

Town Of Bird Cove Water and Sewer System Regulations

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Section 413 and 414 of the Municipalities Act, Chapter M-24, S.N. 1999, the Town of Bird Cove has made the following Water & Sewer Regulations.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Town of Bird Cove (Water and Sewer System) Regulations.
2. **Interpretation:** In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) **“Act”** means the **Municipalities Act**;
 - (b) **“Council”** means the **Town Council of Bird Cove**;
 - (c) **“Customer”** means **any person, firm or corporation whose property is connected to the system**;
 - (d) **“Town”** means the **Town of Bird Cove as in the incorporated municipality**;
 - (e) **“Service”** means **water supply and sewerage disposal service supplied to a customer**;
 - (f) **“System”** means the **water supply and/or sewerage disposal system of the Town of Bird Cove**.
3. Every owner/occupier of the building or part thereof that is within the town and within (60) metres of the system, shall have such building or part thereof connected to the system.
4. No service shall be provided by the system except in accordance with a written request to Council.
5. Requests for new service line installations will not be accepted after November 15th of each year and only again in spring when weather permits as deemed by council.
6.
 - (a) Service lines for water supply shall be 19 mm (3/4 in.). Copper tubing for a single family residential unit or such greater size as may be approved by Council for multiple residential units and commercial buildings. (The following may be approved upon application to Council: Polyethylene /Aluminum/Polyethylene composite pipe to CSA B137.10 and ASTM F1281. Compression fittings to be as per manufacturer's specifications and suitable underground service (red brass). The applicant is responsible to advise their electrician when not using copper tubing to ensure dwelling is grounded as per National Electrical Code.
 - (b) Service lines for water supply shall be installed at a minimum underground depth of 1.5 m (5 ft.) Unless otherwise approved by Council.
7.
 - (a) Service lines for sewerage disposal shall be 100 mm (4 in.) PVC or equivalent for a single family residential unit or such greater size as may be approved by Council for multiple residential units and commercial buildings.
 - (b) Service lines for sewerage disposal shall be installed at a minimum underground depth of 1.5 m (5 ft.) unless otherwise approved by Council and may be installed lateral with the service line for water supply in the same trench.
 - (c) The grade for a service line for sewerage disposal shall be a minimum of 2% and shall be as much as possible in a continuous straight line without sags or crests; but where a bend is necessary it shall be with the use of a clean out flue.
8. There shall be one only service line for water supply and one only service line for sewerage disposal to each building unless otherwise approved by Council.

9. (a) Service lines from the main to the curb stop or property line where service differentiates shall be installed by the town at the customer's expense and may be installed by the municipality from the curb stop or property line to the building at the customer's expense.

(b) Service line installation from the curb stop/property line to the building being carried out by the customer shall be subject to the Prior approval in writing to Council;

(c) Service lines installed by the customer shall be subject to inspection by the town prior to backfilling and for this purpose the customer may need to pay an inspection fee in an amount to be fixed by Council.

10. Where the town installs a service line for the customer, the cost of such installation shall be paid before the service connection is completed.

11. No customer shall have their property connected to the system where such customer is in arrears of taxes payable to the town and such services could change for existing customers where required:

(a) *"Discontinuance of Service for Non Payment of Rates or Taxes"*: The town may discontinue service from the system to any owner of a building or premises or part thereof who fails to pay on the due date any rates or taxes payable by him/her under the Act.

(b) *"Reconnection"*: Any customer discontinued service due to non-payment of rates or taxes and/or requesting the water be reconnected or turned on to the system shall pay a reconnection fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) plus all taxes including current arrears must be paid and/or acceptable arrangements made for payment before services are reinstated. This reconnection fee shall not apply to service lines shut off temporarily in order for the customer to make repairs to their own line.

12. No person except an employee of the town or other representative engaged for that purpose shall connect service lines to the system.

(a) *"Cross Connections Prohibited"*: Connection of any customers installation served by the system to any other source of water supply is prohibited. Any other source of supply must be disconnected before the Town supply is turned on. A valve for insulating an existing source from the Town supply is not satisfactory. An air gap must exist to prevent back water from an existing supply into the Town mains.

(b) *"Dangerous Connections"*: No connection shall be permitted to any hot water furnace, washing machine, laundry tub, sink or any other equipment or source in such a manner as may allow any contamination to pass from such installation, equipment, or source into the system. If any such connection exists an approved Backflow Prevention device must be installed and the type of device shall depend upon the degree of hazard involved. If any such connection exists without an approved Backflow Prevention device then Council may discontinue the supply of water to that customer.

(c) *"Unauthorized Extensions, Additions or Connections"*: No person shall without the written consent of Council make or cause to be made any connections to any pipe or main or part of the water or sewer system or in any way obtain or use water therefrom in any manner other than as set out in these regulations.

(d) *"Additional Connection"*: Any customer requiring an additional or larger service will be required to pay the full cost of materials and installation.

13. Representatives of the Town shall upon giving adequate prior notice, have the right to access to all parts of a customer's property or premises at all reasonable hours for the purpose of inspecting and repairing service lines or for the purpose of installing, inspecting, repairing or removing required parts for repair and Council/Town shall have the right to suspend service to a customer who refuses access.

14. (a) If repairs are required to a service line between the main and the curb stop or property line where no curb stop exist, it shall be at the town's expense; otherwise, it shall be at the customer's expense.

(b) In the event of a leak in a water supply service line, the Town may discontinue the supply of water to the service line if such action is necessary to prevent wastage of water; and, except in the case of an emergency, the customer shall be given adequate prior notice of the Town's intention to discontinue the supply of water.

(c) Furthermore, if a leak, blockage, freezing or other trouble occurs in a service pipe, it shall be repaired as soon as possible and the property owner shall notify the town of every such occurrence:

1. If trouble occurs between the main and the curb stop or property line where no curb stop exists, it shall be repaired by the town at its own expense, but not including the property owner's connection.

2. If trouble occurs elsewhere in the service pipe, it shall be repaired at the property owner's expense.

3. When the repair work is being done by the contractor or property owner, the Town must be notified so the proper inspection procedures can be carried out while the repair is being undertaken and in order to activate any valves or for inspection of any work.

4. If a freezing occurs, under no circumstances are welding machines or other similar devices to be used for thawing purposes. Only CSA approved thawing machines can be used.

15. No person shall indiscriminately use water nor shall he sell or give water to any person except under such conditions or for purposes as may be approved by Council in writing.

16. No person shall dispose of chemicals or other such material not normally used by a household into a service line for sewerage disposal.

17. No person shall abnormally interfere in any manner with any part of the system, except with the prior approval in writing of Council.

(a) "*Interference With the System*": No person unless authorized by Council, shall draw water from, open, close, cut, break, obstruct free access to, or in any way injure or interfere with any fire hydrant, water main, water pipe, sewer pipe, curb stop, valve or any other part of the system provided, however, that nothing contained in these regulations shall be deemed to prevent an officer or member of the Fire Department or Town Employee when engaged in the work of such department, from using any hydrant or any part of the system.

18. Pursuant to Section 420 of the Act, a person who commits an offence under section 419 or who otherwise contravenes this Act is liable on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than one month or to both the fine and imprisonment; for a subsequent offence to a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than 3 months or to both the fine and imprisonment.

19. These regulations were amended and adopted by resolution of Council at a meeting held on the 8th day of April, 2014 and shall come into effect on the 9th day of April, 2014.

20. All previous Water and Sewer Systems regulations for the council/town are hereby repealed.

Adopted: April 8th, 2014 by Motion 2014-10

Mayor:

Town Clerk: