



MUNICIPALITY OF  
**GREENSTONE**

**Municipality of Greenstone Policy Manual**

<b>Subject:</b> Septic Pumping Grant Program	
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**Purpose:**

The Municipality of Greenstone shall deliver a grant program funded by the tax-supported budget to assist ratepayers that do not have municipal water and sewer service capability for their property and are subsidizing municipal water and sewer services.

**Application:**

The Septic Pumping Grant Program is offered to property owners in Greenstone with an onsite sewage treatment system as defined by Part VIII of the Ontario Building Code, and restricted to Class 1, 4 and 5 Sewage Systems.

Sewage system pump-outs are the only maintenance activity eligible under this grant program.

**Policy Statement/s:**

Eligible properties within Greenstone include those on the municipal tax roll which are not connected to municipal water service infrastructure. Septic pumping services must be provided by a licensed contractor.

**Amendments:**

The adoption of this draft policy (via bylaw) repeals the existing "Septic Tank Pumping Rebate Program" policy authorized via RES 17-43.

## Definitions:

Part VIII of the Ontario Building Code specifies the minimum requirements for five different classifications of sewage systems, and discharge limitations on sanitary sewage:

- Class 1 Sewage System - Composting toilet, pit privy, vault privy.
- Class 2 Sewage System - Leaching pit (used for the treatment and dispersal of grey water only).
- Class 3 Sewage System - Cesspool (used for the treatment and dispersal of the contents of a Class 1 sewage system only).
- Class 4 Sewage System - A conventional system includes a septic tank and leaching bed. An alternative system includes a septic tank and treatment unit and area bed (used for the treatment and dispersal of all wastewater).
- Class 5 Sewage System - This system is a holding tank (contents must be pumped as often as is required). This system is permitted only by exemption under the Building Code. Contact the TBDHU for details.

Reference: <https://www.tbdhu.com/health-topics/sewage-treatment-systems>

## Policy:

- Grant monies will be dispensed on a per property basis.
- Ratepayers are eligible to apply for a grant for properties subject to the residential property tax rate once every three calendar years. The grant shall equal the cost of septic pumping service fees incurred to a maximum of \$200.
- Ratepayers are eligible to apply for a grant equal for properties subject to the commercial property tax rate on an annual basis. The grant shall equal the cost of septic pumping service fees incurred to a maximum of \$1,500.
- Claims must include documentation as follows:
  1. The application form for the Septic Pumping Grant signed and dated by the claimant to verify the recipient name and mailing address.
  2. Proof of contracted septic pumping services during the year of the claim for said property.
- The grant shall be administered in one of two ways for eligible claims. If the property tax account associated with the claim is in good standing a cheque will be issued. If the property tax account is in arrears the qualifying amount under the grant program will be applied to the affiliated property tax roll.

## Legislative Requirements:

None.

