



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the General Committee

From: Cynthia Fletcher
Commissioner Infrastructure and Planning Services

Meeting Date: September 9, 2019

Subject: Report IPSBD19-004
Safe Sewage Management Agreement with Peterborough
Public Health

Purpose

A report to recommend a one year extension to the agreement between the City and the Board of Health for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit, operating as Peterborough Public Health, to continue to provide permit issuance and inspection of sewage systems, as required under the **Building Code Act, 1992**.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPSBD19-004, dated September 9, 2019, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services, as follows:

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a one year extension of the term of the agreement dated October 1, 2014 between the Board of Health for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit operating as Peterborough Public Health and the City of Peterborough, with mutual options to extend for three successive periods of one year each, with respect to the enforcement by the Board of Health for the Peterborough Public Health of the **Building Code Act, 1992** related to sewage systems.

Budget and Financial Implications

The sewage system inspection program currently offered by the the Board of Health for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit, operating as Peterborough Public Health (the “Health Unit”) is a full cost recovery program, as fees generated by applications, permits, and file searches are retained by the Health Unit to offset operational expenses. It is proposed that the existing schedule of fees will be maintained during the extended term ending September 30, 2020.

Background

In 2006 the City entered into an agreement with the Health Unit pursuant to the **Building Code Act, 1992** (the “Act”) for the purpose of delegating to the Health Unit certain responsibilities under the Act with respect to sewage systems, with a capacity of 10,000 litres per day or less. The current agreement, which has a term from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2019, was approved by Council through Report PLBD14-001 dated September 22, 2014.

Part IV of the **Clean Water Act, 2006**, require authorities that provide municipal water to conduct inspections of septic systems located in vulnerable areas identified by assessment maps prepared for the protection of drinking water sources. The **Building Code Act, 1992** also requires mandatory sewer system inspections by authorities that include municipalities. The Trent Source Protection Plan and Assessment Report, identifies 4 properties within the City’s municipal jurisdiction that require inspection of their septic systems by October 2019 and every five years thereafter.

Staff recommend that the City enter into a one year extension agreement with the Health Unit to ensure that the City meets its obligations under the **Building Code Act, 1992** and **Clean Water Act, 2006**. The one year period is to allow the Health Unit to continue to evaluate the feasibility of providing ongoing sewage system services within Peterborough County. The City will either renew a further agreement with the Health Unit or assume the service itself once the Health Unit decision is made.

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