



## Staff Report

**Report Title: 2021 Fees and Charges**

**Prepared By: Jodi MacArthur, Treasurer**

**Department: Treasury**

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**Report Number: TR-2021-02-15**

**File Number:**

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### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

That Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby approves Report Number TR-2021-02-15 prepared by Jodi MacArthur, Treasurer and approves the changes to the water and wastewater fees as presented and authorizes the appropriate by-law come forward.

### **Background:**

The water system financial plan and the asset management plan recommend annual review of 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 changes are proposed:

Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Water Service Rate (Lakeshore, Whitechurch, Ripley and Lucknow)	\$475.00/unit/year	\$480.00/unit/year
Water Service Rate (metered customers)	\$1.47/m <sup>3</sup> Min charge \$475.00/year	\$1.49/m <sup>3</sup> Min charge \$480.00/year
Water Works Distribution Rate	\$230.00	\$230.00

Sewer Service Rate Ripley	\$325.00/unit/year	\$350.00/unit/year
Sewer Service Rate Lucknow	\$425.00/unit/year	\$450.00/unit/year

**Financial Impacts:**

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

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

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

The information contained 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;

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

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer