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TITLE: Regional Financial Assistance to Small Municipal Residential Water Systems	NO.: Approval Date: September 23, 2004 Last Updated: October 4, 2004
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POLICY STATEMENT:

A policy to outline the conditions in which The Regional Municipality of York will provide financial assistance towards the costs of water supply improvements to small municipal residential water systems.

APPLICATION:

To residents within the Region of York that are being required by the Region to directly fund the cost of improvements to a privately-owned water system that has subsequently been ordered by the Ministry of the Environment to be assumed by the Region.

PURPOSE:

This policy outlines the Region's involvement in providing financial assistance to residents for capital improvements to water systems in communities where the Region of York has been ordered to assume ownership and operation of a privately-owned small residential water system and rectify deficiencies.

DEFINITIONS:

Small Municipal Residential Water System – A system which provides water services to more than 5 and less than 101 permanent residential properties, is not seasonal in nature, and excludes camps or trailer parks.

DESCRIPTION:

Eligibility criteria – The following criteria must be met in order for the Region to assist residents in the funding of improvements to small municipal residential water systems:

- The Region must have received an order from the Ministry of the Environment to assume the operation of the privately-owned water system, and repair any deficiencies

- The area municipality in which the system is located must commit to funding a portion of the required works
- A portion of the cost of the works must be borne by the benefiting residents in the community where the system is located

If the above-noted criteria are met, the Region would commit to match the area municipal financial contribution towards the required water system works, up to one-third of the total cost of the works. The funding is to be provided from the Regional water reserve. The area municipality, in conjunction with the Region, must also seek funding assistance from senior levels of government for these works. Any funding received from senior levels of government towards the cost of remediation of the system would reduce the Regional financial contribution.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Area Municipalities:

- Submit a request on behalf of the benefiting residents for financial assistance
- Provide confirmation that the area municipality has committed to fund a component of the required works
- Provide confirmation of any efforts to secure funding from senior levels of government, and the extent to which these efforts were successful
- Work with the Region to determine whether eligibility criteria are met

Transportation and Works/Finance Department:

- Confirm water system meets eligibility requirements outlined above
- Work with area municipal staff to secure any Provincial or Federal funding for the works
- Provide appropriate funding from the Regional water reserve

REFERENCE:

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