






Subject: **Policy 14-12, New Water Connections to Existing Rural Waterlines**
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2023
 Prepared By: John McKiernan
 Presented By: John McKiernan

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council approve Policy 14-12, New Water Connection to Existing Rural Waterlines as presented

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

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High Quality Infrastructure		Economic Resilience		Quality of Life		Effective Leadership		Level of Service	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- Existing Policy: 14-12, Water Riser Installation on Existing County Waterlines

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The current policy was created to provide guidelines for applicants/landowners to connect to existing rural waterlines and defining the difference between adjacent and non-adjacent connections.

As part of the regular policy review process, policy 14-12: New Water Connection to Existing Rural Waterlines with proposed changes is being brought forward for Council’s consideration

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Some amendments have been made to the existing policy. The first notable change is the title as the word “Connection” replaces “Riser” as the riser is a portion of the overall connection to the waterline.

There was some adjustment in the order the information was presented in the Policy as well as some small wording corrections.

There are two substantial changes being brought forward to Council; the first is deleting the requirement that all developers and landowners adjacent to a waterline must apply for a water model as a condition of development or subdivision. The second is deleting the County cost share option for extension of waterlines.

The requirement to apply for water modeling at the time of development/subdivision is put on as a condition and if not wanted the service remains unused. The requirement for a developer/landowner to apply for water modeling if it is not required by them (ie: will use groundwater well) essentially uses up allocation on that particular water system, this could ultimately affect a future developer/landowner, who requires the water connection, not receiving positive water model results. Other than our Hamlets and Previous water Co-ops our rural water systems have many services that are currently unused.



The option of the County cost sharing with a developer/landowner on the extension of waterline was done to make it more affordable for residents to connect to a rural waterline. The current policy allows for 50/50 cost sharing up to a maximum of \$25,000 and in the past was included in the budget on the chance that there was the opportunity. This has been removed from the budget in last few years. This option has been utilized 5 times throughout the years.

There are no other policies that provide the option for a cost share option for extension or creation of County infrastructure.

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

If proposed changes to the policy are accepted by Council it will eliminate the option for cost sharing on extended waterlines. Currently the County offers a 50/50 cost share up to a maximum of \$25,000.

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools:	Public Notification	Other:	
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ATTACHMENTS:

New Policy 14-12, New Water Connection t Existing Rural Waterlines

Old Policy 14-12, Water Riser Installation on Existing County Waterlines

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Council moves to accept Policy 14-12, New Water Connection to Existing Rural Waterlines as presented.
2. Council moves to accept Policy 14-12, New Water Connection to Existing Rural Waterlines as amended.
3. Council receives as information.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

Administration will update the Policy accordingly.

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-

Mike Ziehr, Director of Infrastructure

Approved-

