

Sewage Overflows in Our River

The Need for Environmental Action in Municipal Policy Making

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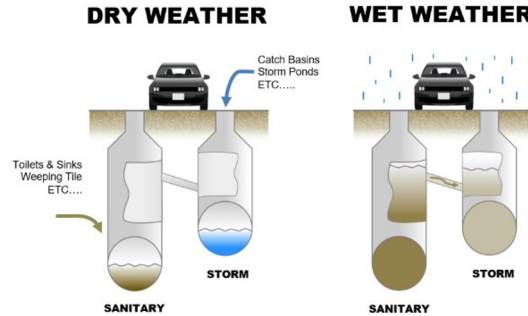
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Current policy:

- ❖ A 2.5% wastewater rate would be maintained from 2020-2023
 - **Reduced from 3% rates in 2019**
- ❖ Sewer separation in the downtown core
- ❖ The Downtown Core Separation program funded under the Infrastructure Renewal Program for Sanitary Sewers

The Issue & Local Context:

- ❖ Rainwater overflow can **overwhelm sewer system**
- ❖ Excess nutrients and E. Coli in the Deshkan Ziibi/Thames River
- ❖ Need for **increased sewer separation** to **prevent** further sewage overflow



Stakeholders:

Municipal government, Indigenous populations, homeless populations, property and business owners, wildlife.

Policy Recommendation:

- ❖ **Sewer separation is vital** in the preservation of the Deshkan Ziibi/Thames River.
- ❖ Alongside proposed sewer reconstruction projects, the City of London ought to implement a **3% wastewater rate** in its multi-year budget plan.
- ❖ The implementation of a 3% wastewater rate would generate the budgetary funds necessary to **facilitate quicker sewer separation by 0.5%** over the next 10 years.