

# **Municipal Policy**

UT-06 – Water Demand Management

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## **Policy statement**

Leduc County's Water Demand Management policy ensures water demand measures are implemented to safeguard adequate water supply and to protect public health and safety.

### **Definitions**

County means the municipal district of Leduc County.

Director means the Director of Engineering and Utilities for the County, or designate.

Policy means the County Water Demand Management Policy.

Utility means the water and wastewater utilities under Leduc County jurisdiction as set out in County bylaws.

Water Demand Management Levels means incremental degrees of water conservation efforts required by county water utility users.

Water Demand Management Procedure means a procedure based on the Policy and Water Services Bylaw which provides water demand measures for the Director to carry out during or prior to potential water shortage incidents.

Water Services Bylaw means the County Water Services Bylaw 31-14, as amended or repealed or replaced.

# **Policy authority**

Legislative implications:

Municipal Government Act (MGA), RSA 2000

Bylaw implications:

Water Services Bylaw 31-14 or latest revision thereof

### **Policy standards**

The *County* identifies the following *Water Demand Management Level* objectives, listed in priority that will act as guiding principles for the development and application of the *Water Demand Management Procedure:* 

- 1. Public health;
- 2. Safety: firefighting;
- 3. Commercial, industrial, and government: maintain jobs and economic base;
- 4. Mitigate additional charges from County water purveyor(s) during high demand periods;
- 5. Existing landscaping: especially trees and shrubs; and
- 6. New demand: projects without permits when shortage is declared.

#### **Policy responsibilities**

Council responsibilities:

Council will,

Approve the Water Demand Management policy.

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### Administration responsibilities:

Director, Engineering and Utilities will,

- Maintain and update the policy and procedure.
- Ensure that the appropriate resources are available to meet the service levels.

### Manager, Utilities will,

- Manage the water demand management program, making recommendations to the Director regarding water demand management measures.
- Ensure that the appropriate staff adheres to the policy.

### Leduc County staff will,

Be aware of and follow the policy.

# **Monitoring and updating**

- This policy will be posted on Leduc County's website.
- This policy will be reviewed at least once every three years.