

The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne

By-Law No. 6773/23/20

Being a By-law to Amend By-law No. 3424/6/97, As Amended, Being a By-law for the Imposition and Collection of Sewage Service Rates and Sewer 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:

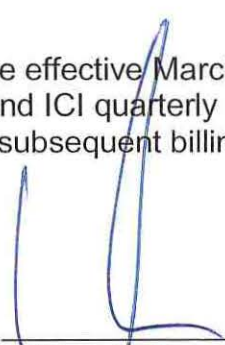
- that the rate for sewer usage for 2020 be set at \$1.382 per cubic meter.
- that the fixed rate for 2020 be set at \$535.64 per year.

And Whereas Council is desirous of amending By-law No. 3424/6/97, as amended, Being a By-law for the Imposition and Collection of Sewage Service Rates and Sewer Rates;


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

1. That By-law No. 3424/6/97, as amended, Being a By-law for the Imposition and Collection of Sewage Service Rates and Sewer 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 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 and shall be effective 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.



William C Steele
Mayor



Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

**Schedule "A" to By-law No. 6773/23/20
and By-law No. 3424/6/97, As Amended**

Rates for Wastewater (Sanitary Sewer) System

(1) Metered Rates

- (a) The Wastewater (Sewage Service) Usage Rate is subject to a metered rate of \$1.382 per cubic meter per billing period. No minimum usage charge per billing period. All sectors shall be billed at 100% of water consumed unless otherwise detailed within the by-law.
- (b) Negotiated industrial customers are subject to a metered rate of \$1.382 per cubic meter per billing period.

(2) Wastewater Fixed Rates (Service Charge)

- (a) All users are subject to a fixed rate based on meter size. The fixed rate is \$535.64 per annum for a 15 mm (5/8") and 19 mm (3/4") meter.
- (b) For all other meter sizes, the fixed rate will be multiplied by the following factors:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Meter Factor</u>
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 sanitary sewer system will be charged the annual fixed rate of \$535.64, to be billed through the property tax billing.

(3) Flat Rate (Residential)

Rate of \$418.00 per billing period (Average User) where water service is active and connected to the system but the following circumstances do not permit a water meter reading:

- 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 three (3) years of the same billing cycle consumption history (quarterly billings).

(4) **Late Payment Fee**

A two and one half (2 ½%) 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. Sewer payments must be received at the Municipal Office on or before the due date.

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

(5) **Billing Cycle**

- (a) All large users with water meters greater than 50 mm (2") are to be billed monthly.
- (b) All other users are to be billed quarterly, meters being read and billed between three (3) defined areas designated by the Corporation.
- (c) Vacant land properties will be billed annually. Seasonal properties will be billed annually.

(6) **Exemptions from Billing for Sanitary Sewer Costs**

- (a) Bulk water haulers accessing City bulk water facilities.
- (b) Port Colborne Poultry Limited.
- (c) Any property that does not directly abut any part of the sanitary sewer system.
- (d) Any other property that is covered by a separate by-law enacted by Council.