

Policy: **Enforcement of Swimming Pool Standards Policy**

Date Originally Approved: June 28, 2012

Motion: “That Council adopts the Enforcement of Swimming Pool Standards Policy, as presented.” Motion Carried.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF COLCHESTER

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Background

1. The Municipality of Colchester has adopted two Land Use Bylaws which include standards for the installation of above ground swimming pools with a water depth exceeding one metre. This policy does not change that criterion so above ground pools with a depth of less than one metre are not regulated by any by-law.
2. Traditionally, pools regulated under the Land Use Bylaws were permanent in nature and installed by professional pool companies that were familiar with municipal regulation.
3. Today, inexpensive inflatable pools are available through general retail outlets. These pools are temporary in nature and can be installed and disassembled quickly by the home owner. Unlike traditional pools, today's inflatable pools are not permanent. Rather inflatable pools are set up for the summer months and stored during the off season.
4. The temporary nature of the inflatable pools makes it difficult for the Municipality to monitor where and when the pools are installed.
5. Land use bylaws do not typically regulate temporary accessory activities in the residential zone. Land use bylaws are usually concerned about more permanent and significant buildings and structures. The regulation of swimming pools in municipal land use bylaws is more of a public safety issue than a land use issue.

Policy

The Municipality recognizes the importance of the regulations pertaining to swimming pools as found in the Land Use Bylaws of the Municipality of Colchester and will endeavour to implement the regulations for the installation of new swimming pools with reasonable use of Municipal resources.

The Municipality of Colchester will respond in a timely manner to third party complaints regarding non-compliance or when new pool installations are discovered through incidental inspections for other purposes and make all reasonable effort to ensure compliance with the Land Use By-law.

Clerk's Annotation For Official Policy Book

Date of Notice to Council Members
of Intent to Consider (7 days minimum): June 8, 2012
Date of Passage of Current Policy: June 28, 2012

I certify that this Policy was adopted by Council as indicated above.

Dan McDougall

July 4, 2012

Municipal Clerk

Date