



# *Municipality of Killarney*

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **A reminder to be careful what you flush**

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### **Wet wipes, paper towels and facial tissues can clog pipes**

We recognize that many residents may be increasing their use of disinfectant wipes, paper towels and facial tissues in response to COVID-19.

We would like to remind residents not to flush wet wipes of any kind. Despite what some packaging says, wipes are not flushable. Paper towels and facial tissues also do not belong in the toilet. These items cannot be flushed because they do not break down like toilet paper does.

If wipes, paper towels and facial tissues are flushed, they can cause blockages in pipes – which may lead to sewage overflows in your home or business.

Further down the line, these items can clog sewers and cause sewage overflows into streets and the natural environment. They can also cause costly damage to local wastewater infrastructure.

The only things that should be flushed are the 3Ps: Pee, Poo & (toilet) Paper. No exceptions. Please put used wipes, facial tissues and paper towels in the garbage.

Thank you for working with us to keep our community's pipes and sewers clear and our wastewater infrastructure functioning smoothly.

If you have any questions, please contact the Municipal Office  
at 705-287-2424.

*-- A message from The Municipality of Killarney in partnership with our wastewater operator, the Ontario Clean Water Agency*

*Dated: March 27, 2020*



*The Corporation of the Municipality of Killarney  
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**MOVED BY: Jim Rook**

**SECONDED BY: John Dimitrijevic**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-315**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of Killarney supports the resolution passed by the City of Kitchener on August 26, 2019 regarding single-use disposable wipes;

**WHEREAS** single-use wipes are being advertised as safe to flush; and

**WHEREAS** single-use wipes are in fact not safe to flush as they are buoyant, are not biodegradable and, are unable to break down into small pieces quickly; and

**WHEREAS** single-use wipes accumulate in the sewer system and eventually clog the sanitary sewer system costing municipalities hundreds of millions of dollars in additional repairs and maintenance costs each year to municipal sewer systems across the country; and

**WHEREAS** there is a lack of public awareness of the impact caused by non-flushable wipes;

**THEREFORE** it is hereby requested that the Federal Government review regulations related to consumer packaging on single-use wipes to remove the word flushable; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; AMO, FONOM, our MP's and MPP's.

**CARRIED**

**I, Candy K. Beauvais, Clerk-Treasurer of the Municipality of Killarney do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Resolution #19-315 passed in a Regular Council Meeting of The Corporation of the Municipality of Killarney on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.**

  
Candy K. Beauvais  
Clerk Treasurer