Subject:	Water and Wastewater Rates Prorated for Bi-Monthly Billing
To:	Committee of the Whole – General Business & Finance
From:	Financial Services Department

Report Number:	FN-08-26
Wards Affected:	All
Date to Committee:	July 13, 2026
Date to Council:	July 27, 2026

Recommendation:

That Committee receive and file for information Report FN-08-26 regarding Water and Wastewater Rates Prorated for Bi-Monthly Billing.

Purpose:

To provide Committee and ratepayers information regarding the proration of Water and Wastewater Rates as shown in the 2026 Fees and Charges By-law due to the change from quarterly to bi-monthly billing cycles effective January 1, 2027 and until approval of the 2027 Fees and Charges By-law.

Background & Report

Through By-law 2026-25, and as outlined in Report FN-02-26, Council approved the conversion of water and wastewater billing cycles from a quarterly to a bi-monthly basis and the alignment of billing cycles for all of the Town's water and wastewater accounts, effective January 1, 2027. The final 2026 bills for all accounts will be issued in January 2027 and depending on which distinct area, will include either 1, 2, or 3 months of fixed and variable charges. As the 2026 Fees and Charges By-law is based on quarterly billing cycles, Appendix A clarifies what the fixed charges will be on the final bills for the respective distinct areas to ensure transparency in the Town's billing. It is important to note that this is not a change in the annual billed amount and is only the same annualized charge prorated for the number of days billed. Proration is the way that the Town calculates the bill for a fixed charge for only a portion of the days in the billing period, and this same process is followed when a final bill is issued for a partial billing period, for example, when property ownership changes.

Additionally, and as normally experienced in the year of an election, the Fees and Charges for 2027 are expected to be approved after January 1, 2027; the 2026 Fees and Charges will stay in effect until the 2027 Fees and Charges are approved. To ensure transparency in the Town's

billing, the prorated fees and charges based on billing cycle are being provided for information purposes, in Appendix A.

Financial, Legal, Staff Considerations:

Financial:

There will be no financial impact on water and wastewater rate revenue as a result of changing the billing periods from quarterly to bi-monthly. The fixed rate charges will continue to be prorated based on the number of days in a billing period and variable rate charges will continue to be based on consumption. The 2027 budget estimate of water and wastewater revenue will reflect the anticipated date of approval of the 2027 Fees and Charges By-law.

Staffing:

N/A

Legal:

N/A

Public Engagement Matters:

Appendix A to this report will be added to the Fees and Charges webpage and the Water/Wastewater Accounts Moving to Bi-Monthly Billing webpage.

Conclusion:

This report provides the calculation of water and wastewater rates as they will be prorated when the billing periods change. There are no changes to the billing amount on an annualized basis; this is only a proration for the number of days being billed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendices:

Appendix A Water and Wastewater Rates for Transition from Quarterly to Bi-monthly Billing Cycles

Report Approval:

Report has been reviewed and approved by Director of Finance. Final approval is by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Water and Wastewater Rates for transition from quarterly to bi-monthly billing cycles

Description	Unit of Measure	Quarterly Fee (All areas)	Fees to be charged on final quarterly billing cycle: Fee Oct-Dec 2026 (Beamsville South & Campden Accounts beginning with a "3" or "4")	Fee Nov-Dec 2026 (Beamsville North Accounts beginning with a "1")	Fee Dec 2026 (Vineland /Jordan Accounts beginning with a "2")	Bi-Monthly Fee* Jan-Feb 2027 (*This will be charged until the 2027 fees & charges by-law is in effect)
		Fees & Charges By-law 2025-61				
Flat rate fees are calculated based on the actual number of days in the billing period.						
VARIABLE RATE - BASED ON WATER USAGE						
Water Charge	m3 of water	$ 3.312	$ 3.312	$ 3.312	$ 3.312	$ 3.312
Wastewater Surcharge (Sep-May)	m3 of water	$ 4.299	$ 4.299	$ 4.299	$ 4.299	$ 4.299
FLAT RATE						
Flat Wastewater rates-no water service	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 241.80	$ 241.80	$ 160.32	$ 83.29	$ 158.51
Wastewater Service on Property	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 204.26	$ 204.26	$ 135.43	$ 70.36	$ 133.90
Wastewater Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 37.54	$ 37.54	$ 24.89	$ 12.93	$ 24.61
BASE CHARGES - BASED ON SERVICE						
Water and Wastewater Service on Property						
Hookup Size 12.5mm to 19mm (1/2" to 3/4")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 73.92	$ 73.92	$ 49.01	$ 25.46	$ 48.46
Water Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 36.38	$ 36.38	$ 24.12	$ 12.53	$ 23.85
Wastewater Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 37.54	$ 37.54	$ 24.89	$ 12.93	$ 24.61
Hookup Size 25mm (1")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 168.70	$ 168.70	$ 111.86	$ 58.11	$ 110.59
Water Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 83.02	$ 83.02	$ 55.05	$ 28.60	$ 54.42
Wastewater Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 85.68	$ 85.68	$ 56.81	$ 29.51	$ 56.17
Hookup Size 38mm (1-1/2")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 243.75	$ 243.75	$ 161.62	$ 83.96	$ 159.79
Water Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 119.95	$ 119.95	$ 79.53	$ 41.32	$ 78.63
Wastewater Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 123.80	$ 123.80	$ 82.08	$ 42.64	$ 81.16
Hookup Size 50mm (2")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 412.51	$ 412.51	$ 273.51	$ 142.09	$ 270.42
Water Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 203.00	$ 203.00	$ 134.60	$ 69.92	$ 133.08
Wastewater Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 209.51	$ 209.51	$ 138.91	$ 72.16	$ 137.35
Hookup Size 64mm to 75mm (2-1/2" to 3")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 600.07	$ 600.07	$ 397.87	$ 206.69	$ 393.38
Water Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 295.30	$ 295.30	$ 195.80	$ 101.71	$ 193.59
Wastewater Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 304.77	$ 304.77	$ 202.08	$ 104.98	$ 199.79
Hookup Size 100mm (4")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 787.50	$ 787.50	$ 522.15	$ 271.25	$ 516.25
Water Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 387.54	$ 387.54	$ 256.96	$ 133.49	$ 254.05
Wastewater Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 399.96	$ 399.96	$ 265.19	$ 137.76	$ 262.20
Hookup Size 150mm (6")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 1,317.06	$ 1,317.06	$ 873.27	$ 453.65	$ 863.41
Water Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 648.14	$ 648.14	$ 429.75	$ 223.25	$ 424.89
Wastewater Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 668.92	$ 668.92	$ 443.52	$ 230.41	$ 438.51
Hookup Size 200mm (8")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 1,551.87	$ 1,551.87	$ 1,028.96	$ 534.53	$ 1,017.34
Water Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 763.69	$ 763.69	$ 506.36	$ 263.05	$ 500.64
Wastewater Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 788.18	$ 788.18	$ 522.60	$ 271.48	$ 516.70
Hookup Size 250mm (10")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 1,862.25	$ 1,862.25	$ 1,234.75	$ 641.44	$ 1,220.81
Water Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 916.43	$ 916.43	$ 607.63	$ 315.66	$ 600.77
Wastewater Base	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 945.82	$ 945.82	$ 627.12	$ 325.78	$ 620.04
Water Service on Property - No Wastewater Service						
Hookup Size 12.5mm to 19mm (1/2" to 3/4")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 38.28	$ 38.28	$ 25.38	$ 13.19	$ 25.09
Hookup Size 25mm (1")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 87.46	$ 87.46	$ 57.99	$ 30.13	$ 57.33
Hookup Size 38mm (1-1/2")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 126.40	$ 126.40	$ 83.81	$ 43.54	$ 82.86
Hookup Size 50mm (2")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 213.82	$ 213.82	$ 141.77	$ 73.65	$ 140.17
Hookup Size 64mm to 75mm (2-1/2" to 3")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 311.03	$ 311.03	$ 206.23	$ 107.13	$ 203.90
Hookup Size 100mm (4")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 408.22	$ 408.22	$ 270.67	$ 140.61	$ 267.61
Hookup Size 150mm (6")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 682.58	$ 682.58	$ 452.58	$ 235.11	$ 447.47
Hookup Size 200mm (8")	qtrly/bi-mthly	$ 956.30	$ 956.30	$ 634.07	$ 329.39	$ 626.91