

The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne

By-Law No. 6772/22/20

Being a By-law to Amend By-Law No. 3151/22/95, as Amended, A By-law to Regulate the Supply of Water and to Provide for the Maintenance and Management of the Water Works and for the Imposition and Collection of Water Rates

Whereas at its Meeting of March 23, 2020, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne (Council) approved the recommendations of Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division Report 2020-50, Subject: Emergency COVID-19 Preparedness and Corporate Services Department, Finance Division Report 2020-48, Subject: Proposed 2020 Water and Wastewater Rates, and resolved as follows:

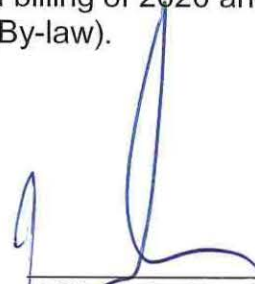
- that the rate for water usage for 2020 be set at \$1.365 per cubic meter
- that the fixed rate for 2020 be set at \$395.01 per year.

And Whereas Council is desirous of amending By-law No. 3151/22/95, as amended, Being a By-law for the Imposition and Collection of Water Rates.

Now therefore the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne enacts as follows:

1. That By-law No. 3151/22/95, as amended, Being a By-law to Regulate the Supply of Water and to Provide for the Maintenance and Management of the Water Works and for the Imposition and Collection of Water Rates, be further amended by replacing Schedule "A" thereto with Schedule "A" hereto.
2. The fixed rates established by this By-law shall be effective January 1, 2020 for large users and March 1, 2020 for bulk water haulers and shall be effective for residential and Institutional/Commercial/Industrial (ICI) quarterly billings commencing with the first quarter of 2020 and subsequent billings (subject to further amendments of the By-law).
3. The usage rate established by this By-law shall be effective March 1, 2020 for large users, March 1, 2020 for bulk water haulers and for residential and ICI quarterly billings commencing with the second billing of 2020 and subsequent billings (subject to further amendments of the By-law).

Enacted and passed this 23rd day of March, 2020.

  
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William C. Steele  
Mayor

  
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Amber LaPointe  
City Clerk

**Schedule "A" to By-law No. 6772/22/20  
and By-law No. 3151/22/95, As Amended**

**Water Rates**

**1. Metered Consumption Rates**

Residential, Institutional/Commercial/Industrial (ICI) consumption is subject to a metered rate of \$1.365/cubic meter per billing period. No minimum charge per billing period.

**2. Bulk Water Sales Rates**

The metered rate for bulk water sales is \$1.365/cubic meter per billing period.

The service charge is based on a 75 mm (3") meter regardless of the actual meter used and is \$4,345.11 per annum or \$362.09 per month.

**3. Fixed Rate (Service Charge)**

All users are subject to a fixed rate based on meter size. The residential service charge is \$395.01 per annum or \$32.92 per month for a 15mm (5/8") and 19 mm (3/4") meter. The ICI fixed rate is \$395.01 per annum or \$32.92 per month for a 15 mm (5/8") and 19 mm (3/4") meter.

For other size meters, the fixed rate will be based on the following meter factors:

<b><u>Meter Size</u></b>	<b><u>Service Charge Meter Factor</u></b>
25 mm (1")	1.4
38 mm ( 1 1/2")	1.8
50 mm (2")	2.9
75 mm (3")	11.0
100 mm (4")	14.0
150 mm (6")	21.0
200 mm (8")	29.0
250 mm (10")	40.0

All vacant land directly abutting the water/sewer distribution system will be charged the annual fixed rate as per the rate set out in the Sewer Rate By-law, as amended.

**4. Flat Rate (Residential)**

Rate of \$413.00 per billing period (average user) where an accurate meter reading cannot be recorded for the following:

- where service connection has been turned on at the property line but where no meter has been installed (water meter refusal);
- refusing to provide a meter reading and/or providing access to read a water meter or reading device;
- refusing to remove any obstructions to reading a meter or reading device;
- refusing to provide for meter or reading device repairs for accurate meter readings;

- the tampering with or alteration of the water meter or reading device and meter readings cannot be obtained.

**Flat Rate (Commercial)**

Rate to be calculated based on the following, where an accurate meter reading cannot be recorded for the same reasons as above for Residential:

2x the current fixed rate per Section 3, PLUS 2x the monthly average of the previous 12 months' consumption history (monthly billings)

**OR**

2x the current fixed rate per Section 3, PLUS 2x the quarterly average of the previous 3 years of the same billing cycle consumption history (quarterly billings)

**5. Water for Construction Rates**

**Flat Rate:**

Residential	\$209.00
Commercial	\$351.00
Industrial	\$351.00
Institutional	\$351.00

Upon final inspection, rates to be charged at the current consumption rates.

**6. Administration Charge**

- issuing of water shut off tags shall be charged to the property owner at a fee of \$45.00;
- water account inquiries will be provided at a fee of \$7.00;
- Reading of analog meter due to refusal to upgrade to RF meters will be provided at a fee of \$45.00 per scheduled reading dates;
- Customer request to change out from an RF meter to an analog meter will be at the customer's expense to cover the actual cost of the new analog meter plus removal and installation costs.

**7. Late Payment Fee**

A two and one half (2 ½%) percent late payment fee is charged on the first day of default to all users. This is a one-time charge on the amount billed and outstanding past the due date. Water payments must be received at the Municipal Office City Hall on or before the due date.

Late payment penalty fees shall not be charged during the months of March and April of 2020.

**8. On and Off Charges**

A single charge for turn off/on will be levied if performed on the same calendar day during regular hours.

A single charge at the after-hours/weekend rate will be levied if the turn off/on is performed within a 4 hour (maximum) period.

**9. Meter Testing**

All meter testing will require a minimum deposit of \$50.00 and will be billed at actual cost. The minimum deposit will be applied to the bill. If the meter is found to be inaccurate, creating an over billing, the deposit will be refunded.

**10. New Water Meter and Remote Reader**

5/8" X 3/4" meter complete	actual cost
3/4" meter complete	actual cost
1" meter complete	actual cost
1 1/2" meter complete	actual cost
2" meter complete and larger	actual cost

**11. Permits**

A fee for new water service installation will be charged based on the current annual Public Works Services Schedule of Rates and Fees, to be collected on the building permit.

**12. Billing Cycle**

All users with meters greater than 50 mm (2") to be billed monthly. This includes bulk water and large users. All other users to be billed quarterly, meters being read and billed between three defined areas designated by the Corporation.