



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: July 13, 2017

REPORT TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Bill White C.A.O. Clerk; Wayne Metzger Overall
Responsible Operator

SUBJECT: Recommended Bulk Water Policy

STRATEGIC PLAN:

11.1 Implement financial plans to ensure water distribution and treatment, and sewage collection and treatment systems are operated effectively and efficiently, costs are allocated fairly based on residential and non-residential metered rates, and operations, maintenance and future capital replacement is planned for and financed.

11.2 Continue to operate water treatment and distribution with the highest standards of public safety in mind and according to Provincial requirements using highly trained Town staff, and maintain cross training and enhanced duties to assume responsibility for sewage collection and treatment facilities from Centre Wellington. Maintain both water and sewer facilities using qualified Town staff so long as it is cost effective and efficient to do so.

BACKGROUND:

At its May 16 meeting Council considered a request to take bulk water, and passed a resolution directing negotiation of an agreement with the company and preparation of a policy. The draft policy was brought forward June 6 and the following resolution passed:

MOTION: COW 2017-146

THAT the Bulk Water Policy be deferred so staff can make available information on the draft bulk water policy to the public, and that a by-law be brought forward to remove water restrictions for all Minto customers except as may be required during emergency, drought or other conditions identified by the Overall Responsible Operator.

The attached facts were circulated by social media and posted on the Town website. The issue received coverage by local media, and the C.A.O. Clerk provided the fact sheet to people who had emailed concerns in May. Three emails were received; two opposed to the policy and one in favour.

COMMENTS:

The policy allows less than 0.75% of total consumption to be taken in any one year under the supervision of the Overall Responsible Operator, and no water taking when any water restrictions are in place. The policy is measured, responsible and environmentally appropriate and provides guidance for staff and future Council's.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Up to \$15,000 revenue annually which is payable to the water systems by legislation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the C.A.O. Clerk and Overall Responsible Operator's July 13, 2017 report Recommended Bulk Water Policy, approves the policy as presented, and directs staff to bring forward a by-law to implement a charge of \$3 per m³ plus \$100 administration and remove water restrictions for all Minto customers except as may be required during emergency, drought or other conditions identified by the Overall Responsible Operator.

Bill White C.A.O. Clerk

Wayne Metzger, Overall Responsible Operator