

The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne

By-law No. _____

Being a By-law to

Amend By-Law No. 3151/22/95, as Amended, Being a By-Law to Regulate the Supply of Water and to Provide for the Maintenance and Management of the Water Works and for the Imposition and Collection of Water Rates

and

Amend By-Law No. 3424/6/97, as Amended, Being a By-Law for the Imposition and Collection of Sewage Service Rates and Sewer Rates

Whereas at its meeting of March 22, 2021, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne (Council) approved the recommendations of the Corporate Services Department Report No. 2021-84, Subject: 2021 Rates Setting, and resolved the following be effective April 1, 2021:

- Residential Users (Meter 19 mm (3/4") or smaller)
 - Water usage rate be set at \$1.307 per cubic meter
 - Water fixed service charge be set at \$379.72 per year per year
 - Wastewater fixed service charge be set at \$1,002.38 per year
- All Other Users
 - Water usage rate be set at \$1.307 per cubic meter of water usage
 - Wastewater usage rate be set at \$1.886 per cubic meter of water usage
 - Water fixed service charge be set at \$379.72 per year multiplied by meter factor
 - Wastewater fixed service charge be set at \$738.03 per year multiplied by meter factor

Whereas Council is desirous of amending By-Law 3151/22/95, as Amended, Being a By-Law for the Imposition and Collection of Water Rates and By-Law 3424/6/97, as Amended, Being a By-Law for the Imposition and Collection of Sewage Service Rates and Sewer Rates.

Now therefore the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne enacts as follows:

1. That By-Law 3151/22/95, as Amended, Being a By-Law to Regulate the Supply of Water and to Provide for the Maintenance and Management of the Water Works and for the Imposition and Collection of Water Rates and By-Law 3424/6/97, as Amended, Being a By-Law for the Imposition and Collection of Sewage Service Rates and Sewer Rates, be further amended by replacing Schedule "A" thereto with Schedule "A" hereto.
2. The usage and fixed rates established by this By-Law shall be effective April 1, 2021.

Enacted and passed this 22nd day of March, 2021.

William C. Steele
Mayor

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

Water and Wastewater Rates

1. Metered Consumption Rates

All users, including Residential, Institutional / Commercial / Industrial (“ICI”) are subject to a metered consumption rate for water of \$1.307 per cubic meter of water usage.

All users, with the exception of Residential users on a 19 mm (3/4”) meter or smaller are subject to a metered consumption rate for wastewater of \$1.886 per cubic meter of water usage.

There is no minimum charge per billing period.

2. Bulk Water Sales

The metered rate for bulk water sales is \$1.307 per cubic meter.

The service charge is based on a 75mm (3”) meter regardless of the actual meter used. The fixed service charge is \$4,176.88 per year.

3. Fixed Service Charge

All users are subject to a fixed service charge based on user type or meter size.

Meter Size	Meter Factor	Water	Wastewater
19 mm (3/4”) or smaller - Residential	1 (Water) N/A (Wastewater)	\$379.72	\$1,002.38
19 mm (3/4”) or smaller – non-Residential	1	\$379.72	\$738.03
25 mm (1”)	1.4	\$531.60	\$1,033.24
38 mm (1 1/2”)	1.8	\$683.49	\$1,328.44
50 mm (2”)	2.9	\$1,101.18	\$2,140.28
75 mm (3”)	11.0	\$4,176.88	\$8,118.29
100 mm (4”)	14.0	\$5,316.03	\$10,332.36
150 mm (6”)	21.0	\$7,974.05	\$15,498.55
200 mm (8”)	29.0	\$11,011.78	\$21,402.75
250 mm (10”)	40.0	\$15,188.66	\$29,521.04

All vacant land directly abutting the water distribution and/or wastewater collection system will be charged the fixed service charge for wastewater of \$1,002.38 through the property tax billing system.

4. Flat Rate (Residential)

During any month where an accurate meter reading cannot be recorded, a Residential user account will be charged a monthly flat rate of \$137.00 for water and \$139.00 for wastewater will be charged.

Examples of when a meter reading cannot be recorded are as follows:

- where a service connection has been turned on at the property line but where no meter has been installed (water meter refusal);
- refusing to provide a meter reading and / or providing access to read a water meter or reading device;
- refusing to remove any obstruction to reading a meter or reading device;
- refusing to provide for meter or reading device repairs for accurate meter

- readings;
- the tampering with or alteration of the water meter or reading device and meter readings cannot be obtained.

Flat Rate (ICI)

During a period where an accurate meter reading cannot be recorded, an ICI user account will be charged a monthly flat rate for water and wastewater. The flat rate will be calculated as two (2) times the current fixed service charge per Section 3 (the fixed service charge will be dependent on meter size) above PLUS two (2) times the monthly average of the previous 12 months' available consumption at the metered consumption rates per Section 1 above.

Examples of when a meter reading cannot be recorded are the same as those outlined under "Residential" above.

5. Water for New Construction Rates

During periods of new construction where there is no water meter the following rates are charged:

- Residential properties are subject to a \$209.00 flat fee.
- ICI properties are subject to a \$351.00 flat fee.

Upon final inspection or once a water meter has been installed and is operational, rates are no longer subject to this section. Rates are to be charged based on Sections 1 to 4 above.

6. Administration Charges

- Issuing a water shut off tag shall be charged to the property owner at a fee of \$45.00;
- Water account inquiries will be provided at a fee of \$7.00;
- Reading of analog meters due to refusal to upgrade to RF meters will be provided at a fee of \$45.00 per scheduled reading date.
- Customer request to change out from an RF meter to an analog meter will be at the customer's expense to cover the actual cost of the new analog meter plus removal and installation costs.

7. User Charges

There are certain user charges with respect to water and wastewater that are included in the User Fee By-Law. These include such topics as water turn on / off and installation of water services.

User fees may be billed individually, included in a user's water and wastewater bill or charged and collected through a building permit.

8. Late Payment Fees

Interest on water and wastewater accounts to begin accruing at one and one fourth (1 ¼) percent of the amount due and unpaid starting on the first day of default.

At the discretion of the Director, Corporate Services / Treasurer a payment can be backdated any payment to the due date on any accounts receivable balance received within five business days of the due date provided a reasonable explanation for the late payment has been provided by the account holder.

The Director, Corporate Services / Treasurer is approved to move any unpaid water and wastewater balances to the property tax roll of the related property.

9. Billing Cycle

Vacant land will be billed semi-annually.

Effective October 1, 2021 all water and wastewater meter users will be billed monthly. Till September 30, 2021 billing will be as follows:

- All large users with water meters greater than 50 mm (2"), including bulk water users are to be billed monthly;
- All other users are to be billed quarterly, meters being read and billed between three (3) defined areas designated by the Corporation;

10. Exemptions from Billing for Sanitary Sewer Costs

- Bulk water haulers accessing City bulk water facilities;
- Port Colborne Poultry Limited;
- Any property that does not directly abut any part of the wastewater sewer system;
- Any other property that is covered by a separate By-Law enacted by Council.