

LaSalle Watershed Management Plan

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**Presentation by the Water Licensing
Branch**

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The Water Licensing Branch:

- **The WLB is the regulatory body that is responsible for issuing authorizations (eg. Permits, licences, etc.) under *The Water Rights Act* for the use or diversion of water for any purpose; or construction, establishment, operation or maintenance of works for any purpose.**

Manitoba: A Prior Appropriation Province

- **Water belongs to the Province**
- **All use, except domestic, requires a licence**
- **First in time – first in right**
- **Over allocation is not allowed**
- **The water must be put to beneficial use**

Criteria for Issuance of a Water Rights Licence:

- **Rights of prior appropriators will not be unduly affected**
- **Proposed means of diversion is adequate**
- **Proposed use of water is beneficial**
- **Proposed appropriation is in the public interest**

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LaSalle Watershed:

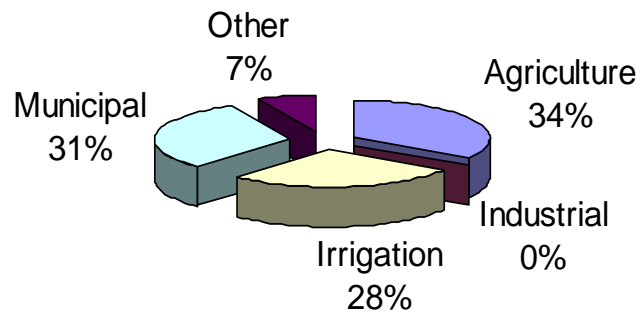
| Purpose | Allocated Under Licence (dam ³) | | Total Allocation (dam ³) |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Groundwater | Surface Water | |
| Agricultural | 160.9 | 120.8 | 281.7 |
| Industrial | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Irrigation | 134.0 | 3376.6 | 3510.6 |
| Municipal | 149.4 | 842.5 | 991.9 |
| Other | 32.0 | 0 | 32.0 |
| Total | 476.3 | 4339.9 | 4816.2 |

1 dam³ = 220,000 Imperial gallons
 = 0.81 acre-feet

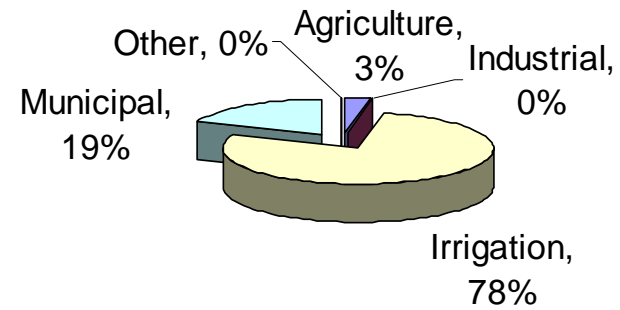
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LaSalle Watershed: Breakdown of Licensed Uses:

Groundwater Use



Surface Water Use



NOTE: Does not include domestic use



Questions?

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