

Report to Council

Report Title:	Lake Rosalind Septic Inspection Request		
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Department:	Building and Planning		
Date:	April 14, 2026		
Report Number:	BLDG2026-03	File Number:	C11BU
Attachments:	Letter from Lake Rosalind Water Quality Committee		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BLDG2026-03 – Lake Rosalind Septic Inspection Request, prepared by Dominic Paquette, Building and Planning Manager for information purposes and directs staff to inform the Lake Rosalind Property Owners Association about the scheduled 2027 wellhead protection area re-inspections.

Report:

Background:

The Ontario Building Code Act regulates the construction, operation and maintenance of septic systems, as improperly maintained septic systems can cause damage to properties and affect public health and the environment.

The Ontario Building Code requires mandatory septic inspections for systems within the wellhead protection area every five (5) years. The Municipality has been following the provincially mandated 5-year schedule for septic re-inspections since 2016.

The Municipality of Brockton does not currently have a voluntary or mandatory septic reinspection program outside of the designated wellhead protection areas. The next scheduled inspection for the mandatory well-head protection areas will occur in 2027.

Analysis:

The Lake Rosalind Water Quality Committee/Lake Rosalind Property Owners Association provided the attached letter on March 30, 2026, requesting that the Municipality confirm:

- 1) Whether a comprehensive review of current septic inspections policies and practices has been undertaken or is presently contemplated?

- 2) Details of any proposed or forthcoming action, plan, policy, amendment, or programmatic enhancement intended to improve the effectiveness, consistency and enforceability of discretionary septic inspection programs within the Lake Rosalind area.

The Municipality of Brockton currently conducts septic re-inspections every 5 years as outlined in the Ontario Building Code. Currently there are no By-laws enacted that would support further septic re-inspection programs in Brockton. Any additional plans would be an increase in service levels that would need to be authorized by Council and included in the budget. It is anticipated that the increase in service levels would require an analysis of the building department budgets, staffing and fees, noting that a comprehensive review for existing service levels was completed by an external party in November 2025 and funded using Housing Accelerator Funding. Further, should Council wish to consider a more extensive program staff may need to engage a third-party consultant to support development of such a program including establishing the benefits, community input and consultation and program parameters including costs to residents on such program.

If directed to do so, staff can bring forward further reports outlining the staff resources and costs required to implement an additional program for voluntary septic re-inspections or a more detailed program as directed.

Brockton's Community Goals:

The content and recommendations in this report support advancing the priorities to **Build a Better Brockton** in one or more of the following areas: **Heritage, Culture, and Community, Quality of Life, Municipal Governance, Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment, and/or Economic Development.**

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

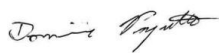
- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

Reviewed By:



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Respectfully Submitted by:



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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer