



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: 2026 Rates and Fees and 2026 Water and Wastewater Fees

Date: Nov. 3, 2025

Report Number: TRE-2025-50

Department: Treasury

File Number: C11 TRE 25

Prepared By: Christine Heinisch, Manager of Financial Services/Treasurer

Attachments: 2026 Draft Proposed Rates and Fee; Proposed Water and Wastewater 2026.

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives Report TRE-2025-50 prepared by Christine Heinisch, Treasurer;

AND FURTHER that the appropriate 2026 Rates and Fees by-law and the 2026 Water and Wastewater by-law be brought forward to adopt.

Background:

Rates and Fees are imposed on users that need extra services, allowing for the recovery of costs associated with those additional services provided on a requested basis. This helps offset the tax burden to ratepayers. A regular review of the rates and fees is done to ensure that the cost is kept current to operating (including staffing) costs and consistent with neighbouring municipalities.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Staff have reviewed the rates and fees and are proposing some increases or additions for the upcoming year. Any updates and changes have been highlighted in yellow.

Schedule A-Administration, Staff is proposing one incremental update.

Schedule B&C – These schedules were updated at the beginning of 2025.

Schedule D – update in height and width measurements

Schedule E – Emergency Services, Staff is proposing some rates updated to MTO rates to ensure staff and vehicle costs incurred are recoverable. Fee for report is proposed to be increased to cover the staff cost.

Schedule F – Staff are proposing increases to rental rates and associated fees to reflect inflationary pressures: specifically, the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 1.6 % over the 12-month period to September 2024. More recently, by September 2025 the CPI had climbed to 2.4 % year-over-year. These increases mean that the costs of maintaining, cleaning, servicing and operating the rental rooms have gone up, and so the rate adjustment was necessary in order to continue

covering those elevated expenses while maintaining service quality. There were also some larger increases included to ensure that hall rentals were not subsidized, and expenses covered.

Schedule G – Recreation Program, Staff are proposing a few incremental updates and increasing ice rental rates effective September 2026 staying in line with updating every 2 years to reflect CPI.

Schedule H – Licencing fees, Staff is proposing a small decrease to the one-day refreshment vehicle licence.

Schedule K – Staff is proposing an increase to the motorized vehicles on the beach permit.

Schedule L – Landfill fees, Staff is proposing no updates.

Schedule P – Development Charges – This schedule will be indexed for 2026 when the table is updated.

Water & Wastewater Fees – Staff have updated the water rates by 6% as recommended by the Water Financial Plan and both the wastewater fees by approx. 4.3% for each system as per the Asset Management Plan. The major facilities charge has been updated to reflect the 2026 indexing.

Financial Impacts:

The 2026 rates and fees will be incorporated into the 2026 operating budget. The new rates and fees would commence January 1 or as otherwise reflected in the draft fees.

Performance Measurement:

The rates and fees are covering the cost of the service and offset the cost to ratepayers.

Strategic Area:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Commit to financial health and sustainability

Respectfully Submitted By:

Christine Heinisch, Manager of Financial Services/Treasurer

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer