

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

BY-LAW NO. 2024-05

**BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SANITARY
FEES AND CHARGES TO USERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
WILMOT'S WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS AND SANITARY
COLLECTION SYSTEM**

WHEREAS Section 11(3) and (4) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25, as amended (the "Act"), allows municipalities to pass by-laws respecting public utilities;

AND WHEREAS the term "public utility" includes systems that are used to provide water and sewage services for the public;

AND WHEREAS section 391(1)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes a municipality to impose fees or charges on persons for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Wilmot enacts as follows:

Definitions

1. In this by-law:

- (a) "Appurtenance" includes a valve, valve chamber, hydrant, hydrant lead, flow meter, curb stop, maintenance access point, maintenance hole, manhole, grate, catch basin, catch basin lead, ditch inlet chamber or other minor accessory part of the Water Distribution System;
- (b) "AWWA" means American Water Works Association;
- (c) "Consumer" means an Owner, occupant, lessee or tenant of a property or any other person purchasing Services from the Township;
- (d) "Control valve" means a valve for controlling the flow of water within the distribution system;
- (e) "Council" means the municipal council of The Corporation of the Township of Wilmot;
- (f) "Curb stop" means an apparatus installed by the Township outside of a building, normally on the Property Line, used for controlling the flow of water supplied to a property;
- (g) "Highway" means a common and public highway and includes any bridge, trestle, viaduct or other structure forming part of the highway and, except as otherwise provided, includes a portion of a highway;
- (h) "Meter" means an apparatus for measuring the quantity of water used;
- (i) "Owner" means the registered owner of a property, or their agent/designate;
- (j) "Person" means an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation;
- (k) "Property Line" means the line or demarcation between properties;
- (l) "Region" means The Regional Municipality of Waterloo;
- (m) "Reservoir" means a place where water is stored or accumulated;
- (n) "Service Pipe" means the conduit for transporting water from the Watermain to a property;

- (o) "Services" means all water services supplied by the Township via the Water Distribution System and all Sanitary services provided by the Sanitary Collection System;
- (p) "Sewage" means Sanitary.
- (q) "Township" means The Corporation of the Township of Wilmot;
- (r) "Sanitary Collection System" includes all collection mains, lift/pump stations, and all appurtenances thereto;
- (s) "Water Distribution System" includes all Reservoirs, Service Pipes, Watermains and all appurtenances thereto; and,
- (t) "Watermain" means any system of pipes and appurtenances used for the transmission or distribution of potable water but does not include plumbing to which the *Building Code Act, 1992* applies or a pumping facility.

Township Property

- 2. All appurtenances and other equipment between the Watermain and the Property Line, and all Meters, are, and shall remain, the property of the Township.
- 3. Township property that is used for, or in connection with, the supply of the Services is exempt from seizure:
 - (a) against the Owner or occupant of the property under the *Execution Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.24; and,
 - (b) against a person with a leasehold interest in property for overdue rent.

Meters

- 4. All Meters shall be located in a safe and convenient place, so as to facilitate access by the Township.
- 5. All Meters shall be located as close as possible to the entrance of the Service Pipe into a building.
- 6. No Meter shall be enclosed or sufficiently inaccessible so as to prohibit it from being read, examined or removed by the Township.
- 7. The Township may, at reasonable times, enter on land to which it supplies Services in order to:
 - (a) inspect, repair, alter or disconnect the Services, machinery, equipment and other works used to supply the Services; or,
 - (b) inspect, install, repair, replace or alter a Meter.
- 8. The Township may charge a fee to the Owner, pursuant to the attached **Schedule "A"**, for denying or otherwise prohibiting access to a Meter, which would represent the reasonable costs incurred by the Township. The Township may add this fee to the tax roll for the relevant property and collect the fee in the same manner as municipal taxes.
- 9. An Owner shall be liable for any damage to a Meter, other than normal wear and tear, as determined by the Township, and should a Meter be damaged, the Township may charge the Owner the cost of repairing or replacing the Meter pursuant to the attached **Schedule "A"**.
- 10. No person, other than an employee or agent of the Township, shall be permitted to remove, inspect or tamper with a Meter or other equipment of the Township.
- 11. No person shall alter any Meter, either inside or outside of any building or other place, so as to lessen or alter the amount of water registered on the Meter.

12. While the Township endeavors to install and rely upon meters of proven accuracy, any Consumer having doubt as to the accuracy of a Meter may request that the Meter be removed and tested by notifying the Township and submitting a deposit to the Township in accordance with the attached **Schedule "A"**. If the Meter is found to meet the applicable AWWA standards for accuracy, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Township. However, if the Meter is found to not conform to the applicable AWWA standards, the deposit shall be returned to the Consumer and appropriate adjustments shall be made to the subject account for a maximum of the 12 months of consumption prior to the date of the meter test.

Water Supply

13. As the Region is the sole supplier of water to the Township, the Township cannot guarantee the supply, quality or pressure of water to Consumers and failure to supply water shall not be construed as negligence on the part of the Township.

Fees and Charges

14. Fees or charges imposed upon Consumers for their use of the Services, including the consumption of water, as measured by the Meters, and any sanitary fees or charges, are all outlined in the attached **Schedules "A", "B" and "C"**.
15. Payments for all fees or charges imposed by the Township on a Consumer are due and payable by a Consumer on the date noted on the bill and there shall be a one-time two and a half percent (2.5%) charge for late payment.

Non-Payment of Fees and Charges

16. If, after fourteen (14) days past the due date, fees or charges are still not paid, the Township may advise the Consumer that unless the fees or charges are paid within seven (7) days, the Township may discontinue the Services to the property upon which the fees or charges are due, and in the event the Services are turned off, they shall not be turned on again until such time as all arrears are paid together with the fees/charges and costs incurred on behalf of the Township for turning any of the Services off and on. The aforesaid fees/charges and costs for turning any of the Services off and on shall be at the rates outlined in the attached **Schedule "A"**.
17. Alternatively, If fees or charges are not paid to the Township by the Consumer in accordance with the provisions of this by-law, the Township may add the outstanding fees or charges to the tax roll for the relevant property and collect the fees or charges in the same manner as municipal taxes, and a fee for such transfer as set out herein shall be added to the account.

Billing Errors

18. Where billing errors have resulted in over-billing, the Consumer shall be credited with the amount erroneously billed for the relevant period, but not exceeding twenty-four (24) months.
19. Where billing errors have resulted in under-billing, the consumer shall be charged the amount erroneously not billed for a period not exceeding:
 - (a) Twenty-four (24) months in the case of a residential Consumer who was not responsible for the error; and,
 - (b) Six (6) years in all other cases, including cases where evidence shows the meter was tampered with or by-passed in any manner to avoid proper charges for consumption of services.

Exemption

20. Four properties shall be exempt from this by-law as their Services are provided by The Corporation of the City of Kitchener. The four properties include:
 - 57 Trussler Road
 - 109 Trussler Road
 - 121 Trussler Road

- 131 Trussler Road

Severability

21. If a Court of competent jurisdiction should declare any section or part of a section of this by-law to be invalid, such section or part of a section shall not be construed as having persuaded or influenced Council to pass the remainder of this by-law and it is hereby declared that the remainder of this by-law shall be valid and shall remain in full force and effect.

Repeal

22. By-law 2022-55 is hereby repealed.

Coming Into Force

23. This by-law shall come into force and effect on January 1, 2024.

READ a first and second time in Open Council this 29th day of January 2024.

READ a third time and finally passed in Open Council this 29th day of January 2024.

Mayor

Clerk

Schedule A of Water and Sanitary Rates Water/Sanitary Service Fees			
	Rate	Criteria	Effective Date
Water Meters			
5/8" AccuStream (Standard Residential) – plus HST	\$ 142.48	per Meter	2024/01/01
3/4" AccuStream (Standard Residential) – plus HST	\$ 194.77	per Meter	2024/01/01
Other Size Meters – plus HST	Actual Cost	per Meter	2024/01/01
MXU Device (includes installation) – plus HST	\$ 250.00	per MXU	2024/01/01
Security Tag Replacement (Meter Sealing) – plus HST	\$ 50.00	per Meter	2024/01/01
Tail Pieces – plus HST	\$ 15.00	per Meter	2024/01/01
Remote/Mounting Bracket Assembly – plus HST	\$ 30.00	per Meter	2024/01/01
Meter Accuracy Deposit	Actual Cost	per Test	2024/01/01
Meter Installation Fee	Actual Cost	per Install	2024/01/01
Water Meter Repairs	Actual Cost	per Repair	2024/01/01
Remote Re-Wiring	Actual Cost	per Repair	2024/01/01
Pre-Install Water Volume Costs	\$ 250.00	per Meter	2024/01/01
Water/Sanitary Services			
Service Inspections	Actual Cost	per Inspection	2024/01/01
Water Service Line Repairs	Actual Cost	per Repair	2024/01/01
Sanitary Service Line Repairs	Actual Cost	per Repair	2024/01/01
Water Main Line Repairs	Actual Cost	per Repair	2024/01/01
Sanitary Main Line Repairs	Actual Cost	per Repair	2024/01/01
Water Sampling/Testing	Actual Cost	per Test	2024/01/01
Water/Sanitary Services Administration – plus HST	15%		2024/01/01
Materials	Actual Cost		
Labour Charges			
Regular Working Hours - plus HST (Mon - Fri 7am - 3pm, excluding holidays)	\$ 59.34	per Hour	2024/01/01
After Working Hours (Monday – Saturday) – plus HST	\$ 89.01	per Hour	2024/01/01
After Working Hours (Sunday & Holidays) – plus HST	\$ 118.68	per Hour	2024/01/01
Vehicle Rates			
Flusher/Vacuum Truck – plus HST	\$ 281.86	per Hour	2024/01/01
Stake Truck – plus HST	\$ 71.43	per Hour	2024/01/01
Service Truck – plus HST	\$ 71.43	per Hour	2024/01/01
Pickup Truck – plus HST	\$ 60.44	per Hour	2024/01/01
Locate Truck – plus HST	\$ 69.00	per Hour	2024/01/01
Miscellaneous Services			
Water Disconnect/Reconnect	\$ 111.26	Each	2024/01/01
Camera Inspection – plus HST	\$ 229.94	per Hour	2024/01/01
Hydrant Use Permit	\$ 111.26	per Day	2024/01/01
Tapping Machine (minimum \$100) – plus HST	\$ 51.92	per Hour	2024/01/01
Sidewalk Clearing	\$ 178.02	per Hour	2024/01/01
Non-Radio Reading Charge	\$ 111.26	per Bill	2024/01/01
Valve Turning Machine Attachment	\$ 22.25	per Hour	2024/01/01
Fire flow tests	\$ 1,027.04	per test	2024/01/01
Review of water main commissioning plans	\$ 188.64	per submission	2024/01/01
General inspection fee	\$ 188.64	per hour	2024/01/01

Schedule B of Water and Sanitary Rates Water Rates and Charges			
	Rate	Criteria	Effective Date
Consumption Rates			
Water Rate	\$ 2.3040	per cubic metre	2024/01/01
Water Rate – Foxboro Green	Current RoW Wholesale Rate	per cubic metre	2024/01/01
Service Charges (Annual)			
½" & ¾" Meters (Standard Residential)	\$ 130.00	per Meter	2024/01/01
1" Meter	\$ 137.60	per Meter	2024/01/01
1½" Meter	\$ 226.38	per Meter	2024/01/01
2" Meter	\$ 276.59	per Meter	2024/01/01
3" Meter	\$ 434.37	per Meter	2024/01/01
4" Meter	\$ 631.68	per Meter	2024/01/01
6" Meter	\$ 1,361.24	per Meter	2024/01/01
Other Annual Charges (if applicable)			
Flat Rate Water Charge (non-metered properties)	\$ 1,327.03	per Service	2024/01/01
Foxboro Green Administration Charge	\$ 74.69	per year	2024/01/01
Additional Meter Fee – ½" & ¾" Meters	\$ 26.00	per Meter	2024/01/01
Additional Meter Fee – 1" Meter	\$ 35.00	per Meter	2024/01/01
Additional Meter Fee – 1½" Meter	\$ 74.00	per Meter	2024/01/01
Additional Meter Fee – 2" Meter	\$ 71.00	per Meter	2024/01/01
Additional Meter Fee – 3" Meter	\$ 128.00	per Meter	2024/01/01
Additional Meter Fee – 4" Meter	\$ 228.00	per Meter	2024/01/01
Additional Meter Fee – 6" Meter	\$ 798.00	per Meter	2024/01/01
Other Annual Charges (if applicable)			
Account Setup Fee	\$ 42.00	per Setup	2024/01/01
Additional Water Meter Reading	\$ 42.00	per Reading	2024/01/01

Water Rates and Charges Descriptions:

Water Rates and Charges are applicable if a property has service to one of the Township's Water Distribution Systems.

Consumption Rates are applied based on a consumer's consumption of water as measured by the installed meter.

Service Charges are applied based on the size of the meter measuring the water service at each property.

Other Charges and Fees are applied to a consumer only as necessary. Annual Fees are prorated based on the number of days within a billing period.

- The Flat Rate Water Charge is applied to any consumer whose property is connected to a Township Water Distribution Systems and whose consumption is not measured by a meter.

- An Additional Meter Fee is applied only if there is an additional Township owned meter located at a property.

- The Account Setup Fee is applied to the first bill of all "newly created" Wilmot Water Accounts, including for changes of occupancy.

- An Additional Water Meter Reading Fee is applied to an account for all readings not associated with the regularly scheduled bi-monthly reading.

Schedule C of Water and Sanitary Rates Sanitary Rates and Charges			
	Rate	Criteria	Effective Date
Consumption Rates			
Sanitary Rate	\$ 3.0751	per cubic metre	2024/01/01
Sanitary Rate – Morningside	\$ 2.2694	per cubic metre	2024/01/01
Sanitary Rate – Foxboro Green	Current RoW Wholesale Rate	per cubic metre	2024/01/01
Service Charges (Annual)			
½" & ¾" Meters (Standard Residential)	\$ 136.00	per Meter	2024/01/01
1" Meter	\$ 143.60	per Meter	2024/01/01
1½" Meter	\$ 235.38	per Meter	2024/01/01
2" Meter	\$ 288.59	per Meter	2024/01/01
3" Meter	\$ 452.37	per Meter	2024/01/01
4" Meter	\$ 655.68	per Meter	2024/01/01
6" Meter	\$ 1,397.26	per Meter	2024/01/01
Other Annual Charges <i>(if applicable)</i>			
Foxboro Green Administration Charge	\$ 896.28	per year	2024/01/01

Sanitary Rates and Charges Descriptions:

Sanitary Rates and Charges are applicable if a property has service to the Township's Sanitary Collection System.

- Discharge Rates are applied based on a consumer's consumption of water as measured by the installed meter.
- Service Charges are applied based on the size of the meter measuring the water service at each property.
- Other Annual Charges are applied to a consumer only as necessary and are prorated based on the number of days within a billing period.