



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

### Staff Report

**Report Title: Water and Wastewater Fees 2023**

**Prepared By: Jodi MacArthur, Treasurer**

**Department: Treasury**

**Date: Feb. 17, 2023**

**Report Number: TR-2023-02-14**

**File Number: C11-TRE23**

#### **Attachments:**

#### **Recommendation:**

That Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives Report Number TR-2023-02-14 prepared by Jodi MacArthur, Treasurer AND FURTHER approves the changes to the water and wastewater fees as presented AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law coming forward.

#### **Background:**

The water system financial plan and the asset management plan recommend annual increase to water and wastewater rates to ensure system sustainability.

#### **Discussion:**

Based on the operating requirements and infrastructure needs of the Township's drinking water and wastewater systems, the following fee changes are proposed:

Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Water Service Rate (Lakeshore, Whitechurch, Ripley and Lucknow)	\$485.00/unit/year	\$490.00/unit/year
Water Service Rate (metered customers)	\$1.51/m3 Minimum charge \$485.00/year	\$1.52/m3 Minimum charge \$490.00/year
Water Works Distribution Rate	\$230.00	\$230.00

Sewer Service Rate Ripley	\$400.00/unit/year	\$425.00/unit/year
Sewer Service Rate Lucknow	\$500.00/unit/year	\$525.00/unit/year

### **Financial Impacts:**

The recommended rates are required to effectively maintain the water and wastewater systems, as these systems are 100% user pay and not subsidized by property taxes.

The proposed changes will result in an annual increase of \$5.00 for households on the Lakeshore and Whitechurch water systems. Ripley and Lucknow households will increase by a total of \$30.00 for annual water and sewer fees.

### **Strategic Alignment / Link:**

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the municipality's Vision and Mission.

We are a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner by investing in infrastructure;

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by having amenities and services nearby and being open and transparent; and

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment by protecting our natural assets, using our resources wisely and being aware and taking responsibility.

### **Respectfully Submitted By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Treasurer

### **Report Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer