

POLICY #501C

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Policy Statement:

The Town of Olds will provide for the inspection and maintenance of drinking water distribution, storm water collection, and wastewater collection systems.

Purpose:

To provide the Town of Olds with reliable, clean, safe, and aesthetically pleasing water distribution and wastewater collection systems that meet or exceed federal and provincial standards, as well as operator Codes of Practice.

Definitions:

“Drinking Water Distribution System” includes all drinking water mains and service lines, as well as water meters, valves and fire hydrants.

“Storm Water Collection System” includes all storm water mains, catch basins, storm water ditches and retention ponds.

“Wastewater Collection System” includes all sewer mains, service lines, manholes and lift stations.

Responsibilities:

The CAO, and/or designate, shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy.

Standards:

The Town of Olds drinking water, storm water, and wastewater systems shall be operated following Alberta Environment standards; license and approvals.

An emergency phone line shall be provided to the public for concerns existing outside of regular business hours. Complaints received to an emergency phone shall be investigated within 24 hours should a safety concern exist.

The Town shall perform the appropriate inspections, readings, collection of samples, and adherence to maintenance schedules as per the appropriate legislation. Water main breaks and wastewater blockages will be investigated and responsibility assigned as per the Water and Wastewater Bylaw.

The Town shall keep adequate records pertaining to all aspects of distribution and collection system. This includes and is not limited to:

- Samples;
- Maintenance (schedules / flushing / leaks, water main break occurrences);
- Inspections and Readings; and
- As Built Drawings