Airport Employment Growth District (AEGD)
Wastewater Capacity Allocation Policy

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Wastewater Allocation Drainage Area Map
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Investment in Infrastructure
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**Investment in Infrastructure**

**Dickenson Road Wastewater Trunk Sewer**
- $100M estimated cost
- 11km long
- In detailed design
- In service by end 2025

**Upgrades to existing Pumping Stations ($8M)**
- Homestead Drive – Q1, 2021
- English Church Road – Q1, 2021
- Twenty Road – Q2, 2021
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Capacity and Growth Issues

- Limited Capacity Available over the short term.
- Policies and guidelines for the allocation of this capacity are necessary.
- Will provide a consistent, fair, equitable and financially sustainable process in which wastewater capacity can be managed.
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Policy Intent

To manage the provision of wastewater conveyance and treatment capacity in the AEGD drainage catchment to support a growing, prosperous, and healthy community.
AEGD Wastewater Capacity Allocation Policy Content

• **Criteria** for assessing Project Priority
• **Requirements** to reserve Wastewater Capacity
• A **Process** for requesting Wastewater Capacity
• A **Wastewater Allocation Agreement** template between landowners and the City
• A **financial obligation** for securing wastewater capacity allocation.
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Role of City in the Wastewater Allocation Process

1. Owner of System Capacity
   Provider and Operator of the conveyance and treatment system

2. Approval Authority
   Allocate capacity allocation through approval of development applications (Site Plans, Subdivisions, etc.)

3. Planning for Orderly Development
   Through consultation with developers approve the Staging of Development Program

4. Enter into Agreements with Developers
   Formally commit to provision of wastewater allocation
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Sustainability Criteria Used to Guide Allocation Decisions

• Maintains and optimizes the use of existing City infrastructure;
• Minimizes the cost for provision of new City infrastructure;
• Facilitates the development of complete communities;
• Supports other City of Hamilton policies:
• There is demonstrated ability to develop that exists.
Approval for wastewater capacity allocation will be focused and prioritized as follows:

1. Non-residential.

2. Completion / enhancement of communities.

3. Employment development that meet current land use policy such as Mixed Use.

4. Residential.
Wastewater Capacity Allocation Project Priority Criteria

1. **Highest Priority (1)**
   - **Completion of Community**
     - Yes
     - Employment/Mixed Use Land
       - Yes
       - Non-Residential Development?
         - Yes
         - Completion of Community
           - Yes
           - Highest Priority (1)
           - No
           - Lowest Priority (4)
         - No
         - Mid Priority (3)
       - No
       - High Priority (2)
     - No
     - Mid Priority (3)

2. **High Priority (2)**
   - **Completion of Community**
     - Yes
     - Employment/Mixed Use Land
       - Yes
       - Non-Residential Development?
         - Yes
         - Completion of Community
           - Yes
           - Highest Priority (1)
           - No
           - Lowest Priority (4)
         - No
         - Mid Priority (3)
       - No
       - High Priority (2)
     - No
     - Mid Priority (3)

3. **Mid Priority (3)**
   - **Completion of Community**
     - Yes
     - Employment/Mixed Use Land
       - Yes
       - Non-Residential Development?
         - Yes
         - Completion of Community
           - Yes
           - Highest Priority (1)
           - No
           - Lowest Priority (4)
         - No
         - Mid Priority (3)
       - No
       - High Priority (2)
     - No
     - Mid Priority (3)

4. **Lowest Priority (4)**
   - **Completion of Community**
     - Yes
     - Employment/Mixed Use Land
       - Yes
       - Non-Residential Development?
         - Yes
         - Completion of Community
           - Yes
           - Highest Priority (1)
           - No
           - Lowest Priority (4)
         - No
         - Mid Priority (3)
       - No
       - High Priority (2)
     - No
     - Mid Priority (3)
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Wastewater Capacity Allocation Requirements Policy

Conveyance and treatment capacity cannot be reserved until the following are met:

• In Staging of Development Program;

• Municipal Servicing Plans approved by the City;

• Verification of adequate downstream conveyance / treatment capacity;

• Wastewater Allocation Agreement executed or Wastewater Sewer Extension Permit issued.
Wastewater Conveyance and Treatment Capacity Allocation Criteria

**Start**

In Staging Program or Site Plan Application?

- **Yes**
  - Approved Capital Servicing Plan?
    - **Yes**
      - Adequate Downstream / Treatment Capacity?
        - **Yes**
          - AEGD Agreement?
            - **Yes**
              - Highest Priority (1)
            - **No**
              - High Priority (2)
        - **No**
          - Mid Priority (3)
    - **No**
      - In Staging Program or Site Plan Application?

- **No**
  - Adequate Downstream / Treatment Capacity?
    - **Yes**
      - AEGD Agreement?
        - **Yes**
          - Highest Priority (1)
        - **No**
          - High Priority (2)
    - **No**
      - Mid Priority (3)
  - In Staging Program or Site Plan Application?
    - **Yes**
      - Approved Capital Servicing Plan?
        - **Yes**
          - Adequate Downstream / Treatment Capacity?
            - **Yes**
              - High Priority (2)
            - **No**
              - Low Priority (4)
        - **No**
          - In Staging Program or Site Plan Application?
    - **No**
      - In Staging Program or Site Plan Application?

**Low Priority (4)**

**No Priority (5)**
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Other Policy Requirements

• Approval of development application **not** a guarantee of capacity allocation.

• Redevelopment/infill or public interest projects **cannot** be reserved until capacity allocation requirements are met.

• Capacity to be allocated on a Phase or site-specific plan basis.
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Wastewater Capacity Allocation Agreements

• Developers to enter into a Wastewater Capacity Allocation Agreement with the City.

• Agreements to be executed within 45 days of granting capacity allocation.

• Valid for three (3) year increments

• To maintain the reservation, developers must submit an annual Construction Status Report and Forecast to Build-out:
  Residential - # of units built
  Non-residential – GFA built
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Public Interest Projects Policy

• Council reserves the right to allocate wastewater capacity to projects deemed to be in the public interest:
  • facilities affecting public health and safety
  • educational facilities
  • economic development

• An allocation amount of capacity in the form of a per capita value for wastewater volumes plus an infiltration index shall be reserved for such purpose.

• Where there has been a reversion or removal of wastewater allocation to individual Development Projects, the City will review the need for capacity allocation to Public Interest Projects as a first priority.
Allocated wastewater capacity is subject to removal by the City, if:

- required sewer installation has not commenced within six (6) months of Wastewater Allocation Agreement execution; and/or,

- allocation priority for site-specific Zoning, Site Plan or Draft Plan of Subdivision is lost pursuant to the City’s Zoning By-law, Site Plan Guidelines or Draft Plan Conditions
Reversion or Removal of Wastewater Capacity Allocation

Options for Reconsideration / Extension of Allocation

• City will monitor conveyance and treatment capacity allocations and development applications,

• Where development is not completed within 3 year agreement time frame, the City may consider options if development is actively proceeding,

• The City may consider extensions for subdivision draft plans aligned with application to extend draft plan approval
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Controlling Policy

• Policy is to be reviewed annually in conjunction with the City’s Staging of Development Program.

• Wastewater capacity will be allocated to projects in the order in which Infrastructure Servicing Construction Plans are approved.

• In the event of a conflict between this policy and any other:
  • City policy or By-law, this policy shall prevail.
  • Provincial or Federal policy or Regulation having a more restrictive standard or standards, the most restrictive Provincial or Federal policy or Regulation shall prevail.
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Controlling Policy - Interim Requirement

Prior to approval of the new policy and before proceeding with detailed engineering design applicants must receive written confirmation:

• adequate wastewater capacity exists
• has been allocated for the development application

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Next Steps
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Policy Development

• Receive and incorporate feedback
• Comments due by Feb. 15, 2021 to iplanning@Hamilton.ca
• Prepare Final Policy
• Engage Stakeholders with Final Policy
• Report to Council - Q3 2021
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THANK YOU!
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Policy Development