



Deputy Inspector of Municipalities

VILLAGE POINT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BYLAW NUMBER 122

*A bylaw for regulating the distribution and use of water and
prescribing penalties for non-compliance with the regulations.*

The Trustees of the Village Point Improvement District enact as follows:

1. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

“VPID” means Village Point Improvement District

“Trustees” means the Trustees of the VPID or their duly authorized representatives;

“Water” means water conveyed through the works operated or maintained by the VPID;

“Works” means anything capable of or useful for diverting, storing, measuring, or conveying,
conserving, retarding, confining or using water; and

“Swimming pool” means an artificially created body of water having a depth of 18” or more used for
recreational or physiotherapy purposes.

Service Connections

2. Before any person/contractor installs or constructs any works within the VPID, he will apply to the
VPID in writing and obtain a written permit, and if required by the VPID, he will furnish a plan and
specifications which must show:

- a. The purpose of the size of pipes and the number of outlets related or connected thereto;
- b. A description of the material which the applicant proposes to use; type and size of service
connection and the arrangement of valves and other appurtenances required to regulate the
water will be specified in the VPID design guidelines; and
- c. The street address and complete legal description of the premises in which the installation or
connection is to be made.

If a person/contractor contravenes this section, the VPID may:

- a. Order the person and his/her agent immediately to cease such contravention;
- b. Restore the works to the condition in which they existed prior to the contravention, at the
expense of the property owner;
- c. Repair, at the expense of the property owner, any damage to the VPID’s work caused by the
property owner or his/her agents;
- d. Recover from the contravening property owner any other costs caused by the contravention or
repairs arising from it, including but not limited to, those for loss and replacement of water and
disruption of service.

3. Where an applicant for a water service requires a quantity, pressure or type of service in excess of that which can be supplied from the works, the VPID may require the said applicant to pay for all or part of any works considered necessary to augment system capacity in order to meet the water requirements. Alternatively, the said applicant may be required to make a capital contribution toward the future provision of such works. Applicants considered under this section may be required to enter into a formal agreement with the VPID regarding the special terms and conditions under which water is supplied.
4. Immediately after the completion of any works, and before such works or any part thereof has been covered or concealed, the VPID must be notified that such works are ready for inspection. The works must not be covered until they have been inspected, tested under pressure, and accepted in writing by the Improvement District.

Turn Off and Turn On

5. Owners who wish to have their water service discontinued must pay the prescribed turn off charge, and give the VPID fourteen (14) days notice. The service will be cut off at the end of the month succeeding the termination of the notice. Before the service is again renewed, the owner or occupant must pay to the VPID the prescribed turn-on charge for the renewal of the service. The "tax" portion of the service continues to be charged to the owner.
6. The VPID may order the water be turned off to any premises where tolls have owed for ninety (90) days or longer.
7. The VPID may order the water to be turned off to any premises when immediate action is necessary to remedy water leakage.
8. Owners must turn off their water at the road when absent from their homes for 48 hours or longer. Owners who fail to do this and have a leak on their property while they are away will be charged a cost recovery fee for staff hours spent on leak detection.

Trustees Right of Access

9. (a) The Trustees or their designate have right of access to all parts of a person's property or premises, except private dwellings unless permission is given by the occupant, at all reasonable hours for the purpose of inspecting or testing any works, fittings or appliances related to the use of water, or for the purpose of installing, removing, repairing, reading, inspecting meters, testing the chemical composition of water stored on or supplied to the premises, or any other function related to the VPID's business; and

(b) No person will obstruct or prevent the Trustees or their designate from carrying out any of the provisions of this bylaw.

Improvement District's Works

10. No person except the Trustees or their designate will open, shut, adjust, draw water from or tamper with any of the VPID's works. VPID has the right to secure their curb stop boxes to prevent owners from turning off the water to their residence. VPID has the right to move owners' existing shut off valves, contained within the VPID curb stop boxes, and install them in a separate box/container.
11. No person will obstruct at any time or in any manner the access to any hydrant, valve, stop cock or other fixture connected with the VPID's works, and should any person so obstruct access to any said fixture by allowing accumulation of surface water around it or by placing thereon or near thereto any structure or material, the Trustees may remove such obstruction at the expense of the offending person.
12. When a landowner requests that any of the VPID's works situated within an easement or Right of Way, in favour of the VPID be moved or relocated, the entire cost of moving or relocating the said works will be borne by the landowner unless other arrangements are agreed upon in writing by both parties.

Works on Private Property

13. No person to whose premises water is supplied will make, or permit to be made, any additional connection to his service of either temporary or permanent nature, for the purpose of supplying water to another building, rainwater storage tanks or house trailer on his, or any other property,
14. No person will interconnect any portion of works on private property, which are supplied by the VPID, with an external source of water, such as a well, or rainwater storage tanks. Wherever works on private property, which are supplied by the VPID, are connected to a body of stored water in such a way that, if a reverse flow were to be induced, the stored water could flow back into the VPID's works, and result in a possible health hazard. The owner of the private property will install and maintain at his or her own expense a back flow preventer on all or any portion of the plumbing on a property owner's property, where in the opinion of the VPID, the prevention of such backflow is necessary or desirable.
15. No person will use or permit the use of any pump or other device for the purpose of, or having the effect of, increasing the pressure in any pipe without the written permission of the Trustees or representative, whether such pipe forms part of the VPID's works or of the works on the said owner's premises. The VPID may, without notice, discontinue service to any owner employing such pump or other device.
16. The property owner will be responsible for the safekeeping, maintenance, repair and replacement of all service pipes and plumbing systems, including pressure-reducing and check valves, from the outlet of the VPID's curb stop at his property line and will protect them from frost or other damage, and will promptly repair frozen, leaky or imperfect pipes or fixtures at his/her own cost.

Water Use Regulations

17. Where, in the opinion of the Trustees, the quantity of water being used or the rate which it is being used from time to time, through any service is in excess of that contracted for or otherwise considered adequate, the VPID may take such measures as are considered necessary to limit the supply to said service. These measures may include the installation of a meter, partially closing the controlling curb stop, regulating the rate and time at which water may be used, and establishing special charges for water used in excess of a stipulated quantity or rate or for purposes deemed contrary to community accepted conservation rules, e.g. boat washing in high drought conditions. The cost of any measures, deemed necessary by the VPID under this section, must be paid by the owner or owners concerned. The Trustees may limit the amount of water used by any service in the interests of efficient operation of the VPID's works and equitable distribution of water.
18. No owner or occupant of any premises supplied with water by the VPID will sell, dispose of, or give away water, or permit the same to be taken away or applied for the benefit of other persons or premises.
19. No person will use VPID water for watering stock, filling swimming pools or reservoirs, pressure washing or for any purpose other than that required for normal domestic use.
20. The Trustees may, at any time, introduce regulations restricting the use of VPID water for outdoor watering or any other purpose, including, but not limited to, washing vehicles, boats, docks, decks, driveways, building exteriors and roofs. Upon receiving due notice of such restriction, no person will use VPID water for the purposes forbidden by, or in excess of the limits imposed by, such restrictions. For the purpose of this section, due notice includes one or more of post, emailing or posting at the VPID's website at www.vpid.ca.

Liability of the VPID

21. The VPID does not guarantee a specific pressure or a continuous supply of water quality to meet the special requirements of individual users. The VPID reserves the right to interrupt water service at any time for the purpose of making repairs or alterations to the works. If service is to be interrupted for more than four consecutive hours, due notice will be given to those water users affected.

Powers of the Improvement District

22. The Trustees or their representative may turn off the supply of water to any person in default of the requirements of this bylaw. The person in default will not be entitled to receive any further water from the VPID until such person has remedied the default. It will be unlawful for any person whose water has been turned off, pursuant to this section, to turn such water on again, or take any water from the VPID's works until such time as the Trustees or their representative again turn on the water.

23. The **Local Government Act** give Village Point Improvement District authority to enforce its actions.
24. A person who commits an offence under this bylaw is liable on summary conviction to a penalty in accordance with the *Offence Act*.

Repeals

25. This bylaw repeals the following:
Bylaw No 101, dated April 12, 2019

Citation

26. This bylaw may be cited as the "Water Distribution Regulation Bylaw No. 122".

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Chair of the Trustees

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Bylaw No. 122


Moira McCulloch, Administrator

