

# The Corporation of the Municipality of Bluewater

## By-Law Number 2-2025

Being a By-law to repeal and replace By-law 19-2005 being a by-law to regulate the time, manner, extent and nature of the supply of potable water within the Municipality of Bluewater.

**Whereas** section 11(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 Part II gives the power to pass by-laws respecting public utilities;

**Now Therefore** Council of the Municipality of Bluewater enacts as follows:

### 1. Definitions

For the purpose of this By-law:

**"Consumer"** means any person, organization, or property receiving potable water from the Municipality of Bluewater's water systems.

**"Potable Water"** means water that meets the requirements of Ontario Regulation 170/03 and is safe for human consumption.

**"Excessive Use"** means any water use that exceeds the amount necessary for intended purposes, particularly regarding outdoor watering

**"Handheld Watering Device"** means any manually operated device such as a watering can or handheld hose used for watering purposes.

**"Special Permission"** means authorization granted by the Public Works Department for activities not permitted under standard restrictions.

### 2. Water Restrictions:

2.1. Water restrictions shall be in effect from the first day of June through the first day of October on a yearly basis.

2.2. Consumers who receive water from any Municipality of Bluewater system must refrain from watering their lawns or excessive uses of water namely flower gardens or vegetable and shall do so only in accordance with the following schedule:

- Odd-numbered properties may water on odd-numbered calendar days.
- Even-numbered properties may water on even-numbered calendar days.

**3. Exceptions**

3.1. The following are exempt from water use restrictions:

- a) Fire Departments when performing firefighting or emergency duties.
- b) The Municipality of Bluewater for operational purposes.
- c) Flowers and vegetable gardens, which may be watered anytime using Handheld Watering Devices.
- d) Newly seeded or sodded lawns, and newly planted trees or shrubs, with extended watering hours permitted upon receiving special permission from the Public Works Department.

**4. Enforcement**

4.1. The By-law Enforcement Officer, the Public Works Manager, or their designates are authorized to enforce the provisions of this by-law.

4.2. Consumers found in contravention of this by-law are subject to penalties outlined in Section 5.

**5. Penalties**

5.1. Penalties for non-compliance are as follows:

- a) First Offense: A written warning.
- b) Second Offense: A fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
- c) Third and Subsequent Offenses: A fine of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

5.2. Fines not paid within the stipulated period shall be added to the offender's utility bill.

6. THAT By-law 19-2005 is hereby repealed.

7. THAT this By-law shall come into effect on the date of passing.

By-law read a first and second time this 13th day of January, 2025.

By-law read a third time and finally passed this 13th day of January, 2025.

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Paul Klopp, Mayor

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Chandra Alexander, Clerk