THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PICKLE LAKE



BY-LAW NO. 2022-10

BEING A CONFIRMATION BY-LAW REGARDING TO REGULATE THE USE OF MUNICIPAL OWNED FIRE HYDRANTS

Whereas Sections 8,9 & 11 of the municipal act, 2001, S.O 2001, c25 as amended, authorize a municipality to pass by-laws that are necessary or desirable for municipal purposes, in particular, respecting economics, social and environmental well-being of the municipality; health of the person; services that the municipality is authorized to provide; and protection of persons and property including consumer protection etc.

Whereas Section 11 of the municipal act, 2001, S.O 2001, c25 as amended, a municipality may pass the by-laws respecting matters within the sphere of jurisdiction of public utilities etc.

Whereas it is deemed expedient that The Corporation of the Township of The Pickle Lake enacts as follow:

1. Definitions

In this by-law following definitions shall apply:

A fire hydrant shall mean an apparatus usually on the streets provides water especially in emergencies like fire.

Fire hydrant personnel shall mean the employee or volunteers who operate or work under the authority of the Township of the Pickle Lake.

Operate a fire hydrant shall mean setting up, connecting and disconnecting from a fire hydrant by authorize individual.

The operating authority shall mean the Township of Pickle Lake authorizes firm, contractor or individual service provider to the maintenance of the water facilities.

The municipality shall mean The Corporation of The Township of The Pickle Lake.

Council shall mean the elected council members of the Township of Pickle Lake.

Water Treatment Operator or Public Works shall mean the employee who work for the operations and the community services under the Township of Pickle Lake municipality.

Backflow Preventor shall mean a device used to protect water supplies from contamination or pollution due to backflow.

2. This by-law governs and regulates the operation of every fire hydrant connected to every water system owned and operated by the Municipality of Pickle lake.

3. Operation of Hydrants

No person shall operate a fire hydrant except:

- a. The operational manager of the Pickle Lake
- b. An employee of the municipality.
- c. A contractor such as an Ontario Clean Water Agency with proper authorization
- d. A member of the fire department.

4. Fire Hydrant – General

- 4.1 Unless authorized by the Operational Manager or Superintendent of Pickle Lake, no person shall:
 - a. Open or Close fire hydrant valve

- b. Connect any kind of device to a fire hydrant such as a hose, tap, valve and fixtures etc.
- c. Use water from any fire hydrant for any purposes other than fire protection.
- 4.2 No person shall paint fire hydrants except with the permission of the Municipality.
- 4.3 A person who may wish to relocate a fire hydrant installed and owned by the municipality may request in writing to the Manager or Superintendent of Pickle Lake. A persona shall pay the estimated cost determined by the manager, subject to refund additional amount, depending on the actual cost when work has been completed.

5. Obstruction of a Hydrant:

- 5.1 The owner or occupant of land or premises adjacent to a fire hydrant or on which a fire hydrant is located shall ensure that there is access to the fire hydrant at all times and that access is not obstructed in any manner.
- 5.2 Any person who owns the land and the premises on which the fire hydrant is located or owns property adjacent to Municipality-owned property on which fire hydrant is located.
 - a. Such person shall ensure there is a three (3) meter corridor free of vegetation between the hydrant and the curb and shall ensure there is a one and half (1.5) meter radius clearance free of vegetation and other objects besides hydrant unless authorized by Manager of Pickle Lake.
 - b. Shall ensure there is nothing constructed, erected or placed within the clearance provided in section 6.2(a).
 - 5.3 If an owner fails to provide the proper clearances on or around a fire hydrant within 24 hours of being notified to do so by the Municipality, the Municipality may remove any obstructions and the owner shall pay the Municipality all costs associated with the removal of those obstructions.

6. Penalties and Offenses:

Every person who contravenes or cause or permits any contravention of any of the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence according to the Provincial Offences Act and on conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$2000.00 exclusive of costs.

BY-LAW READ A FIRST AND SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 22nd DAY OF March, 2022.

Dwight Monck

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer

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