



Council report

Meeting date:	June 15, 2021
Title:	Water and sewer rates update
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Recommendation

That council receives the fees and charges update report for information; and that council recommends a bylaw be prepared to adopt the updated water/sewer rates for the next agenda.

Executive summary

The water/sewer rates have remained unchanged since 2016 for Durham and it has been longer for Neustadt. It is a requirement that water/sewer systems be self-funded and as such updates to the rates are being presented to maintain this requirement. The 2022 budget will include consulting fees for a complete review of both the Neustadt and Durham water/sewer systems.

Background and discussion

Below is a highlight of the recommended changes being made to the various water/sewer fees and charges for both the Durham and Neustadt systems.

Durham Water/Sewer System	Existing Rate	Effective 3rd Qtr 2021	Effective Jan. 1, 2022
Water, metered consumption rate	\$0.92/m3	\$0.94/m3	\$0.96/m3
Sewer Rate, percentage of water rate	115%	120%	120%
Capital & Financing Charge, per month	\$26.00/mth	\$26.50/mth	\$27.00/mth
Minimum consumption per month remains at 12.5 m3			



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Durham Water/Sewer System	Existing Rate	Effective 3rd Qtr 2021	Effective Jan. 1, 2022
Minimum Quarterly Metered Billing Increase per quarter	\$ 152.18	\$ 157.05 \$ 4.88	\$ 160.20 \$ 3.15
Water, non-metered flat rate per month	\$28.75/mth	\$29.25/mth	\$30.00/mth
Water, non-metered* flat rate per month *refused meter installation	\$28.75/mth	\$29.25/mth	\$30.00/mth
Quarterly non-metered billing Increase per quarter	\$ 263.44	\$ 272.55 \$ 9.11	\$ 279.00 \$ 6.45

Neustadt Water/Sewer System	Existing Rate	Effective 3rd Qtr 2021	Effective Jan. 1, 2022
All metered consumers except industrial	\$0.60/m3	\$0.62/m3	\$0.64/m3
Industrial metered consumers:			
Consumers with consumption levels of 0 - 2,000 m3 per month	\$0.60/m3	\$0.62/m3	\$0.64/m3
Consumers with consumption levels greater than 2,000 m3 per month	\$0.67/m3	\$0.69/m3	\$0.70/m3
Minimum Flat Water Rate for metered accounts:			
Meter size of 25mm (1") or less	\$10.50/mth	\$10.75/mth	\$11.00/mth
Meter size of 38mm (1 1/2")	\$21.00/mth	\$21.50/mth	\$22.00/mth
Meter size of 50mm (2")	\$42.00/mth	\$43.00/mth	\$44.00/mth
Meter size of 75mm (3")	\$84.00/mth	\$86.00/mth	\$88.00/mth
Meter size of 100mm (4")	\$168.00/mth	\$172.00/mth	\$176.00/mth
Sewer Rate, percentage of water rate	150%	150%	150%
Capital & Financing Charge, per month	\$20.00/mth	\$21.00/mth	\$21.50/mth
Quarterly Metered Billing (if using 10 cu.m. per month) Increase per Quarter	\$ 183.75	\$ 190.13 \$ 6.38	\$ 195.00 \$ 4.88



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Neustadt Water/Sewer System	Existing Rate	Effective 3rd Qtr 2021	Effective Jan. 1, 2022
Minimum Flat Water Rate for non-metered accounts:			
Meter size of 25mm (1") or less	\$12.00/mth	\$17.00/mth	\$18.00/mth
Meter size of 38mm (1 1/2")	\$24.00/mth	\$34.00/mth	\$36.00/mth
Meter size of 50mm (2")	\$48.00/mth	\$68.00/mth	\$72.00/mth
Meter size of 75mm (3")	\$96.00/mth	\$136.00/mth	\$144.00/mth
Meter size of 100mm (4")	\$192.00/mth	\$272.00/mth	\$288.00/mth
Quarterly Non-Metered Billing	\$ 150.00	\$ 190.50	\$ 199.50
Increase per Quarter		\$ 40.50	\$ 9.00

Durham and Neustadt Water/Sewer Connection Charges	Existing Rate	Effective July 6, 2021	Effective Jan. 1, 2022
Capital Water Connection plus all installation charges including any road, sidewalk or curb repairs	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Multiple Units for each additional unit plus all installation charges	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

Legal and legislated requirements

Municipal Act

Financial and resource implications

Increased revenues should be realized.

Staffing implications

None.

Consultation



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Public Works department.

Alignment to strategic vision plan

Pillar: build a better future

Goal: vibrant community

Strategy: be responsible stewards of the tax dollars

Attachments

None.

Next steps

New fees and charges will be implemented upon passage of the bylaw at the July 6 council meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

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