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## Application for Basement Isolation and Weeping Tile Sump Pump Subsidy Program

### **General Information**

If you have had previous basement flooding and you are connected to either the sanitary sewer and/or the storm sewer systems, we require that you isolate your house from both systems. Council has set aside funds to provide financial assistance to owners of properties who are required to isolate their weeping tile from a gravity storm connection. This may include the installation of a holding tank and sewage ejector to disconnect from the sanitary building drain, a holding tank, sump pump and stack to disconnect weeping tile from the storm building drain or an approved full-port type backwater valve on the sanitary and storm building drain.

Council has also agreed to provide financial assistance to disconnect the weeping tiles from the sanitary building drains for the same types of residential properties anywhere in the City.

For owner occupied residential units the subsidy covers 100% of the actual cost, up to the maximum of: \$2,500 for a sump pump if the weeping tiles are disconnected inside the basement or \$3,000 if disconnected outside of the dwelling; \$2,000 for a Sewage Ejector system; \$675 for the installation of an approved full-port backwater valve on a private sanitary building drain; \$675 for the installation of a full-port backwater valve on a private storm building drain.

For multi-unit residential buildings that have an owner-occupied unit the above-mentioned subsidy will be prorated to cover the owner-occupied unit as a ratio of the number of units in the building.

No subsidy is available for a residential building that does not have at least one unit occupied by the owner.

Each property is unique; a plumber approved by the City of Stratford must be consulted to discuss what work, if any, should be undertaken. Properly designed and installed, these remedial measures will reduce the likelihood of sewer backups. Proper lot grading, proper sewer connections and regular maintenance programs of the basement isolation systems will further reduce the likelihood of basement and surface flooding.

Applications are considered in the order received, as dated by the Engineering Division of the Infrastructure Services Department. An application must be completed, and approval granted before applying for a plumbing permit. **Without prior approval,**

**funds may not be payable to applicants who would otherwise have been eligible.**

## **The Procedure**

Please visit <https://www.stratford.ca/en/live-here/sewersubsidy.aspx> or contact the Engineering Division at 519-271-0250 Ext. 5222 for more information or to get a copy of the application guide and application form. Contact the Building and Planning Department at 519-271-0250 Ext. 5345 for permits and building drain drawings.

1. The homeowner shall obtain an estimate for the work that is recommended by your licensed plumber, complete sections 1, 2 and 3 of the application for the Subsidy Program.
2. The homeowner will submit the estimate and the completed application form to the Engineering Division of the Infrastructure Services Department for review and approval.
3. The Engineering Division will advise the property owner if the work is approved.
4. Following approval, the plumber will obtain a plumbing permit from the Building and Planning Department. (NOTE: The permit fee will be waived for the work approved under the Subsidy Program.)
5. The work must be inspected by a City of Stratford plumbing inspector before backfilling and after completion of the work. An invoice from the contractor showing proof of payment shall then be submitted to the Engineering Division.
6. Following review and approval, the subsidy amount, up to the approved limit, will be paid to the property owner.

