

## Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's

### Water Conservation By-Law

Pursuant to the authority conferred in sections 7 and 8 of the *Towns and Local Service Districts Act, 2025*, the Town Council of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's has adopted the following by-laws on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

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#### 1. TITLE

1.1. These By-Law shall be known as the "Water Conservation By-Law".

#### 2. PURPOSE

2.1. The purpose of this by-law is to conserve the environment and water supplies and avoid a shortage of water in the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's.

Therefore, in order to be more efficient with our water supply, the Town supports the recommendations of the "Save a Drop" conservation program established by the St. John's Regional Water Authority and encourages all residents using the Town's Water supply to follow these guidelines to learn how to save water.

#### 3. INTERPRETATION/DEFINITION

3.1. In these By-Law, unless the context otherwise requires:

3.1.1. "**Council**" shall mean the Town Council of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's.

3.1.2. "**Town**" shall mean the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's as incorporated under the Act.

#### 4. APPLICATION

4.1. This By-Law applies to those properties which are serviced by the Town's water system, once a conservation order is issued by the City of St. John's.

4.2. Consumers can be alerted in several ways. A combination of these may be necessary to inform all consumers:

4.2.1. Use local media outlets (e.g., radio, television, newspapers);

4.2.2. Town voyent alerts;

4.2.3. Town Website;

4.2.4. Social media;

#### 5. PROCEDURE

5.1. The watering of flowers, shrubs, and trees, washing of siding, washing of windows, and washing of vehicles, can be performed at any time, provided that a hose is used which has a fully operational shut off nozzle.

5.2. The watering of lawns can be carried out in accordance with the following schedules:

- a) Even street numbers (civic street numbers ending in (0-2-4-6 & 8) may water between the hours of 6am – 8am Tuesdays and Saturdays,

&/or

Water between the hours of 8pm - 10pm Tuesdays and Saturdays.

- b) Odd street numbers (civic street numbers ending in (1-3-5-7 & 9) may water between the hours of 6am – 8am Thursdays and Sundays

&/or

Water between the hours of 8pm - 10pm Thursdays and Sundays

5.3. The watering of newly-planted grass, seeds, and/or sods can be carried out;

5.4. Everyday between the hours of 6am – 8am and from 8pm – 10pm, upon prior notification to the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's

5.5. When a ban on water use is put into effect by the St. John's Regional Water Authority which affects the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's water supply, residents shall be required to follow the guidelines of the ban, and the town shall enforce those guidelines where applicable

## 6. PENALTIES

6.1. A person who commits an offense under s. 289 of the Act is liable on Summary Conviction to penalties under s. 290 of the Act.

6.2. This By-Law shall not exclude the application of other penalties not expressly listed.

6.3. Prosecutions for offenses in this By-Law may be carried out by the Town under s. 291 (1) of the Act.

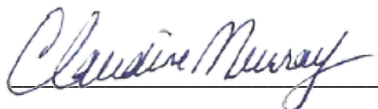
6.4. A Prosecution shall not be commenced by the Town with respect to an Offence under the Act until after an appeal period which may apply to the activity giving rise to the Offence has passed.

## 7. REPEAL OF PREVIOUS REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS

7.1. All previous Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philips Water Conservation Policy is repealed.

## 8. CAME INTO EFFECT

10.1 This By-Law came into effect on February 11, 2025, through a resolution of Council, #2025-054.



**Claudine Murray, Town Clerk**



**Carol McDonald, Mayor**