

Meeting Date: August 6, 2024
Department: Engineering & Public Works
Report No.: EPW-2024-60
Submitted by: Paul Zuberbuhler, Manager of Environmental Services
Approved by: Trisha McKibbin, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Council receive Report EPW-2024-60 Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement for information, and further;

THAT: Council enter into an Extra Strength Sewer Surcharge agreement with Burnbrae Farms Limited, and further;

THAT: By-law No. 77-24 enacting the agreement be referred to the Consideration of By-laws section of the Agenda for approval.

BACKGROUND:

The Municipality has sewer use by-law that regulates what can be discharged into the sanitary sewers. These requirements protect the sewage works from receiving discharges that could cause:

- A health and safety hazard to any person;
- Damage to the sewers, increasing maintenance costs or causing a dangerous condition;
- Damage to the sewage treatment process or causing a dangerous condition in the sewage works;
- The sewage works effluent to contravene any requirement of the sewage works Certificate of Approval, the Ontario Water Resources Act or the Environmental Protection Act.

The Municipality currently has these types of agreements with other industries in Strathroy. Staff are unable to locate any previous agreement with the Company, therefore this will formalize the arrangement.

COMMENTS:

An extra strength surcharge agreement is required since external laboratory testing of the wastewater effluent from Burnbrae Farms Limited has shown the effluent from their facility is not meeting the requirements of the Municipality's sewer by-law. Staff have reviewed and have prepared the attached agreement. This agreement will allow for them to discharge the higher strength sewage, which is above the current allowable amounts in our sewer use by-law. This agreement is the same that what has been approved for KML Windows. A draft agreement has been shared with Burnbrae Farms Limited.

CONSULTATION:

- Chief Administrative Officer
- Director of Legal and Legislative Services

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The agreement requires Burnbrae Farms Limited to pay the costs associated with sampling and testing, therefore other users on the municipal sanitary system will not be impacted.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO THE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Council to provide alternate direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

- Local Infrastructure – Households and businesses in Strathroy-Caradoc are supported by reliable, financially responsible and well-maintained infrastructure networks

ATTACHMENTS:

- Extra Strength Surcharge Agreement – Burnbrae Farms Limited