



Staff Report

Report Title: 2024 Water and Wastewater Fees

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Department: Treasury

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Attachments: 2024 Water and Wastewater Fees Draft Schedules

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report 2023-12-77 prepared by Jodi MacArthur, Treasurer;

AND FURTHER THAT the draft 2024 water and wastewater fees be approved fees and that the appropriate by-law be brought forward.

Background:

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

Discussion:

The incremental increases proposed in the draft fee schedules attached to this report are based on projected system operating requirements and infrastructure needs to effectively maintain the water and wastewater systems. These systems are 100% user pay and not subsidized by property taxes.

Financial Impacts:

The required financial plan under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* and Ontario Regulation 453/07 will be reviewed and updated in 2026. Updated replacement costs and resulting recommendations from the next version of the Township's asset management plan will also be considered in future rate proposals.

The draft rates will result in an annual increase of \$5.00 for users of the Whitechurch water system and \$15.00 for households on the Lakeshore, Lucknow and Ripley

water systems. In areas where sanitary sewer systems are operated (Lucknow and Ripley) a \$25.00 increase for annual operating rates will be applied.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

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