



## TOWN OF STELLARTON

### East River Low Flow Contingency BY-LAW # 55

#### TITLE

This By-Law may be cited as the “**East River Low Flow Contingency BY-LAW**”.

This contingency by-law is to be used when the flow rate in the East River drops to 1.7 m<sup>3</sup>/s. This contingency by-law outlines the steps required to conserve water use in the Town of Stellarton water system.

#### **Low Water Level Advisory**

- When flow rate reaches 1.7 m<sup>3</sup>/s, the Town will issue a restriction on water use for the following outside activities:
  - Sprinkling, watering or irrigating of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, plants, vegetables, flowers, etc;
  - Filling or topping of pools;
  - Washing of motor vehicles;
- The Town will notify residents and commercial users via radio communication and social media;
- Operating staff will continually monitor water levels and flow rates as per the latest Nova Scotia Environment permit;
- Water restrictions will remain in effect until water levels and flow rates return to an acceptable level as dictated by Nova Scotia Environment;
- The general public will be informed via social media and radio when the water restrictions are lifted.

### ***1. STAGE 1 – ALTERNATE DAY WATER USE***

When the East River flow reaches 1.7 m<sup>3</sup>/s the Town will give notice that a reduction in water use is necessary requiring Stage 1 restrictions. The following activities are restricted:

- Sprinkling, watering or irrigating of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, plants, vegetables, flowers, etc;
- Filling or topping of pools;
- Washing of motor vehicles;

The above uses are restricted to the following:

- Even numbered addresses are permitted on even calendar days ( 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, etc) from 6am to 11am and 7 pm to midnight;
- Odd numbered addresses are permitted on odd calendar days ( 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, etc) from 6am to 11am and 7 pm to midnight;

### ***2. STAGE 2 – TWICE A WEEK WATER USE***

When the East River flow reaches 1.5 m<sup>3</sup>/s the Town will give notice that a reduction in water use is necessary requiring Stage 2 restrictions. The following activities are restricted:

- Sprinkling, watering or irrigating of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, plants, vegetables, flowers, etc;
- Filling or topping of pools;
- Washing of motor vehicles;

The above uses are restricted to the following:

- Even numbered addresses are permitted on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 6am to 11am and 7 pm to midnight;
- Odd numbered addresses are permitted on Sundays and Wednesdays from 6am to 11am and 7 pm to midnight;

### ***3. STAGE 3 – NO OUTDOOR WATER USE***

When the East River flow reaches 1.4 m<sup>3</sup>/s the Town will give notice that a reduction in water use is necessary requiring Stage 3 restrictions. And the following shall apply:

- a.) No person shall use water supplied by the Town for other than a domestic purpose or commercial purpose. No person shall use water outdoors for any purpose.

This contingency procedure requires the support and stewardship of all citizens in the Town of Stellarton. It is a civic duty to be responsible citizens and to respect the environmental impact of water conservation.

**CLERK ANNOTATION**

Date of First Reading: **January 13, 2020**

Date of advertisement of Notice of Intent to Consider: **January 23, 2020**

Date of Second Reading: **February 10, 2020**

I certify that the above **East River Low Flow Contingency BY-LAW** was duly adopted by Stellarton Town Council at duly called meetings and was published as indicated above.

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Town Clerk

**Schedule A Offences and Fines**

<b>First Offence</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Second Offence</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Third Offence</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>