



TOWN OF NORQUAY

BYLAW NO. 4-2026

A BYLAW RESPECTING SUMP PITS, SUMP PUMPS, FOUNDATION DRAINAGE AND SURFACE DISCHARGE

The Council of the Town of Norquay in the province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the **Sump Pit and Surface Discharge Bylaw**.

2. PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of this Bylaw is to:

- (a) reduce inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system;
- (b) protect the capacity and operation of the Town's sewer collection and wastewater treatment systems;
- (c) protect the municipal lift station from excessive pumping caused by groundwater and stormwater entering the sanitary sewer system;
- (d) reduce operating, maintenance and future capital replacement costs associated with municipal wastewater infrastructure;
- (e) extend the useful life of municipal sewer mains, pumps, controls, lift station equipment and treatment facilities;
- (f) reduce the risk of sewer backups, system surcharging and service interruptions;
- (g) minimize the potential for sewage bypasses, overflows and emergency discharges that may adversely affect the environment;
- (h) protect public health, safety, property and the natural environment;
- (i) ensure compliance with applicable provincial environmental legislation and regulatory requirements; and
- (j) ensure that wastewater utility costs are not unnecessarily increased by the collection, pumping and treatment of stormwater or groundwater.

2.2 Council finds that groundwater and stormwater entering the sanitary sewer system through improper connections place unnecessary strain on municipal wastewater infrastructure, increase operating costs, consume valuable treatment capacity and may contribute to sewer backups, bypasses and adverse environmental impacts.

2.3 The Town of Norquay recognizes the reduction of inflow and infiltration as an important measure to protect municipal infrastructure, utility ratepayers and the environment.

3. INFLOW AND INFILTRATION

3.1 Inflow and Infiltration ("I&I") means clean water, groundwater, stormwater, snowmelt, surface drainage, roof drainage or foundation drainage that enters the sanitary sewer system through improper connections, cracked pipes, defective manholes, sump pumps, foundation drains, weeping tile systems, roof drains or downspouts.

3.2 Inflow and infiltration may:

- (a) reduce available capacity within the sanitary sewer system;
- (b) increase wastewater pumping and treatment costs;
- (c) increase electrical consumption and operating costs at the Town's lift station;
- (d) accelerate wear and deterioration of municipal infrastructure;
- (e) increase the likelihood of sewer backups and service interruptions;
- (f) contribute to sewage bypasses, overflows or emergency discharges that may negatively affect the environment; and
- (g) result in unnecessary costs being borne by utility customers and taxpayers.

3.3 The Town shall take reasonable measures to reduce inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system and shall not permit cross-connections between the sanitary sewer system and any stormwater or groundwater drainage system.

4. DEFINITIONS

Foundation Drain means a drainage system installed around a building foundation.

Sump Pit means a pit designed to collect groundwater.

Sump Pump means a mechanical device that pumps water from a sump pit.

Surface Discharge means water discharged above ground.

Stormwater means rainfall, snowmelt, groundwater or surface runoff.

Town means the Town of Norquay.

5. SUMP PIT REQUIREMENTS

5.1 All new buildings requiring foundation drainage shall be equipped with a sump pit.

5.2 Sump pits shall be maintained in good working order.

6. PROHIBITED CONNECTIONS

6.1 No person shall connect or permit the connection of:

- a) a sump pit;
- b) a sump pump;
- c) a foundation drain;
- d) a weeping tile system;
- e) a roof drain;
- f) a downspout;

to the sanitary sewer system.

6.2 No person shall discharge water from a sump pump into:

- a) a sanitary sewer;
- b) a floor drain connected to a sanitary sewer;
- c) a plumbing fixture connected to a sanitary sewer.

7. APPROVED DISCHARGE LOCATIONS

7.1 Sump pump discharge shall be directed to:

- a) the owner's property;
- b) a drainage swale;
- c) a municipal ditch;
- d) an approved storm sewer.

7.2 Surface discharge shall not create flooding, icing hazards or damage to adjacent properties.

8. EXISTING CONNECTIONS

8.1 Where a sump pump, sump pit, foundation drain, weeping tile system, roof drain, downspout, or other prohibited drainage system is connected to the sanitary sewer system, the property owner shall disconnect and permanently remove the connection.

8.2 Upon identifying a prohibited connection, the Town shall provide written notice to the property owner specifying the required corrective action and the timeline for compliance.

8.3 The Town may establish deadlines for compliance.

9. INSPECTIONS

9.1 The Town may inspect any property to determine compliance.

9.2 Owners shall provide reasonable access for inspections.

10. ORDERS

10.1 The Town may issue written orders requiring:

- a) removal of prohibited connections;
- b) installation of approved discharge systems;
- c) repair of defective drainage systems.

11. COST RECOVERY

11.1 Where an owner fails to comply, the Town may undertake the required work.

11.2 The costs incurred may be added to the owner's property taxes.

12. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

12.1 Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence

12.2 Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offence.

12.3 A person who contravenes this Bylaw is liable upon summary conviction to the penalties provided by The Municipalities Act, 2005 and any other applicable legislation.

12.4 In addition to any other remedy available to the Town, a Designated Officer may issue a Notice of Violation requiring payment of a voluntary penalty in accordance with Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.

12.5 Payment of a voluntary penalty shall not relieve a person from the requirement to remedy the violation.

12.6 Where a person fails to remedy a violation after receiving written notice from the Town, the Town may undertake the necessary work and recover all costs from the property owner in accordance with this Bylaw and The Municipalities Act, 2005.

12.7 Any costs incurred by the Town, including administrative, inspection, contractor, legal, engineering and remedial costs, may be added to the taxes levied against the property.

12.8 The remedies provided in this Bylaw are cumulative and not alternative.

13. EFFECTIVE DATE

13.1 This Bylaw shall come into force on the date of final reading.



Mayor

Administrator

READ A FIRST TIME this 11 day of August, 2026

READ A SECOND TIME this 11 day of August, 2026

READ A THIRD TIME AND ADOPTED this 11 day of August, 2026

SCHEDULE "A"

VOLUNTARY PENALTY SCHEDULE

	<u>Offence First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third and Offence Subsequent</u>
Maintaining a prohibited sump pump or foundation drain connection to the sanitary sewer system.	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
Failure to disconnect a prohibited connection within the time specified by the Town	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
Discharging groundwater or stormwater into the sanitary sewer system	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
Obstructing or refusing an inspection authorized under this Bylaw	\$200	\$400	\$800
Tampering with or reconnecting a prohibited connection after notice has been issued	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000