

Water and Sewer Insurance with Service Line Warranties

The Municipality was approached by Service Line Warranties (SLW) to promote the opportunity for water and sewer coverage on private property. SLW are partnered with AMO (Association of Municipalities in Ontario) and have the current program running in many places across the Province. After several meetings and investigation into the opportunity, staff prepared a report to Council for their consideration. Council elected to support the initiative which brought the opportunity forward for public consideration. While some insurers may carry this as part of a package or as a rider add on, others may not. Many residents may not be aware that damages or issues to water and sewer lines on private property such as a water leak or a sewage backup are the responsibility of the property owner. This SLW program gives property owners the opportunity to educate themselves and then make an informed decision to consider a package or to see what their current insurance provider offers. The Municipality is entitled to a royalty on an annual basis pending the volume of people who sign on; however that royalty can be passed on to those who have signed up which offers a savings on their monthly/annual fee. What is done with this royalty would be decided upon by Council each year once it is known. SLW purchased addresses from a third-party company based on the postal codes within our Municipality. SLW pays for all mail outs, there is and has been no cost to the Municipality. For more information on the program visit the SLW website at www.slwofc.ca or to opt out of future mailings call SLW at 1-866-922-9004.