

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANITOUWADGE
POLICY**

SECTION: PUBLIC WORKS	POLICY #: PW2007-002
POLICY: LEAKING WATER SERVICE LINES	
PURPOSE: Determination of maintenance responsibility for leaking water services lines.	
POLICY: Maintenance Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Township of Manitouwadge is responsible for the water service line from the property line to the watermain. • The home/business owners are responsible for the water service line from the property line to, and inside their buildings. <p>The Township of Manitouwadge will respond as promptly as possible to all reports of leaking water service lines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call received from home/business owners regarding a leaking water service. • Municipal employee directed to investigate the location of leak - stand pipe to home or stand pipe to road. • Employee determines source of leak by turning off main water to home/business property. • If leak stops once service is closed the leak is on the home/business owner's side. Home/business owner's side will be from the property line to, and inside their building. It shall be the responsibility of the home/business owner for the cost of repair. • If leak continues once service is closed the leak is determined to be on the Municipality's side. Municipality's side will be from the property line to the watermain. It shall be the responsibility of the Municipality for the cost of repair. • Cost estimate of description/materials/equipment and labour will be filled out by Superintendent, or designate, and forwarded to home/business owner. • Acknowledgement of plan to repair must be signed and returned to the Superintendent or designate before repairs are carried out. The acknowledgement demonstrates a full understanding of home/business owners' responsibility to pay costs of repair. If the cost to repair is not signed, the repairs will not be done. 	


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Contractors repairing Water and Sewer Services on home/business owners' property

- Any repairs of water or sewer services by a contractor must be approved by the Township Superintendent or designate.
- The wages of a Township employee required to be on-hand for the final hook-up at the conclusion of the work performed by a home/business owner's choice of contractor, is the responsibility of the home/business owner and they will be billed that cost over and above the contractor's fees. Any work by a Township employee after hours will be billed in accordance with call-out rates of the current union agreement.

LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES

The Township operates and maintains the water system in accordance with current standards, and makes all reasonable efforts to ensure that the system operates without interruption or incident. The Township therefore will not accept liability for damages to private property arising from leaking water service lines.

Approval: 	Resolution #2007-252
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal Manager Clerk <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	Council Meeting of: 11/07/2007
Supersedes Policy # _____ Dated: ___/___/___	Original Issue: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised Issue: <input type="checkbox"/>