

Sewer Connection By-law Summary

Excavations and Sewer Connections:

- You can't dig up or connect to a sewer without a permit.
- When you apply, you need to give a detailed plan signed by a certified plumber, engineer, or contractor.
- Follow the rules in the National Building and Plumbing Codes.
- The work must be inspected and approved before it's covered.
- The person in charge must certify that everything follows the rules.

Storm, Surface, and Groundwaters:

- Don't connect anything that brings rain or ground water into the sewer.
- Redirect water from buildings if needed.
- If a storm sewer is installed, fix any connections to the sanitary sewer within a year.

Foundation Drainage Sewers:

- If connecting to a combined sewer, follow specific rules.
- Leaders (pipes carrying water) should stay away from foundations and not connect to combined sewers.
- These rules apply to existing or new small buildings.

Onsite Systems:

- If your building is close to a sewer, you must connect to it.
- But, exemptions may be allowed if your building is okay with its current drainage systems.
- Council can't force you to connect until the sewer has been available for a year.
- After connecting, outhouses and septic tanks may need to be removed as per guidelines.

Professional Design for Sewer Systems:

- For complex sewer installations, professional design and documentation are needed.
- Drawings must be signed by a professional engineer or certified plumber.

Backflow Prevention:

- Install backflow prevention valves in certain situations to avoid sewer backups.
- If you don't want to install a valve, you can sign a waiver but will not hold the town responsible.

Administration:

- Owners are responsible for all costs related to sewer connections.
- Inspections must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance during regular office hours.
- If a second inspection is needed, a fee of \$25 will be charged.

Violations:

- Breaking the rules is an offense.

- Fines range from \$500 to \$5000, and imprisonment is possible.
- Each day of violation is a separate offense.
- Police or By-Law Enforcement Officers can issue a "Stop Work" order.
- A fine of \$250 can be paid within 14 days of receiving a Summary Offense Ticket.