

**TOWNSHIP OF SMITH-ENNISMORE-LAKEFIELD**

**POLICY FOR THE USE OF FIRE HYDRANTS FOR NON-FIRE PURPOSES**

**Adopted August 13, 2002**

**PURPOSE**

The Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield wishes to preserve the integrity of the primary use of fire hydrants while not unduly limiting the potential benefits of other uses. This policy is established to govern the process by which other uses of fire hydrants may be approved where the purpose thereof is deemed to provide some benefit to the community.

**PROCEDURES**

The Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield may permit the use of fire hydrants for purposes other than fire fighting where there is demonstrated benefit to the community, where there is no reasonable alternative available, and where there is no cost or risk to the Township.

Water use will be metered and charged in accordance with the rates established by the Municipal Bylaw governing the same. Costs of labour, if any, incurred as a result of the use of the hydrant will be charged as well.

For such purposes, only staff of the system operator, or their approved agent, will be permitted to operate the hydrants.

Request for the use of a fire hydrant for purposes other than fire fighting must be submitted in writing by the person(s) or organization wishing to make such use thereof to the Township Clerk. The request shall set out the purpose for which the water is to be used, the approximate volume required, any other options that are available for the provision of the required water and the nature of the community benefit to be derived from such use. The request, complete with all information as noted above, must be submitted at least 20 days prior to the date of the intended use. Applications will be reviewed by the CAO in consultation with the relevant Department Heads and the system operator and, if deemed appropriate will be approved by the CAO.