

The Corporation of the Town of Lakeshore

Report to Council

Engineering & Infrastructure Services

Environmental Services



To: Mayor & Members of Council

From: Albert Dionne, C.E.T.
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Date: March 30, 2021

Subject: Moratorium on Large Water Users/Greenhouses

Recommendations

This report is for information only.

Background

On October 21, 2020 the General Manager for UWSS presented a report to the board related to the significant increase in potable water demand over the last few years and its effect on water treatment capacity and allocation.

A follow up letter was sent to the Chief Administrative Officers in Leamington, Kingsville, Essex and Lakeshore on November 2, 2020 regarding the proposed proportionate share of remaining treatment allocation. This letter was seeking support from the related Administration for the proposed allocation.

Concerns were received by UWSS from various Municipalities.

The UWSS Board reviewed the concerns, approved the allocation and further identified the need to coordinate and develop a long term plan regarding capacity and allocation through the creation of a Working Group. This group consists of representation from Administration of all the impacted Municipalities.

The General Manager of UWSS reached out to the Working Group, made up of Administration who are not board members, to commence with having discussions on future water allocation. The first Working Group meeting was held on February 24th, 2021.

Comments

Based on comments and feedback received at the initial meeting of the UWSS Working Group on February 24th, 2021, a report was presented to the UWSS Board on March 17th, 2021 recommending a temporary moratorium on new Large Water User Applications for UWSS treatment capacity allocation.

The recommendation proposed is as follows:

It was recommended that the moratorium become effective immediately. Thus new applications for large water user treatment capacity allocation would no longer be received. Furthermore, the moratorium would be subject to review/renewal 12 months after implementation.

The Moratorium on Applications for UWSS Treated Water Capacity Report was passed at the meeting.

This report is attached for further information.

Financial Impacts

There are no financial impacts. However, there could be long-term financial implications relating to the greenhouse industry generally should that be a direction in which the Municipality decides to grow.

Attachment

Moratorium on Applications for UWSS Treated Water Allocations

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Moratorium on Large Users-Greenhouses.docx
Attachments:	- Moratorium on Applications for UWSS.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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