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To: Mayor and Council

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RE: 2026 Water and Sewer Rates

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council **approve** the 2026 Water and Sewage Rates.

And that By-law 69-2025 being a By-law to impose Water and Sewage Rates in the Town of Kingsville **be adopted** during the By-law stage of this Council Agenda.

BACKGROUND

Water

The Town's water rate structure consists of 3 components: a treatment rate, a distribution rate, and a quarterly capital charge.

The treatment rate funds the operating and capital costs associated with the water treatment facility and is set annually by Union Water Supply System Inc. (UWSS Inc.).

The distribution rate funds the municipal water department's operating expenses. The quarterly capital charge is intended to fund future capital projects such as water main replacements. The distribution and quarterly capital rates are set by the Town of Kingsville.

Wastewater

The residential wastewater rate structure is a combination of fixed and volume charges. The volume rate is based on the amount of water used by the property. This allows a resident to have some control over their wastewater charges based on their efforts to conserve water. The volume charge is also 'capped' at a set maximum amount per quarter to prevent residents from receiving excessive wastewater bills for filling swimming pools or watering lawns.

The wastewater rates for multi-residential, commercial and industrial customers are based on the volume of water used at the property. Very large water consumers, such as Greenhouses, can request to have their sewage discharged metered. There are additional permitting requirements and special rates associated with 'metered discharge' arrangements.

Separate wastewater rates are established for each sewage service area based on the operating and capital costs associated with each area. As the Kingsville and Lakeshore West (KLW) facilities are integrated, these service areas share common rates.

The wastewater charge includes an allocation for future capital costs. The allocation is determined in accordance with the Town's Asset Management Plan (AMP) financial strategy.

DISCUSSION

Water

Administration is proposing the following amendments to the Town's current water rates.

Type	Current	Proposed	Increase
Water Treatment Rate (UWSS)*	\$0.80 per m3	\$0.80 per m3*	N/A
Distribution Rate	\$0.50 per m3	\$0.54 per m3	\$0.04 per m3
Total	\$1.30 per m3	\$1.34 per m3	
Quarterly Capital Charge	\$34.82 per Quarter	\$39.46 per Quarter	\$4.62 per Quarter

*Set annually by UWSS Inc.

The increases to the distribution rate and quarterly capital chargers are necessary to keep pace with inflationary pressures and asset management funding strategies.

Overall Impact

Based on a median household consumption of 15 m3 per month, the proposed rates would increase the average household's water bill by \$2.15 per month (\$0.60 volume + \$1.55 in capital charges). For clarity, this excludes the impact of any changes to the UWSS Inc. rate.

Wastewater

Administration is proposing the following changes to the Town's wastewater rates:

Sewage Area 1 Rates Cottam Facility	Effective January 1, 2025	PROPOSED January 1, 2026
Residential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base Charge - \$83.55 per quarter per residential unit, plus • Volume Charge - \$0.92 per m3 of water volume <p>Maximum sewage charges - \$167.10 per quarter per residential unit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base Charge - \$88.02 per quarter per residential unit, plus • Volume Charge - \$0.97 per m3 of water volume <p>Maximum sewage charges - \$176.04 per quarter per residential unit</p>
Multi-Residential, Commercial, Industrial	\$2.11 per m3 of water volume	\$2.22 per m3 of water volume
Meter Discharge (effective May 5, 2025)	\$3.07 per m3 of sewage discharge	\$3.07 per m3 of sewage discharge
Boarding, lodging and rooming houses	<p>If metered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base Charge - \$26.35 per quarter per occupant (based on maximum occupant load), plus • Volume Charge - \$0.92 per m3 of water volume. <p>If not metered: \$36.68 per occupant</p>	<p>If metered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base Charge - \$27.76 per quarter per occupant (based on maximum occupant load), plus • Volume Charge - \$0.97 per m3 of water volume. <p>If not metered: \$38.64 per occupant</p>

Sewage Area 2 Rates Kingsville/Lakeshore West Facility	Effective January 1, 2025	PROPOSED January 1, 2026
Residential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base Charge - \$79.04 per quarter per residential unit, plus • Volume Charge - \$0.80 per m3 of water volume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base Charge - \$83.27 per quarter per residential unit, plus • Volume Charge - \$0.85 per m3 of water volume

	Maximum sewage charges - \$158.08 per quarter per residential unit	Maximum sewage charges - \$166.54 per quarter per residential unit
Multi-Residential, Commercial, Industrial	\$1.87 per m3 of water volume	\$1.98 per m3 of water volume
Meter Discharge (effective May 5, 2025)	\$3.07 per m3 of sewage discharge	\$3.07 per m3 of sewage discharge
Boarding, lodging and rooming houses	<p>If metered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base Charge - \$26.35 per quarter per occupant (based on maximum occupant load), plus • Volume Charge - \$0.80 per m3 of water volume. <p>If not metered: \$35.83 per occupant</p>	<p>If metered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base Charge - \$27.76 per quarter per occupant (based on maximum occupant load), plus • Volume Charge - \$0.85 per m3 of water volume. <p>If not metered: \$37.75 per occupant</p>

The proposed fee increases for the average household, consuming 15 m3 of water per month, would equate to \$2.16 per month.

All significant changes to the Water and Sewage Rate By-law have been discussed above. Please refer to the Draft By-law 69-2025 attached to this report for full details on all proposed changes.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed rate increases are necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Town’s water and wastewater systems.

Appendix A illustrates a comparison of water and wastewater charges for a residential home using 15m3/mo in 2025. Even with the proposed increases, Kingsville will continue to have the lowest combined water and wastewater fees in Windsor & Essex County.

CONSULTATIONS

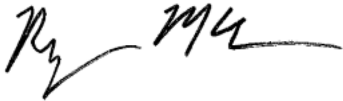
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