

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 122-2003

A By-law to regulate the supply and use of water within the serviced area of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan and to repeal By-law 331-88, as amended and By-law 42-93, as amended.

WHEREAS the provisions of subsection 11(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, permit municipal corporations to pass by-laws for the regulation of public utilities and such matters related to or connected therewith as may be necessary or proper to regulate, in order to ensure a continued and abundant supply of water;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan deems it expedient to regulate the outdoor use of water for certain classes of property within the serviced area of the City of Vaughan;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan, notwithstanding the provisions of By-law Number 167-73, as amended, enacts as follows:

1. Subject to sections 2 and 3 of this By-law, the use of municipally supplied water for the purpose of outdoor watering of lawns or grass, trees, shrubs or gardens by hose, sprinkler device, pipe or other form of irrigation is prohibited at any time between May 15th and September 30th inclusive of each of those dates in every year, except as provided hereunder:
 - (a) Owners or occupants of residential properties within the City of Vaughan with an even numbered address shall be permitted to water only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on any even numbered day of the month;
 - (b) Owners or occupants of residential properties within the City of Vaughan with an odd numbered address shall be permitted to water only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on any odd numbered day of the month;
 - (c) Owners or occupants of commercial, industrial or institutional properties shall also be required to comply with the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b), except such owners or occupants shall be permitted to water only between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. to a maximum of three (3) hours on any permitted day of the month.
2. Section 1 of this By-law shall not apply to prevent owners or occupants of land from watering newly laid sod for a period of one (1) month after the date of laying or installation or from watering newly planted plants, shrubs or trees on the day of installation and for the next twenty-four (24) hours.
3. Notwithstanding section 1 of this By-law, in the event The Corporation of the Regional Municipality of York gives notice to The Corporation of the City of Vaughan that a reduction in water use is necessary, the following staged restrictions shall apply:

(1) **STAGE 1 – Advisory**

All owners or occupants of properties within the City of Vaughan are requested to voluntarily refrain from engaging in or taking any of the following actions or activities:

- (a) using a hose, sprinkler device, pipe or irrigation system to water lawns at any time;
- (b) using a hose or pressure washing device to wash exterior building surfaces, including windows, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks;
- (c) using decorative fountains which do not use recirculated water;
- (d) using a hose or other device to water trees, shrubs and gardens, except by using a hand-held container;
- (e) washing a vehicle, boat or other recreational vehicle; or
- (f) filling existing residential swimming pools, wading pools or hot-tubs.

(2) **STAGE 2 – Outdoor Water Use Ban**

All owners or occupants of properties within the City of Vaughan shall not engage in or take any of the following actions or activities:

- (a) using a hose, sprinkler device, pipe or irrigation system to water lawns at any time;
- (b) using a hose or pressure washing device to wash exterior building surfaces, including windows, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks;
- (c) using decorative fountains which do not use recirculated water;
- (d) using a hose or other device to water trees, shrubs and gardens, except by using a hand-held container;
- (e) washing a vehicle, boat or other recreational vehicle; or
- (f) filling existing residential swimming pools, wading pools or hot-tubs.

4. Notwithstanding subsections 3(1) and (2) of this By-law, the provisions related to a Stage 2 - Outdoor Water Use Ban do not apply to the following enterprises, activities, uses or things:

- (a) nurseries;
- (b) newly laid sod for a period of one (1) month after the date of laying or installation;
- (c) newly-planted plants, shrubs and trees on the day of installation and for the next twenty-four (24) hours;
- (d) watering of sports/playing fields where failure to water would result in permanent loss of grass or plant materials or result in unsafe field conditions;
- (e) washing of exterior building surfaces, including windows, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, prior to the application of a product, such as paint or sealant, or the preparation of a surface, such as prior to paving or re-pointing of bricks, or if required by law to comply with Health and Safety Regulations;
- (f) commercial car washes or car dealerships;
- (g) municipal water play areas and swimming pools; or

(h) any other uses similar to those listed in paragraphs (a) – (g) of this section, as may be approved from time to time in writing by the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, or designate.

5. Every person who contravenes a provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), as provided in the *Provincial Offences Act*, as amended from time to time.
6. Upon final passage of this By-law, By-law 331-88, as amended, and By-law 42-93, as amended, are repealed.
7. The provisions of this By-law shall come into force and be in effect upon final passage thereof.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 14th day of April, 2003.

Michael Di Biase, Mayor

J. D. Leach, City Clerk