochlorinated or polychlorinated biphenyl or any mixture of them or mixture that contains one or more of them.

"**person**" means an individual, association, partnership, corporation, municipality or an agent or employee of such a person.

"**pesticide**" means a pesticide regulated under the Pesticides Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.11, as amended from time to time.

"**property**" means any land, whether vacant or occupied by a building or structure and includes such building or structure or part of a building or structure, and all mobile homes, mobile buildings, mobile structures, outbuildings, fences and erections thereon whether heretofore or hereafter erected and includes a site.

"**sanitary sewer**" means any part of the sewage works that is intended to collect and convey sewage a sewage treatment facility.

"**septic tank waste**" means any waste extracted from a cesspool, septic tank, sewage holding tank, seepage pit, interceptor or other containment for human excretion and wastes.

"**sewage**" means any liquid containing organic, inorganic, animal, vegetable or mineral matter in solution or in suspension, including floating materials but does not include storm water or uncontaminated water alone.

"**sewage works**" means any works for the collection, transmission, treatment and disposal of sewage, storm water or uncontaminated water, including a sanitary sewer and storm sewer.

"**spill**" means a direct or indirect discharge into the sewage works or the natural environment that is a normal in quantity or quality in light of all the circumstances of the discharge.

"**standard Methods**" means a procedure or method set out in "*Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*" published jointly by the American Public Health Association, American Water Works Association and the Water Environment Federation, recent or latest edition.

"**storm sewer**" means any part of the sewage works that is intended to collect and convey storm water, uncontaminated water, surface runoff or drainage from land or from a watercourse or any combination thereof.

"**storm water**" includes water from rainfall or other precipitation or from the melting of snow or ice.

**"substance"** means any physical matter, whether solid, liquid or gas.

**"uncontaminated water"** includes:

- a) potable water supplied by the Municipality; and
- b) any water that is of similar quality to potable water from a source other than a municipal water distribution system or dewatering activity,

to which no substance has been added intentionally or unintentionally, by any person other than the municipality.

**"waste disposal site leachate"** means the liquid containing dissolved or suspended contaminants that emanates from solid waste or garbage that is produced by water percolating through solid waste or garbage or by liquid in the solid waste or garbage.

**"waste radioactive substances"** means substances defined in the federal Nuclear Safety and Control Act,

. 1997, c.9 and the regulations passed thereunder, as amended from time to time.

**"watercourse"** means an open channel, ditch or depression, either natural or artificial, in which flow of water occurs either continuously or intermittently.

## Part 2 -Sanitary Sewer Requirements

### 2.1 Discharge of sewage - prohibited

No person shall directly or indirectly discharge, or cause or permit the discharge of any substance into a sanitary sewer that may cause or result in:

- a) A health or safety hazard to a person authorized by the Municipality to inspect, operate, maintain, repair or otherwise work on a sewage works;
- b) An offence under the *Ontario Water Resources Act* or the *Environmental Protection Act*, or any regulation made thereunder;
- c) Biosolids from a sewage works, directly or indirectly, failing to meet the objectives and criteria as listed in the MOE publication entitled "*Guidelines for the Utilization of Biosolids and Other Wastes on Agricultural Land*" dated March 1996, as amended from time to time;
- d) Dyes or colouring materials to pass through a sewage works which could discolour the sewage works effluent;
- e) Interference with the operation or maintenance of a sewage works, or which may impair or interfere with any sewage treatment process;
- f) A hazard or other adverse effect to any person, animal, property, vegetation or the natural environment;
- g) An offensive odour to emanate from the sewage works that is detectable within the vicinity of the sewage works, and includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, sewage containing hydrogen sulphide, carbon disulphide, other reduced sulphur compounds, amines or ammonia in such quantity as may cause an offensive odour;
- h) Damage to sewage works; or
- i) An obstruction or restriction to the flow in any sewage works.

### 2.2 Characteristics of sewage - prohibited

No person shall directly or indirectly discharge, or cause or permit the discharge of any substance into a sanitary sewer that may have one or more of the following characteristics:

- a) Two or more separate layers;
- b) A temperature greater than 60 degrees Celsius; or
- c) A pH less than 6.0 or greater than 9.5.

## 2.3 Sewage components - prohibited

No person shall directly or indirectly discharge, or cause or permit the discharge of any substance into a sanitary sewer that may contain or is likely to contain:

- a) Biomedical waste, including, but not limited to, any of the following categories: human anatomical waste, animal waste, untreated microbiological waste, waste sharps and untreated human blood and body fluids known to contain viruses and agents listed in "Risk Group 4" as defined in "Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines" published by Health Canada, dated, 2004, as amended from time to time.
- b) Combustible liquid;
- c) Fuel;
- d) Ignitable waste;
- e) PCBs;
- f) Pesticides;
- g) Hazardous waste;
- h) Hauled sewage, except where:
  - i. The hauler of the hauled sewage is an operator of a waste management system operating under and in accordance with a valid Environmental Compliance Approval under the *Environmental Protection Act* allowing the operation or is exempt from the requirement to have an Environmental Compliance Approval;
  - ii. A copy of the most recent Environmental Compliance Approval and any amendment is provided to the Municipality;
  - iii. The hauler has received prior written approval from the Municipality to discharge the hauled sewage into the sewage works; and
  - iv. The hauler meets all conditions for discharge that are or may be required from time to time by the Municipality;
- i) Hauled waste, except where:
  - i. The hauler of the hauled waste is an operator of a waste management system operating under and in accordance with a valid Environmental Compliance Approval under the *Environmental Protection Act* allowing the operation or is exempt from the requirement to have an Environmental Compliance Approval;
  - ii. A copy of the most recent Environmental Compliance Approval and any amendment is provided to the Municipality;
  - iii. The hauler has received prior written approval from the Municipality to discharge the hauled waste into the sewage works; and
  - iv. The hauler meets all conditions for discharge that are or may be required from time to time by the Municipality;
- j) Waste radioactive substances in excess of concentrations greater than those specified for release to the environment under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and regulations or amended versions thereof;
- k) Solid or viscous substances in quantities or of such size to be capable of causing obstruction to the flow in a sewer, including but not limited to ashes, bones, cinders, sand, mud, soil, straw, shaving, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, underground garbage, animal parts or tissues, and paunch manure; or

- l) Waste disposal site leachate, except where:
- i. The discharge is proceeding in accordance with a valid Environmental Compliance Approval under the *Environmental Protection Act* or the *Ontario Water Resources Act* which includes a provision for the disposal of leachate to the sewage works;
  - ii. A Copy of the current Environmental Compliance Approval under the *Environmental Protection Act* or the *Ontario Water Resources Act* and any amendment thereto is provided to the Municipality or, where the discharger is claiming an exemption pursuant to a regulation, the discharger has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Municipality that the conditions of the exemption are being met;
  - iii. The discharger has received prior written approval from the Municipality to discharge the waste disposal site leachate into the sewage works; and
  - iv. The discharge otherwise complies with this by-law.

## 2.4 Sewage concentrations - prohibited

No person shall discharge, or cause or permit the discharge of any substance that exceeds the respective concentrations listed in Schedule A of this by-law into the sewage works, except where:

- a) The discharge is proceeding under and carried out in accordance with and only to the extent expressly permitted by all terms and conditions of an Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement which has been previously authorized or approved in writing by the Municipality; or
- b) The discharge is hauled sewage, hauled waste or waste disposal site leachate and is proceeding under and carried out in accordance with the by-law.

## 2.5 Discharge other than sewage

No person shall discharge, or cause or permit the discharge of storm water, non-contact cooling water, uncontaminated water, water from a dewatering activity or any other water from a source other than a municipal water distribution system to a sanitary sewer, except where:

- a) The Municipality has given prior written approval on such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate, including terms and conditions in respect to protecting the sewage works and other infrastructure, compensating the Municipality for costs related to the operation or repair of the sewage works, treatment or monitoring of the discharge and facilitating administration of the approval; or
- b) The discharge is requested as a result of a situation that the Municipality, in its sole discretion, considers to be an emergency and the Municipality has provided prior verbal or written approval for the discharge, and the person is complying with all terms and conditions of the approval.

## 2.6 Flow

No person shall discharge sewage volumes whose daily discharge exceeds five percent (5%) of the annual average daily flow of loadings to the receiving sewage treatment facility of the sanitary sewage works, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Municipality.

## 2.7 Request for information

For the purpose of this part, the Municipality may require a person to provide the Municipality with plans, specifications, reports, studies, data, analytical results, documentation or other information to the satisfaction of the Municipality that would enable the Municipality to assess whether or not an actual or potential discharge may or could contravene part 2 of this by-law.

## Part 2A - Sanitary Sewer Capital Charges

### 2A.1 Authority to impose capital charge

The Municipality may, as a condition of approval, require payment of a sanitary sewer capital charge for any person, corporation, or entity proposing a new connection, redevelopment, expansion, or change of use that results in additional sanitary sewer demand, including:

- a) any new connection to a sanitary sewer;
- b) any connection following redevelopment, expansion, or a change of use;
- c) any discharge of sewage to a sanitary sewer that was not previously authorized; or
- d) any agreement, permit, approval, or authorization under this by-law that results in the use of additional sanitary sewer capacity.

### 2A.2 Purpose of capital charge

The sanitary sewer capital charge is intended to recover all or a portion of the costs incurred by the Municipality in providing sanitary sewer capacity, including, without limitation:

- a) historical capital expenditures;
- b) debt servicing and financing costs;
- c) growth-related or capacity-related upgrades, expansions, or replacements;
- d) wastewater infrastructure replacement capital costs;
- e) engineering, planning, legal, and administrative costs; and
- f) any other costs reasonably attributable to providing sanitary sewer capacity.

### 2A.3 Calculation of capital charge

The Municipality shall determine the amount of the sanitary sewer capital charge in its reasonable discretion. In determining the charge, the Municipality may consider one or more of the following factors:

- a) estimated or approved sewage flow volumes;
- b) equivalent residential units (ERUs) or equivalent design units;
- c) land use, zoning, or class of development;
- d) available or allocated treatment or conveyance capacity; and
- e) any applicable rate, schedule, or methodology adopted by Council from time to time by resolution or by-law.

The methodology, rate, or schedule used to calculate the sanitary sewer capital charge shall be published by the Municipality and made available upon request.

### 2A.4 Timing of payment

Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Municipality, the sanitary sewer capital charge shall be paid:

- a) prior to the issuance of a building permit;
- b) prior to physical connection to the sanitary sewer;

- c) prior to discharge of sewage beyond the original maximum agreed discharge (where less than agreed revised maximum discharge); or
- d) at such other time as the Municipality may determine appropriate.

No building permit, site plan approval, or authorization to connect to the sanitary sewer shall be issued or effective until the full sanitary sewer capital charge has been paid, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Municipality.

## **2A.5 Agreements and conditions**

The Municipality may require a person to enter into an agreement respecting the sanitary sewer capital charge. Such agreement may include terms and conditions relating to:

- a) security for payment;
- b) timing and method of payment;
- c) interest on overdue amounts;
- d) remedies available to the Municipality in the event of default; and
- e) the approved maximum discharge capacity for the property.

## **2A.6 No vested right to capacity**

No person shall have a vested right to sanitary sewer capacity by reason of proximity to a sanitary sewer, prior servicing, or the payment of any fee or charge. The Municipality may refuse or limit access to sanitary sewer capacity where, in its opinion, capacity is unavailable or required for other municipal purposes.

## **2A.7 Relationship to other charges**

The sanitary sewer capital charge is separate from, and in addition to, any development charges, user fees, connection fees, extra strength surcharges, or any other amounts payable under any by-law, agreement, or statute.

## **2A.8 Adjustment of capital charge**

The Municipality may, from time to time, adjust the sanitary sewer capital charge to reflect updated capital costs, inflation, or changes in the costs of providing sanitary sewer capacity, by resolution of Council.

## **2A.9 Dispute or review process**

Any person disputing the amount or applicability of a sanitary sewer capital charge may request a review by the Municipality. Payment of the charge shall still be required to obtain approvals or connection, subject to adjustment following the review.

## **2A.10 Enforcement and service restriction**

Where a person fails to comply with this Part, including failure to pay a sanitary sewer capital charge or any portion thereof, the Municipality may, after providing reasonable written notice and acting in accordance with applicable law and municipal policy:

- a) refuse, suspend, restrict, or revoke any approval, permit, or authorization issued under this by-law;
- b) refuse or limit access to additional sanitary sewer capacity; and
- c) suspend, restrict, or discontinue water and/or sanitary sewer services to the property.

Nothing in this Part limits the Municipality's right to pursue any other remedy available at law, in equity, or under statute.

## Part 3 -Storm Sewer Requirements

### 3.1 Discharge of storm water- prohibited

No person shall discharge, or cause or permit the discharge of any substance into a storm sewer that may:

- a) Interfere with proper operation of a storm sewer;
- b) Obstruct or restrict a storm sewer or the flow therein;
- c) Damage a storm sewer;
- d) Result in any hazard or other adverse effect on any person, animal, property, vegetation or the natural environment;
- e) Impair the quality of the water in any well, aquifer, lake, river, pond, spring, stream, reservoir or other water or watercourse; or
- f) Contravene or result in the contravention of an Environmental Compliance Approval issued under the Ontario Water Resources Act, Environmental Protection Act or the Fisheries Act with respect to the storm sewer, its discharge, or both the storm sewer and its discharge.

### 3.2 Characteristics of storm water - prohibited

No person shall discharge, or cause or permit the discharge of any substance into a storm sewer that may have one or more of the following characteristics:

- a) A visible film, sheen or discolouration;
- b) Two or more separate layers;
- c) A temperature greater than 40 degrees Celsius; or
- d) A pH less than 6.0 or greater than 9.0.

### 3.3 Storm water components- prohibited

No person shall discharge, or cause or permit the discharge of any substance into a storm sewer that may contain or is likely to contain one or more of the following:

- a) Sewage;
- b) Blowdown water;
- c) Hauled sewage;
- d) Hauled waste;
- e) Floating debris;
- f) Oil and/ or grease;
- g) Combustible liquids;
- h) Fuel;
- i) Ignitable waste;
- j) PCBs;
- k) Pesticides;
- l) Hazardous waste;
- m) Waste radioactive substances;
- n) Waste disposal site leachate;
- o) A substance from raw materials, intermediate or final product, used or produced in, through or from an industrial process;
- p) A substance used in the operation or maintenance of an industrial site;
- q) Any contaminant at a concentration that exceeds one or more of the limits set out in Schedule B of this by-law.

### **3.4 Request for information**

For the purpose of this part, the Municipality may require a person to provide the Municipality with plans, specifications, reports, studies, data, analytical results, documentation or other information to the satisfaction of the Municipality that would enable the Municipality to assess whether or not an actual or potential discharge may or could contravene part 3 of this by-law.

## **Part 4- Prohibition of Dilution**

No person shall directly or indirectly discharge, or cause or permit the discharge of a substance into a sewage works where water has been added to the discharge for the purposes of dilution to achieve compliance with parts 2 and 3.

## **Part 5 - Notification and Reporting Requirements**

### **5.1 Completion of Discharger Information Report**

A discharger shall complete a Discharger Information Report, as outlined in Schedule C of this by-law, and submit it to the Municipality within thirty (30) days of written notification by the Municipality that such report is required.

### **5.2 Updates to Discharger Information Report**

Where a discharger is required by the Municipality to complete a Discharger Information Report, the discharger shall provide written notice of any change in the information requested in the report a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such change. Such notice shall include pertinent details of any change to the operation, process, or treatment facilities, and shall include any analyses of the sewage and any other information related to the discharge as may be required by the Municipality.

## **Part 6- Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement**

### **6.1 Discretion to enter into an Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement**

The Municipality, in its sole discretion, may enter into an Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement in accordance with this part with a discharger to permit the discharge of sewage into a sanitary sewer that would otherwise be prohibited by Schedule A of this by-law, to the extent permitted by the Extra Strength Agreement, as outlined in Schedule D.

### **6.2 Surcharge parameters**

An Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement may only be made with respect to the following parameters in sewage: biochemical oxygen demand, total kjeldahl nitrogen, total phosphorus, total suspended solids, or any combination thereof.

### **6.3 Agreement conditions**

The Municipality may include whatever terms and conditions it deems appropriate in an Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement, including but not limited to terms and conditions in respect of protecting the sewage work and other infrastructure, verifying the average concentration of any parameter permitted, verifying volumes of a discharge, to refine a surcharge fee based on a flow differential, facilitating the administration of the Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement and compensation to the Municipality for the additional costs related

to an Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement and associated discharges, including costs related to administering the agreement and costs related to additional inspection, monitoring, sampling and analysis and treatment of the discharge and related to operation and repair of the sewage works.

#### **6.4 Transferability**

An Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement shall not be assignable or transferrable by the discharger without the express written approval of the Municipality.

#### **6.5 Prior Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement**

Any Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement that was executed by the Municipality before the day this by-law is enacted and has not expired will continue to remain in force unless the agreement is terminated by the Municipality or by the discharger in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement.

#### **6.6 Termination**

The Municipality may terminate an Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement by giving written notice to the discharger:

- a) at any time and for any reason whatsoever regardless of the state of compliance with the Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement upon a minimum of ninety (90) days written notice to the discharger;
- b) at any time where, in the opinion of the Municipality, there is an immediate threat or danger to any person, animal, the natural environment, property or vegetation, in which case the termination shall be effective immediately upon receipt of the written notice of termination;
- c) at any time where, in the opinion of the Municipality, a discharge in accordance with the agreement causes or may cause an adverse effect to the sewage works, in which case the termination shall be effective immediately upon receipt of written notice of termination; or
- d) as may be further provided for in an Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement.

### **Part 7-Sampling and Analytical Requirements**

#### **7.1 Requirement to monitor, sample and/or analyze**

The Municipality, by written notice, may require a discharger, at the discharger's expense, to monitor, sample and/or analyze, in accordance with the procedures and methods set out in Standard Methods and through an accredited laboratory, one or more discharges from a site and submit the analysis, results and/or the samples to the Municipality by the date set out in the notice.

#### **7.2 Establishment of non-compliance**

The Municipality may establish non-compliance with this by-law on the basis of a grab sample or a composite sample of a discharge, which may contain additives for its preservation, that may be collected manually or by using an automatic sampling device, and analyzed in accordance with the procedures and methods set out in Standard Methods .

#### **7.3 Maintenance access facility**

The Municipality by written notice, may require a discharger, at the discharger's expense, to install a maintenance access facility or upgrade an existing maintenance access facility for

each connection to the sewage works at any site from which discharges occur, for the purpose of monitoring or sampling discharges as set out in this part.

Maintenance access facilities required under this part shall be:

- a) located on the property from which the discharge originates unless the Municipality permits an alternative location;
- b) accessible at all time by the Municipality;
- c) constructed in a manner which meets the standards of the Municipality;
- d) maintained to ensure access and structural integrity; and
- e) maintained and constructed at the expense of the person responsible for the discharge.

## Part 8- Self-Monitoring

### 8.1 Monitoring and Sampling Requirements

Every person who discharges, or causes or permits the discharge of, any substance to a sewage works shall, at such times and in such manner as may be required by the Municipality, conduct monitoring, sampling, testing, analysis, and reporting of the discharge.

8.2 Authority to Establish Requirements  
The requirements for monitoring, sampling, testing, analysis, and reporting may be established by the Municipality under this by-law and/or set out in any agreement, permit, approval, authorization, or order issued by or entered into with the Municipality.

### 8.3 Cost of Compliance

All monitoring, sampling, testing, analysis, reporting, and related obligations required under this Part or under any agreement, permit, approval, authorization, or order shall be carried out at the sole cost and expense of the person discharging the substance.

## Part 9- Food Related Oil and Grease Interceptors

### 9.1 Oil and grease- restrictions and prohibitions

Every discharger whose site is, or contains, a restaurant or other industrial or commercial premises where food is cooked, processed or prepared shall take all necessary measures to ensure that oil and grease are prevented from discharging to:

- a) a sanitary sewer sewage works in excess of the limits in Schedule A of this by-law; or
- b) a storm sewer in any quantity.

### 9.2 Oil and grease interceptor requirements

A discharger to whom this part applies shall install, operate, and properly maintain, in accordance with the requirements of this part, an oil and grease interceptor in any piping system at its site that connects directly or indirectly to a sewage works.

### 9.3 Interceptor installation

The installation and operation of each oil and grease interceptor shall be:

- a) in compliance with the most current requirements of the *Building Code Act* and its regulations; and
- b) in accordance with the requirements of the Canadian Standards Association national standard CAN/CSA B481, as amended from time to time.

## **9.4 Interceptor maintenance**

The discharger shall ensure all oil and grease interceptors are maintained in good working order, including the requirements that every oil and grease interceptor shall:

- a) be tested and maintained in accordance with the requirements of CAN/CSA B481, as amended from time to time;
- b) have the maintenance requirements posted at the site in a conspicuous location in proximity to the oil and grease interceptor; and
- c) be cleaned before the thickness of the organic material and solids residuals becomes greater than twenty-five percent of the available volume, with a cleaning frequency of at least once every four weeks.

## **9.5 Maintenance schedule and record of maintenance**

The discharger must provide the maintenance schedule and record of maintenance for each oil and grease interceptor to any person authorized by the Municipality upon request and, upon request, a copy shall be provided to this person in the manner and format requested at no charge to the Municipality, and must keep documentation of proof of interceptor clean-out and oil and grease disposal at the site a minimum of two years.

## **9.6 Alarmed monitoring device**

Where a discharger fails to adequately maintain the oil and grease interceptor to the satisfaction of the Municipality, the Municipality may require an alarmed monitoring device or such other device to be installed at the site, which the discharger shall then install at its expense, in accordance with specifications of CAN/CSA B481, as amended from time to time.

## **9.7 Emulsifier- prohibited**

No discharger shall discharge, or cause or permit the discharge of emulsifier to a sewage works to which this part applies.

## **9.8 Facilitating the passage of oil and grease - prohibited**

No discharger shall use, or cause or permit the use of enzymes, bacteria, solvents, hot water or other agents to facilitate the passage of oil and grease through an interceptor to which this part applies.

# **Part10- Vehicle and Equipment Service Oil and Grease Interceptors**

## **10.1 Oil and grease- restrictions and prohibitions**

Every discharger whose site is a vehicle or equipment service station, repair shop, garage or other industrial or commercial premises where motor vehicles are repaired, lubricated, washed or maintained shall take all necessary measures to ensure that oil and grease are prevented from discharging to:

- a) a sanitary sewer in excess of the limits as set out in Schedule A of this by-law; or
- b) a storm sewer in any quantity.

## 10.2 Oil and grease interceptor requirements

A discharger to whom this part applies shall install, operate and properly maintain, in accordance with the requirements of this part, an oil and grease interceptor in any piping system at its site that connects directly or indirectly to a sewage works.

## 10.3 Interceptor installation

Each oil and grease interceptor required to be installed under this part shall be installed in compliance with the most current requirements of the *Building Code Act* and its regulations.

## 10.4 Interceptor maintenance

The discharger shall ensure all oil and grease interceptors are maintained in good working order, including the requirements that every oil and grease interceptor shall:

- a) be maintained as recommended by the Canadian Fuels Association and in accordance with the manufacturer's guidance and recommendations;
- b) be inspected regularly to ensure performance is maintained and to ensure the surface oil, grease and sediment levels do not exceed the recommended level; and
- c) have the maintenance requirements posted at the site in a conspicuous location in proximity to the oil and grease interceptor.

## 10.5 Maintenance schedule and record of maintenance

The discharger must provide the maintenance schedule and record of maintenance for each oil and grease interceptor to any person authorized by the Municipality upon request and, upon request, a copy shall be provided to this person in the manner and format requested at no charge to the Municipality, and must keep documentation of proof of interceptor clean-out and oil and grease disposal at the site for a minimum of two years.

## 10.6 Alarmed monitoring device

Where a discharger fails to adequately maintain the oil and grease interceptor to the satisfaction of the Municipality, the Municipality may require an alarmed monitoring device or such other device be tailed at the expense of the discharger.

## 10.7 Emulsifier- prohibited

No discharger shall discharge, or cause or permit the discharge of emulsifier to a sewage works to which this part applies.

## 10.8 Facilitating the passage of oil and grease - prohibited

No discharger shall use, or cause or permit the use of enzymes, bacteria, solvents, hot water or other agents to facilitate the passage of oil and grease through an interceptor to which this part applies.

# Part 11- Dental Waste Amalgam Separator

## 11.1 Management and disposal of amalgam waste

Every person that owns or operates a premises from which dental amalgam may be discharged directly or indirectly into a sewage works shall comply with the Dentistry Act, and the regulations made thereunder, as amended from time to time, for the management and disposal of the amalgam waste.

## **11.2 Maintenance schedule and record of maintenance**

A maintenance schedule and record of maintenance shall be made available for review by any person authorized by the Municipality and, upon request, a copy shall be provided to this person in the manner and format requested, at no charge to the Municipality, for each dental amalgam separator installed.

## **11.3 Request for documentation**

A record of inspection and any documentation evidencing the installation of a dental amalgam separator shall be provided to any person authorized by the Municipality upon request and, upon request, a copy of the documentation shall be provided in the requested manner and format at no charge to the Municipality.

# **Part 12 — Food Waste Grinder**

## **12.1 Installation or replacement of food waste grinder - prohibited**

No person shall install or replace any food waste grinder at a property from which the effluent could discharge into a sewage works.

## **12.2 Operation or use of food waste grinder - prohibited**

No person shall operate or otherwise use a food waste grinder from which the effluent could discharge into a sewage works.

# **Part 13- Spills**

## **13.1 Notification**

In the event of a spill to a sewage works, the person responsible or the person having the charge, management and control of the spill shall immediately notify the Municipality, provide any information with respect to the spill which the Municipality advises it requires and complete any work the Municipality may require to mitigate the spill.

## **13.2 Detailed report**

Within five (5) working days after the spill, the person responsible or the person having the charge, management and control of the spill shall also provide a detailed report on the spill to the Municipality, comprised of the following information, to the best of the person's knowledge:

- a) Location where spill occurred;
- b) Name and telephone number of the person who reported the spill and the location and time where they can be contacted;
- c) Date and time of spill;
- d) Material spilled;
- e) Characteristics and composition of material spilled;
- f) Volume of material spilled;
- g) Duration of spill event;
- h) Work completed and any work still in progress in the mitigation of the spill;
- i) Preventive actions being taken to ensure a similar spill does not occur again; and
- j) Copies of applicable spill prevention and contingency plans.

The spill reporting requirements set out in this part are in addition to and do not replace any other reporting obligations imposed upon a person by federal or provincial legislation.

### **13.3 Corrective action**

The person responsible for the spill and the person having the charge, management and control of the spill shall do everything reasonably possible to contain the spill, protect the health and safety of citizens, minimize damage to property, protect the environment, clean up the spill and contaminated residue and restore the affected area to its condition prior to the spill.

### **13.4 Costs**

The Municipality shall require the person responsible for the spill to pay the costs of time, materials and services expended by the Municipality as a result of the spill. The person responsible for the spill shall pay the aforementioned costs to the Municipality upon demand.

### **13.5 Spill prevention and contingency plan — requirement**

The Municipality may require the person responsible for the spill to prepare and submit a spill prevention and contingency plan to the Municipality to indicate how risk of future incidents will be reduced and how future incidents will be addressed.

## **Part 14 — Inspection and Access to Property**

### **14.1 Entry onto property**

Any person authorized by the municipality may enter upon any part of a property at any reasonable time, to carry out inspection in order to determine compliance with and/or enforce:

- a) This by-law;
- b) An Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement; or
- c) Any other approval issued by the Municipality under parts 2 or 3 of this by-law to permit the discharge of any substance that would otherwise be prohibited by this by-law.

### **14.2 Inspection authority**

For the purpose of an inspection to determine compliance with this by-law or to otherwise enforce this by-law any person authorized by the Municipality may:

- a) access or require any person being inspected to provide access to any drain pipe, maintenance access hole, catch-basin or other discharge point connecting, directly or indirectly, to the sewage works, including by making or requiring necessary excavations;
- b) require that anything be operated, used or set in motion under conditions specified by the person authorized to conduct the inspection;
- c) sample, collect, test or measure any substance, thing, parameter or discharge, and install, test, use, read and maintain any equipment or device for such purpose;
- d) make and record observations, such as by taking photographs, notes, video recordings and sound recordings;
- e) require any person to respond to reasonable inquiries concerning a matter related to the inspection, orally or in writing;

- f) require any person to produce for inspection any documents or things relevant to the inspection;
- g) inspect and remove documents or things relevant to the inspection for the purpose of making copies or extracts;
- h) do such other things that are reasonably necessary for the Municipality to effectively carry out the inspection;
- i) inspect the types and quantities of chemicals being handled or used on the premises in relation to possible release to a drainage system or watercourse; and
- j) inspect chemical storage areas and spill containment facilities and requesting Material Data Safety Sheets for materials stored or used on the premises.

### **14.3 Hindering an inspection - prohibited**

No person shall refuse or neglect to give, produce or deliver any access, information, document or other thing that is requested by any person authorized by the Municipality to carry out an inspection.

### **14.4 Hindering Municipal authorities — prohibited**

No person shall hinder or obstruct or attempt to hinder or obstruct the Municipality from carrying out any powers or duties under this by-law.

## **Part 15 — Offences and Penalties**

### **15.1 Penalty — person**

Every person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is, upon conviction, guilty of a continuing offence and on conviction is liable, for every day or part thereof upon which such offence occurs or continues, to a fine of not more than \$10,000 for a first offence and \$25,000 for a second offence.

### **15.2 Penalty — corporation**

Every corporation that contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of a continuing offence and on conviction is liable, for every day or part thereof upon which such offence occurs or continues, to a fine of not more than \$50,000 for a first offence and \$100,000 for a second offence.

### **15.3 Prohibition order**

The court in which the conviction has been entered, and any court of competent jurisdiction thereafter, may make an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the person convicted, and such order shall be in addition to any other penalty imposed on the person convicted.

### **15.4 Cessation of water services**

In addition to penalties and fines, any person or corporation who contravenes this by-law, or any property found to be in non-compliance, shall, upon written notice from the Municipality, be subject to the suspension or cessation of water and/or wastewater services to the property. This remedy is in addition to any other statutory or legal remedies available to the Municipality.

## Part 16 - General

### 16.1 Applicable Laws

All work and materials performed on the sewage works shall comply with all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws, by-laws, acts, regulations, statutes, health and safety policies and procedures, as amended.

### 16.2 Short Title

The short title of this by-law shall be the St. Clair Township Sewer Use By-Law.

### 16.3 Schedules

The following Schedules are attached to and form part of this by-law: Schedule

- A — Limits for Sanitary Sewer Discharge Schedule
- B — Limits for Storm Sewer Discharge I Schedule
- C — Discharger Information Report Schedule
- D — Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement

### 16.4 Repeal

The following by-laws are hereby repealed:

1. Township of St. Clair By-law 24 of 17.
2. Township of St. Clair By-law 20 of 2023.

### 16.5 Effective Date

This by-law shall come into force and effect on the date of the final passing thereof.

**Read a FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD time and finally PASSED on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2026.**

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Mayor Jeff Agar

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Clerk Jeff Baranek



Township of St. Clair  
Schedules to By-Law 5 of 2026

**Schedule A — Limits for Sanitary Sewer Discharge**

<b>Substance</b>	<b>Concentration Limit*</b>
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	300
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	100
Oil and Grease — Animal and Vegetable	100
Oil and Grease — Mineral and Synthetic / Hydrocarbon	15
Phosphorus (Total)	10
Total Suspended Solids	350
Phenolics (4AAP)	1
pH (unitless)	6.0 – 9.5
Chloride	1500
Sulphide	2
Temperature (Degrees Celsius)	60
Aluminum (Total)	50
Antimony (Total)	5
Arsenic (Total)	1
Cadmium (Total)	0.5
Chromium (Total)	3
Cobalt (Total)	5
Copper (Total)	2
Cyanide (Total)	2
Fluoride	10
Iron	50
Lead (Total)	1
Manganese	5
Mercury	0.01
Molybdenum (Total)	5
Nickel (Total)	2
Selenium (Total)	1
Silver (Total)	5
Sulphate	1500
Tin (Total)	5
Titanium (Total)	5
Vanadium (Total)	5
Zinc (Total)	3

\* Units in mg/L except where otherwise noted

<b>Substance</b>	<b>Concentration Limit *</b>
Benzene	0.01
Chloroform	0.04
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	0.05

<b>Substance</b>	<b>Concentration Limit *</b>
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	0.08
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	4
Trans-1,3-Dichloropropylene	0.14
Ethylbenzene	0.16
Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane)	2
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	1.4
Tetrachloroethylene	1
Toluene	0.27
Trichloroethylene	0.4
Xylenes (Total)	1.4
Di-n-Butyl Phthalate	0.08
Bis (2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate	0.012
PCBs (Polychlorinated Biphenyls)	0.004

\* Units in mg/L except where otherwise noted

### Schedule B — Limits for Storm Sewer Discharge

<b>Substance</b>	<b>Concentration Limit*</b>
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	15
Phenolics (4AAP)	0.008
Phosphorus (Total)	0.4
Total Suspended Solids	15
pH (unitless)	6.0 – 9.0
Temperature (Degrees Celsius)	40
E. coli (colony forming units per 100 mL)	200
Cadmium (Total)	0.5
Chromium (Total)	0.2
Copper (Total)	1
Lead (Total)	0.05
Mercury (Total)	0.001
Nickel (Total)	0.05
Zinc (Total)	0.5

\* Units in mg/L except where otherwise noted