

# ***THE CITY OF VAUGHAN***

# ***BY-LAW***

## **BY-LAW NUMBER 076-2016**

**A By-law to authorize a relief program for patients receiving home dialysis treatment.**

**WHEREAS** the Corporation of the City of Vaughan (the “**City**”) has a responsibility for the supply and distribution of water within its jurisdiction;

**AND WHEREAS** the City recognizes the financial burden of home dialysis treatment on residents;

**AND WHEREAS** the City deems it appropriate to provide financial relief to these residents;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the City delegate authority to the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer to adjust the rebate as required;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the City ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

### **1. DEFINITION**

- (1) “**Eligible Resident**” means a person who,
- (i) Requires dialysis as part of his or her treatment regimen;
  - (ii) Receives the necessary dialysis treatment at his or her place of residence;
  - (iii) Completes and submits the required form as outlined in Section 4; and
  - (iv) Receives written notification of approval from the City authorizing the application of a rebate for his or her account.

### **2. AUTHORIZATION**

- (1) The application of a rebate for water consumption from Eligible Residents is authorized.

- (2) The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to review and adjust the rebate amounts as required.

### **3. REBATE**

- (1) The rebate shall be based on the annual increase in the amount of water consumed by the Eligible Resident as a result of home dialysis treatment.
- (2) The City will issue a rebate cheque on a bi-monthly, pro-rated basis to the Eligible Resident while undergoing treatment.
- (3) The annual amount of the rebate shall be as follows:
  - (a) \$460.00 for an annual consumption increase up to 125 cubic metres;
  - (b) \$560.00 for an annual consumption increase between 126 and 175 cubic metres; and
  - (c) \$650.00 for an annual consumption increase in excess of 175 cubic metres.
- (4) The rebate program will be reviewed annually.

### **4. APPLICATION PROCESS**

- (1) Applicants wishing to be considered for Eligible Resident status shall be required to complete and submit an application form to Water and Wastewater Financial Services staff annually by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year for approval for the following calendar year.
  - (a) Where an individual commences home dialysis treatment after the application deadline outlined above, he or she may apply for a rebate during the calendar year, and where he or she is determined to be an Eligible Resident, shall be provided a rebate until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.
- (2) The following information is required as part of the application:
  - (a) Name of the applicant receiving home dialysis treatment;
  - (b) Address of the applicant receiving treatment;
  - (c) Description of the dialysis unit being used at home by the applicant;
  - (d) Water account details; and
  - (e) Letter from a medical professional or hospital confirming the applicant as receiving home dialysis treatment, and the duration of that treatment.

- (3) Applicants shall be notified in a timely manner, of the result of their application. Where an individual has been determined to be an Eligible Resident, information shall be provided outlining the rebate.

Enacted by City of Vaughan Council this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

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Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor

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Jeffrey A. Abrams, City Clerk