

By-Law No. 04 - 14
“Water Usage By-Law”

EXPLANATION NOTE:

To regulate and control the usage of water within the Town of Mississippi Mills-Almonte Ward. This by-law is designed to help conserve our water supply in the hot summer months.

Between May 1st and September 30th each year there are limitations on who can water when. Odd number houses may water on odd calendar days and even numbered houses may water on even numbered days.

Watering may occur between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. each day and from only one connection. Midday is the hottest time of the day and the water is more likely to be wasted through evaporation when watering at this time. Watering from more than one connection simply uses too much water at once.

A significant amount of new grass or sod is exempted from these provisions for one week. Any other violations of the by-law can result in a fine.

<p>NOTE: THIS IS ONLY A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE BY-LAW PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED BY-LAW FOR COMPLETE DETAILS</p>
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

BY-LAW NO. 04-14

BEING a by-law to regulate the time, manner, extent and nature of the supply of water in the Ward of Almonte.

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills deems it necessary and desirable to control the consumption and use of water during certain times of the year, pursuant to the authority of Section 12 of *The Public Utilities Act*, Chapter P.52, R.S.O 1990 and amendments thereto;

AND WHEREAS Municipal staff monitor closely the total demand of water in the Almonte Ward;

AND WHEREAS if the demand for water reaches a critical level, direction will be provided by Municipal staff to immediately stop all watering activities which place a demand on the Municipal water system;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills hereby enacts as follows:

SECTION I – REGULATIONS

1. No person, being an owner, tenant, occupant, inmate, servant, agent or employee of any house, dwelling unit, building, or other place or structure supplied from the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills water supply system, shall use water from the said system to water or sprinkler by hose, pipe or any other connection, lawns, gardens, grass, plots, boulevards or grounds of any description between the first day of May each year and the last day of September of the same year, save and except as hereinafter provided;
 - (a) No person, being an owner, tenant, occupant, inmate, servant, agent or employee of any house, dwelling unit, building, or other place or structure, designated by an even-numbered municipal address from the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills, shall use water from the said system to water or sprinkler by no more than one hose, one pipe or any other single connection, lawns, gardens, grass, plots, boulevards or grounds of any description, except on even-numbered calendar days.
 - (b) No person, who being an owner, tenant, occupant, inmate, servant, agent or employee of any house, dwelling unit, building, or other place or structure, designated by an odd-numbered municipal address from the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills, shall use water from the said system to water or sprinkler by no more than one hose, one pipe or any other single connection,

lawns, grass, plots, boulevards or grounds of any description, except on odd-numbered calendar days.

- (c) Each dwelling unit, building or other place not designated by a municipal address and served by the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills water supply system, shall receive a designation of either an even-numbered or odd-numbered municipal address from the Roads and Public Works Department of the Town of Mississippi Mills.
 - (d) No person, who being an owner, tenant, occupant, inmate, servant, agent or employee of any house, dwelling unit, building, or other place or structure supplied from the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills water supply system, shall use water from the said system to water or sprinkler by hose, pipe or any other connection, lawns, gardens, grass, plots, boulevards or grounds of any description, except between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on any day between the first day of May each year and the last day of September of the same year.
 - (e) Any person installing a significant amount of new grass, sod or landscaping shall be entitled to use water for the newly installed grass and/or sod each calendar day during any part of the day for a period of one week from the initial date of installation of the new grass and/or sod.
 - (f) Municipal staff, or a contractor directed by Municipal staff shall be exempt from this By-Law while watering municipal property;
 - (g) When deemed appropriate by municipal staff, further restrictions or a complete ban prohibiting the watering of lawns and/or gardens shall be put into effect and shall remain in effect until the said further restrictions or complete ban has been lifted by the municipality. Notice of such further restrictions or complete ban and the lifting of such further restrictions or complete ban will be provided by an advertisement in the local newspaper.
 - (h) No person, who being an owner, tenant, occupant, inmate, servant, agent or employee of any house, dwelling unit, building, or other place of structure supplied from the Corporation of the Town of Mississippi Mills water supply system, shall use water from the said system to water or sprinkler by hose, pipe or any other connection, lawns, gardens, grass, plots, boulevards or grounds of any description during a watering ban or increased restrictions as established in (g) above.
2. The words "Calendar Days" shall be construed to mean one day commencing at 00.00 hours and ending at 23.59 hours local time.

SECTION II – ENFORCEMENT

Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this By-Law and the procedures with respect thereto is guilty of an offence and the enforcement and the penalty imposed thereunder shall be subject to the provisions of *The Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.53 and any amendments thereto, and the penalty for the commission of any such offences shall be as provided for in the said *Provincial Offences Act*.

This By-law shall be enforced by the Ontario Provincial Police and the Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers of the Municipality.

SECTION III – SHORT TITLE

This By-Law may be referred to as the Water Usage By-Law.

SECTION IV – EFFECTIVE DATE

This By-Law shall take effect on the day of its passing.


SECTION V -- REPEAL


By-law 01-58 is hereby repealed.

BY-LAW READ a first time this 10th day of February, 2004

BY-LAW READ a second time this 10th day of February 2004.

BY-LAW READ a third time, passed, signed and sealed in open Council this 10th day of February, 2004


K.A. Lunney, Mayor


Cynthia Halcrow, Clerk