

Report from: Office of the Mayor, Administration

Report Date: October 28, 2024

Meeting Date: November 6, 2024

Report Number: MAY-173-2024

File: 68.81.5

Subject: Mayor’s Presentation of 2025 to 2026 Multi-year Readoption Water and Wastewater Budget and Associated Rates

Strategic Pillar:

This report aligns with the following St. Catharines Strategic Plan pillars: economic, social, environmental, and organizational excellence



Procedural Note

There is no staff recommendation contained within this report. City staff presented the 2025 to 2026 Water and Wastewater (W/WW) Budget Readoption on October 23, 2024. There are no differences in the W/WW budget and associated rates readoption presented by the Mayor compared to W/WW budget and associated rates presented by City staff.

Summary

On October 23, 2024, Council received [Report FMS-162-2024](#) (Appendix A) regarding the 2025 to 2026 Multi-year Staff Proposed Water and Wastewater Budget and Associated Rates Readoption. This report is included as Appendix A and can be viewed electronically at www.stcatharines.ca/budget. The City’s 2024 to 2026 multi-year water and wastewater rate budgets was adopted on February 2, 2024. There are no proposed changes to these adopted rate budgets for 2025 and 2026. Therefore, the water and wastewater rate increases for 2025 and 2026 remain as adopted on February 2, 2024.

**Water / Wastewater Rates
(at annual consumption levels of 170 cubic metres)**

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Wastewater Rates	\$718.79	\$793.05
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Total Increase in Percent	9.7%	9.8%

Mayors Presentation of the Revised Water / Wastewater

As there are no proposed changes to these adopted rate budgets for 2025 and 2026, the water and wastewater rate increases for 2025 and 2026 remain as adopted on February 2, 2024. The adopted multi-year w/ww budgets and associated rates are:

	2025 Proposed	2026 Proposed	2024 Current
Water			
Fixed Annual	\$241.76	\$273.43	\$213.76
Volumetric (per CM)	\$1.640	\$1.730	\$1.555
Wastewater			
Fixed Annual	\$239.61	\$270.75	\$212.04
Volumetric (per CM)	\$2.819	\$3.072	\$2.586

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Staff have been closely monitoring the Regional 2025 W/WW budget process and associated costs. Based on the information staff received at the time of this report, the estimated additional Regional costs are expected to be funded by the City's W/WW Surplus Reserve and therefore have no impact on the 2025-2026 W/WW rates.

Financial Implications

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Environmental Sustainability Implications

Environmental Stewardship Strategic goals are supported through continuing investment in sanitary sewer and pollution control programs. These programs and

projects are undertaken in a manner that protects the natural environment and aligns with the City's Climate Adaptation Plan as well as relevant legislative requirements.

Operational Implications

There are no additional operational implications associated with readoption of the proposed 2025 and 2026 w/ww budgets and associated rates adopted on February 2, 2024.

Conclusion

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Prepared, Submitted, and Approved by
Mayor Mat Siscoe

Appendices

- A. Report FMS-162-2024 Staff Proposed 2025 and 2026 W/WW Budget Readoption



Corporate Report City Council

Report from: Financial Management Services, Director

Report Date: October 3, 2024

Meeting Date: October 23, 2024

Report Number: FMS-162-2024

File: 10.57.12

Subject: Staff Proposed 2025 and 2026 Water and Wastewater Multi-Year Rate Budgets

Readoption

Strategic Pillar:

This report aligns with the following St. Catharines Strategic Plan pillars: Organizational Excellence



Recommendation

That Report FMS-162-2024, regarding Staff Proposed 2025 and 2026 Water and Wastewater Multi-Year Rate Budgets Readoption, be received for information.

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Strong Mayor Powers and Implications on the W/WW Budget Process

The 2025 to 2026 Multi-Year W/WW Reconfirmation Budgets will be presented by Mayor Siscoe on November 6, 2024. Similar to 2024 process, Council will not vote on the W/WW budget. If Councillors submit amendments to the W/WW budget, those amendments will be considered by Council at meetings scheduled for November 20, 2024, and November 21, 2024 (if necessary). The 2025 and 2026 reconfirmation W/WW budgets and associated rates will be deemed adopted if no amendments are passed on November 26, 2024.

When the budget is adopted, the 2025 and 2026 water and wastewater rates will be effective for billing periods ending on or after March 1 of 2025 and 2026.

Relationship to Strategic Plan

This report relates to the following Goal of the Strategic Plan:

- Organizational Excellence - The City of St. Catharines will achieve excellence in financial and service sustainability and high customer satisfaction.

This report relates to the following Strategic Direction of the Strategic Plan:

- Organizational Excellence - Balance fiscal stewardship with services and service levels.

This report relates to the following Priority Initiative of the Strategic Plan:

- Organizational Excellence Initiative #4 - Multi-Year Budget Process.

Report

With this report, Staff are presenting a proposed 2025 to 2026 multi-year budget and associated rates for Council’s information. The City’s 2024 to 2026 multi-year water and wastewater budget was adopted on February 1, 2024 (Appendix 1).

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Approved by

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Appendices

1. Adopted 2024-2026 Multi-Year Water and Wastewater Budget

**City of St Catharines
Water/Wastewater Budget Summary**

2024-2026 Water Wastewater Budget

	Budget				Forecast	Actual
	2024	2025	2026	2023	2023	2022
Reserve at Beginning of Year	5,766,260	105,748	252,862	14,194,004	14,194,004	9,028,941
Revenues	66,633,454	75,449,150	82,588,045	61,073,696	54,170,323	60,539,908
Less: Region expenditures	41,058,774	42,150,740	43,416,946	39,542,992	38,734,375	36,507,207
Safe Restart Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Revenue	25,574,680	33,298,410	39,171,099	21,530,704	15,435,948	24,032,701
City Expenditures						
Water Operating costs	8,062,220	8,176,145	8,512,340	8,084,246	7,072,690	6,750,863
Water Debenture debt	297,676	270,264	276,147	378,215	378,215	439,634
Water Infrastructure costs	8,727,410	10,595,283	11,737,073	7,370,731	7,370,731	5,332,609
Sewer Operating costs	7,187,859	7,439,155	7,725,823	5,254,268	5,737,352	3,756,629
Sewer Debenture debt	702,609	682,592	686,836	703,316	703,317	767,081
Sewer Infrastructure costs	6,257,417	5,987,858	6,411,419	4,201,388	4,201,387	1,820,822
	31,235,191	33,151,297	35,349,638	25,992,164	25,463,692	18,867,638
Annual Surplus/(Deficit)	-5,660,511	147,113	3,821,461	-4,461,460	-10,027,744	5,165,063
Transfer from/(to) Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	1,600,000	
Reserve at End of Year	105,748	252,862	4,074,323	9,732,544	5,766,260	14,194,004
City total	31,235,191	33,151,297	35,349,638	25,992,164	25,463,692	18,867,638
Region total	41,058,774	42,150,740	43,416,946	39,542,992	38,734,375	36,507,207
	72,293,965	75,302,037	78,766,584	65,535,156	64,198,067	55,374,845
cm - purchased	14,500,000	14,500,000	14,500,000	14,500,000	13,666,374	14,321,439

Water Budget Summary

	Budget				2024-2026 Water Wastewater Budget	
	2024	2025	2026	2023	Forecast 2023	Actual 2022
Reserve at Beginning of Year	5,386,095	3,221,280	1,977,276	10,456,037	10,456,037	8,757,987
<u>Revenues:</u>						
Sales of Water	27,897,553	31,308,541	33,794,892	25,983,599	20,830,598	25,966,139
Fixed Costs	3,335,562	3,418,951	3,504,425	3,270,808	3,270,808	3,151,522
Purchase of Water	10,164,500	10,621,903	11,099,888	9,696,150	9,149,899	9,108,437
	14,397,491	17,267,688	19,190,579	13,016,641	8,409,891	13,706,180
Other Revenues	525,000	530,000	535,000	515,000	541,803	514,976
Safe Restart Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Revenue	14,922,491	17,797,688	19,725,579	13,531,641	8,951,694	14,221,156
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
General Administration	1,393,402	1,379,557	1,615,677	1,542,918	1,355,434	1,237,453
Engineering Overhead	2,330,343	2,397,162	2,440,576	2,171,804	1,738,441	1,882,724
Mains, Valves, Hydrants	2,569,527	2,607,366	2,645,088	2,463,594	2,465,159	2,211,895
Water Service Lines	639,819	649,579	661,128	610,072	540,634	484,705
Water Meters	531,092	543,912	550,765	661,743	401,558	475,630
New Mains/Valves/Hydrants	119,037	119,569	120,106	155,115	136,093	38,282
Water Services Rendered	-	-	-	-	(43,629)	(58,826)
Water Capital out of Revenue	3,712,930	5,406,020	6,348,950	2,624,000	2,624,000	1,073,230
Water Debenture Costs	297,676	270,264	276,147	378,215	378,215	439,634
Water Improvements Program	5,003,180	5,177,963	5,376,823	4,746,731	4,746,731	4,259,379
Transfer to DC Exemption Reserve	11,300	11,300	11,300	-	-	-
Cost Allocations	479,000	479,000	479,000	479,000	479,000	479,000
Total Expenditures	17,087,306	19,041,692	20,525,560	15,833,192	14,821,636	12,523,106
Net Surplus (Deficit)	-2,164,815	-1,244,005	-799,981	-2,301,551	-5,869,942	1,698,050
Transfer from/(to) Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	800,000	
Surplus (Deficit) at End of Year	3,221,280	1,977,276	1,177,295	8,154,486	5,386,095	10,456,037

Wastewater Budget Summary**2024-2026 Water Wastewater Budget**

	Budget				Forecast	Actual
	2024	2025	2026	2023	2023	2022
Reserve at Beginning of Year	380,125	-3,115,572	-1,724,454	3,737,927	3,737,927	270,914
Revenues:						
Wastewater Revenue	38,210,901	43,610,609	48,258,154	34,575,097	32,797,922	34,058,793
Regional Wastewater (Net)	-27,558,712	-28,109,886	-28,812,633	-26,576,034	-26,313,668	-24,247,248
Net Revenue	10,652,189	15,500,723	19,445,521	7,999,063	6,484,254	9,811,545
Expenditures:						
Sewers General	1,775,095	1,951,007	2,126,903	856,176	1,049,378	721,334
Sewer Insurance	65,000	65,000	65,000	75,000	75,000	47,619
FLAP program	382,531	391,658	401,358	346,960	390,544	217,055
Sewer Improvement Projects	2,972,567	3,031,018	3,090,639	3,477,388	3,477,387	1,792,922
Lateral Replacements	810,320	819,685	827,015	718,530	923,863	577,026
New Laterals	-	-	-	-	7,180	66,179
Drain Cleaning	379,745	389,618	399,516	350,154	350,154	180,758
Sanitary Sewers Overhead	1,295,590	1,315,694	1,354,047	961,728	961,728	785,361
Debenture Debt	702,609	682,592	686,836	703,316	703,317	767,081
Pollution Control	1,529,179	1,562,448	1,598,769	1,295,025	1,328,810	561,666
Pollution Control Overhead	583,399	577,045	586,215	283,695	283,695	232,631
Pollution Capital/Revenue	3,242,150	2,914,140	3,278,080	724,000	724,000	27,900
Transfer to DC Exemption Reserve	42,700	42,700	42,700	-	-	-
Cost Allocations	367,000	367,000	367,000	367,000	367,000	367,000
Total Expenditures	14,147,885	14,109,605	14,824,078	10,158,972	10,642,056	6,344,532
Net Surplus (Deficit)	-3,495,696	1,391,118	4,621,443	-2,159,909	-4,157,802	3,467,013
Transfer from/(to) Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	800,000	
Surplus (Deficit) at End of Year	-3,115,572	-1,724,454	2,896,988	1,578,018	380,125	3,737,927

WATER, WASTEWATER AND RELATED SERVICE RATES

The following rates shall be paid to The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines for the use of water supplied by The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines:

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Current 2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2024</u>	<u>Proposed 2025</u>	<u>Proposed 2026</u>
<u>Consumption - Cubic Metres (for each two month billing period)</u>				
Customer Charge	\$31.50	\$35.63	\$40.29	\$45.57
Consumption Charge - per cubic metre	1.467	1.555	1.640	1.730

*Note: Large Industrial Users are billed monthly

Water meter size of 1" or greater will be subject to a water meter equivalency charge when calculating the Customer Charge.

Exemption: Single Family Residential classification. See (b) below.

Meter Equivalency

Water meter size of 1" or greater will be subject to a water meter equivalency charge when calculating the Customer Charge.

Exemption: Single Family Residential classification.

- 1" meter = 1.4 meter equivalency units
- 1 1/2" meter = 1.8 meter equivalency units
- 2" meter = 2.9 meter equivalency units
- 3" meter = 11 meter equivalency units
- 4" meter = 14 meter equivalency units
- 6" meter = 21 meter equivalency units
- >6" meter = 21 meter equivalency units

Note: Where a single 6" meter or greater is installed for the purpose of additional fire protection, the multiplier equivalency shall be discounted to 50%.

2024-2026 Water/Wastewater Budget

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Current 2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2024</u>	<u>Proposed 2025</u>	<u>Proposed 2026</u>
<u>Flat Rates (For each two month billing period)</u>				
Per Dwelling unit	\$96.75	\$106.75	\$120.75	\$136.75

Note: Where more than 20 units are being constructed, the maximum number of units charged is 20.

Estimated Billing

Where consumption and/or Flat Rate does not apply, estimates are based on previous actual readings. In the absence of previous actual readings, amount to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer.

Rates for Services Outside City (For each two month billing period)

Multiple of Regular Rate	2X	2X	2X	2X
Customer Charge	\$63.00	\$71.26	\$80.58	\$91.14
Consumption Charge - per cubic metre	2.93344	3.1100	3.2800	3.4600

Bulk Water (Key Pad Operated)

Multiple of Regular Rate	2X	2X	2X	2X
Per cubic metre	\$2.933	\$3.110	\$3.280	\$3.460

2024-2026 Water/Wastewater Budget

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Current 2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2024</u>	<u>Proposed 2025</u>	<u>Proposed 2026</u>
<u>Water Under Construction</u>				
First two month period Per sq. ft. Water Increase 2017 1.22 %, 2018 1.64%, 2019 4.50%, 2020 7.51% increase, 2021 1.85% increase, 2022 5.98% increase, 2023 8.97% increase, 2024 9.9% increase, 2025 9.7% increase, 2026 9.8% increase	\$0.035	\$0.038	\$0.042	\$0.046
Per sq. m.	\$0.376	\$0.413	\$0.454	\$0.498

<u>Proposed (For 2mo Billing)</u>				
Next Flat Rate per dwelling unit for each two month billing period until meter is installed	\$96.75	\$106.75	\$120.75	\$136.75

If there are extenuating circumstances or if large Industrial/Commercial building, "Next Flat Rate" to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer.

The following rates shall be paid to The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines for the use of water related services supplied by The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines:

METER RENTALS (Annually)

Meter Size

*16mm (5/8") Displacement	\$28.00	\$34.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
*16mm (5/8")SR II Displacement with ECR	\$48.00	\$48.00	\$49.00	\$49.00
*16mm (5/8") Accustream/Transmitter	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
*16mm (5/8") IPERL/Transmitter	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$65.00	\$66.00

2024-2026 Water/Wastewater Budget

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Current 2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2024</u>	<u>Proposed 2025</u>	<u>Proposed 2026</u>
19mm (3/4") Displacement	\$36.00	\$38.00	\$38.00	\$38.00
19mm (3/4")SR II Displacement with ECR	\$59.00	\$59.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
19mm (3/4") Accustream/Transmitter	\$62.00	\$62.00	\$62.00	\$62.00
19mm (3/4") IPERL/Transmitter	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$67.00	\$67.00
25mm (1") Displacement	\$44.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$46.00
25mm (1") SR II Displacement with ECR	\$64.00	\$65.00	\$66.00	\$66.00
25mm (1") Accustream Transmitter	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$67.00	\$67.00
25mm (1") IPERL/Transmitter	\$72.00	\$72.00	\$72.00	\$73.00
38mm (1-1/2") Displacement	\$94.00	\$94.00	\$95.00	\$96.00
38mm (1-1/2") Displacement with ECR	\$115.00	\$115.00	\$115.00	\$115.00
38mm (1-1/2") Displacement /ECR/ Transmitter	\$120.00	\$121.00	\$122.00	\$123.00
38mm(1-1/2") Turbine	\$144.00	\$144.00	\$146.00	\$147.00
38mm(1-1/2") Turbine/Transmitter	\$149.00	\$150.00	\$151.00	\$152.00
38mm (1 1/2") OMNI C2 Compound	\$188.00	\$189.00	\$191.00	\$192.00
38mm (1 1/2") OMNI R2 Residential	\$114.00	\$118.00	\$119.00	\$120.00
38mm (1-1/2") OMNI T2 Turbine	\$146.00	\$147.00	\$148.00	\$150.00
50mm(2") Displacement	\$109.00	\$110.00	\$111.00	\$112.00

2024-2026 Water/Wastewater Budget

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50mm(2") Displacement with ECR	\$128.00	\$128.00	\$128.00	\$128.00
50mm(2") Displacement-ECR/Transmitter	\$133.00	\$134.00	\$135.00	\$136.00
 <u>Proposed (For 2mo Billing)</u>				
50mm (2") Compound	\$123.00	\$124.00	\$125.00	\$126.00
50mm (2") Compound/Transmitter	\$128.00	\$129.00	\$130.00	\$131.00
50mm (2") Turbine	\$146.00	\$147.00	\$148.00	\$150.00
50mm (2") Turbine/Transmitter	\$151.00	\$152.00	\$153.00	\$154.00
50mm (2") OMNI C2 Compound	\$221.00	\$222.00	\$224.00	\$226.00
50mm (2") OMNI C2 Compound/Trans	\$240.00	\$242.00	\$244.00	\$246.00
50mm (2") OMNI R2 Residential	\$150.00	\$156.00	\$157.00	\$158.00
50mm (2") OMNI T2 Turbine	\$176.00	\$177.00	\$178.00	\$180.00
75mm (3") Compound	\$419.00	\$422.00	\$426.00	\$429.00
75mm (3") Compound/Transmitter	\$424.00	\$425.00	\$429.00	\$432.00
75mm (3") Turbine	\$384.00	\$388.00	\$390.00	\$394.00

2024-2026 Water/Wastewater Budget

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75mm (3") Turbine/Transmitter	\$389.00	\$391.00	\$393.00	\$396.00
75mm (3") OMNI C2 Compound	\$420.00	\$423.00	\$426.00	\$430.00
75mm (3") OMNI T2 Turbine	\$401.00	\$404.00	\$407.00	\$410.00
100mm (4") Compound	\$524.00	\$528.00	\$533.00	\$538.00
100mm (4") Compound/Transmitter	\$529.00	\$547.00	\$552.00	\$556.00
100mm (4") Turbine	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00
100mm (4") Turbine/Transmitter	\$480.00	\$482.00	\$485.00	\$487.00
100mm (4") OMNI C2 Compound	\$602.00	\$608.00	\$612.00	\$618.00
100mm (4") OMNI C2 Compound/Transmitter	\$622.00	\$627.00	\$632.00	\$638.00
100mm (4") OMNI F2 Fire Assembly	\$798.00	\$798.00	\$798.00	\$798.00
100mm (4") OMNI T2 Turbine	\$527.00	\$532.00	\$536.00	\$540.00
100mm (4") OMNI T2 Turbine/Transmitter	\$547.00	\$552.00	\$556.00	\$560.00
150mm (6") Compound	\$825.00	\$838.00	\$847.00	\$856.00
150mm (6") Compound/Transmitter	\$830.00	\$840.00	\$849.00	\$858.00
150mm (6") Turbine	\$715.00	\$726.00	\$734.00	\$734.00
150mm (6") Turbine/Transmitter	\$720.00	\$728.00	\$736.00	\$745.00

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<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Current 2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2024</u>	<u>Proposed 2025</u>	<u>Proposed 2026</u>
150mm (6") Fire Assembly	\$900.00	\$902.00	\$904.00	\$906.00
150mm (6") Fire Assembly /Transmitter	\$905.00	\$907.00	\$909.00	\$911.00
150mm (6") OMNI C2 Compound	\$919.00	\$932.00	\$942.00	\$953.00
150mm (6") OMNI F2 Fire Assembly	\$1,330.00	\$1,347.00	\$1,362.00	\$1,376.00
150mm (6") OMNI F2 Fire Assembly/Trans	\$1,352.00	\$1,370.00	\$1,385.00	\$1,400.00
150mm (6") OMNI T2 Turbine	\$808.00	\$820.00	\$830.00	\$839.00
200mm (8") Fire Assembly	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00
200mm (8") Fire Assembly /Transmitter	\$1,345.00	\$1,347.00	\$1,349.00	\$1,351.00
200mm (8") Turbine	\$816.00	\$828.00	\$838.00	\$847.00
200mm (8") Turbine/Transmitter	\$821.00	\$830.00	\$840.00	\$849.00
200mm (8") OMNI C2 Compound	\$1,261.00	\$1,278.00	\$1,292.00	\$1,306.00
200mm (8") OMNI F2 Fire Assembly	\$1,910.00	\$1,933.00	\$1,953.00	\$1,974.00
200mm (8") OMNI T2 Turbine	\$1,134.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,162.00	\$1,174.00
250mm (10") Fire Assembly	\$2,458.00	\$2,487.00	\$2,512.00	\$2,539.00
250mm (10") Fire Assembly/Transmitter	\$2,463.00	\$2,489.00	\$2,514.00	\$2,541.00
250mm (10")Turbine	\$1,375.00	\$1,393.00	\$1,408.00	\$1,423.00

2024-2026 Water/Wastewater Budget

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>2026</u>
250mm (10")Turbine/Transmitter	\$1,398.00	\$1,432.00	\$1,448.00	\$1,463.00
250mm (10") OMNI C2 Compound	\$1,546.00	\$1,565.00	\$1,582.00	\$1,598.00
250mm (10")OMNI F2 Fire Assembly	\$2,458.00	\$2,487.00	\$2,512.00	\$2,539.00
250mm (10") T2 OMNI Turbine	\$1,375.00	\$1,393.00	\$1,408.00	\$1,423.00

* NOTE: No charge for 16mm (5/8") meter unless installed outside the City.

Where meter type consists of two meters combined, one rental rate is applicable, based on the predominant use of the meter.

METER PITS (CHAMBER) RENTALS (Annually)

Meter Size

16mm (5/8")	\$93.00	\$98.00	\$103.00	\$108.00
19mm (3/4")	\$80.00	\$84.00	\$88.00	\$92.00
25mm (1")	\$110.00	\$116.00	\$122.00	\$128.00
38mm (1-1/2")	\$234.00	\$246.00	\$258.00	\$271.00
50mm (2")	\$263.00	\$276.00	\$290.00	\$305.00
75mm (3")	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
100mm (4")	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost

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<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Current 2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2024</u>	<u>Proposed 2025</u>	<u>Proposed 2026</u>
150mm (6")	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
200mm (8")	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
250mm (10")	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost

Proposed (For 2mo Billing)

The following rates shall be paid to the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines for the wastewater system and services as outlined herein:

Wastewater Fees (for each two month period)

Sewer Replacement Program	\$31.00	\$35.34	\$39.93	\$45.13
Wastewater charges – per cubic metre	2.372	2.586	2.819	3.072

Water meter size of 1" or greater will be subject to a water meter equivalency charge when calculating the Customer Charge.

Exemption: Single Family Residential classification. See (b) below.

Meter Equivalency

Water meter size of 1" or greater will be subject to a water meter equivalency charge when calculating the Customer Charge.

Exemption: Single Family Residential classification.

- 1" meter = 1.4 meter equivalency units
- 1 1/2" meter = 1.8 meter equivalency units
- 2" meter = 2.9 meter equivalency units
- 3" meter = 11 meter equivalency units

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<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Current 2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2024</u>	<u>Proposed 2025</u>	<u>Proposed 2026</u>
4" meter = 14 meter equivalency units				
6" meter = 21 meter equivalency units				
>6" meter = 21 meter equivalency units				

Note: Where a single 6" meter or greater is installed for the purpose of additional fire protection, the multiplier equivalency shall be discounted to 50%.

Flat Rates (for each two month billing period)

Per Dwelling unit	\$128.25	\$141.25	\$159.75	\$180.50
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Wastewater Under Construction

First two month period	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Next Flat Rate per dwelling unit for each two month period until meter is installed	\$128.25	\$141.25	\$159.75	\$180.50

Note: Where more than 20 units are under construction, the maximum number of units charged is 20.

If there are extenuating circumstances or if large Industrial/Commercial building, "Next Flat Rate" to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer.

Unauthorized Use of Water

Rate when bypass valve is opened without Authorization or any other unauthorized use of water or determination that water provided has not passed through the meter:

Two (2) times the average of last three representative bills. If not applicable, estimate to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer. (for each two month billing period)	2X	2X	2X	2X
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2024-2026 Water/Wastewater Budget

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Current 2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2024</u>	<u>Proposed 2025</u>	<u>Proposed 2026</u>
Where property has operated a grow-op, amount is three (3) times the total Flat Rate per dwelling unit as outlined in Sections 1 and 3 (for each two month billing period)	\$ 675.00	\$744.00	\$841.50	\$951.76

Proposed (For 2mo Billing)

Miscellaneous

Meter Relocation to a more appropriate position to facilitate reading and/or maintenance:

When requested by homeowner, equivalent to applicable Water Service Call as defined in Rates and Fees.

When determined by City Engineer, amount charged at the discretion of the Treasurer

Installation of Automated Meter Reading (AMR) apparatus when performed not in accordance with scheduled deployment :

When requested by homeowner	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
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When determined by City Engineer, amount charged at the discretion of the Treasurer

Customer non compliance with AMR installation	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
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Late Payment Penalty

A penalty for late payment of 1.5% per month is added the day following the due date and the first day of each month thereafter.

2024-2026 Water/Wastewater Budget

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Current 2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2024</u>	<u>Proposed 2025</u>	<u>Proposed 2026</u>
The rates set out above shall be deemed to have become effective on all accounts with Billing periods ending on or after March 1 .				

METRIC CONVERSION: 1 cubic metre (CM) equals 220 gallons or 1,000 litres

City St. Catharines
Water/Wastewater Budget
Annual Bill Change Comparison (2 month basis)

	2024			2025			2026			2023
	New Rates	Change \$	Change %	New Rates	Change \$	Change %	New Rates	Change \$	Change %	Current Rates
Consumption										
Normal Consumption	170			170			170			170
	170	\$ -	0.0%	170	\$ -	0.0%	170	\$ -	0.0%	170
Water - Retail Rate										
Rate per billing period (2 months)	\$35.63	\$ 4.13	13.1%	\$40.29	\$ 4.67	13.1%	\$45.57	\$ 5.28	13.1%	\$31.50
Fixed Fee - Annual	\$213.76	\$ 24.76	13.1%	\$241.76	\$ 28.00	13.1%	\$273.43	\$ 31.67	13.1%	\$189.00
Consumption Rate per CM	\$1.555	\$ 0.09	6.0%	\$1.640	\$ 0.09	5.5%	\$1.730	\$ 0.09	5.5%	\$1.467
Consumption Fee	\$264.30	\$ 14.96	6.0%	\$278.84	\$ 14.54	5.5%	\$294.18	\$ 15.34	5.5%	\$249.34
Total Water	<u>\$478.06</u>	\$ 39.72	9.1%	<u>\$520.60</u>	\$ 42.54	8.9%	<u>\$567.61</u>	\$ 47.01	9.0%	<u>\$438.34</u>
Wastewater - Retail Rate										
Rate per billing period (2 months)	35.34	\$ 4.34	14.0%	39.93	\$ 4.59	13.0%	45.13	\$ 5.19	13.0%	\$31.00
Fixed Fee - Annual	\$212.04	\$ 26.04	14.0%	\$239.61	\$ 27.57	13.0%	\$270.75	\$ 31.15	13.0%	\$186.00
Consumption Rate per CM	\$2.586	\$ 0.21	9.0%	\$2.819	\$ 0.23	9.0%	\$3.072	\$ 0.25	9.0%	\$2.372
Consumption Fee	\$439.61	\$ 36.30	9.0%	\$479.18	\$ 39.57	9.0%	\$522.30	\$ 43.12	9.0%	\$403.31
Total Wastewater	<u>\$651.65</u>	\$ 62.34	10.6%	<u>\$718.79</u>	\$ 67.14	10.3%	<u>\$793.05</u>	\$ 74.27	10.3%	<u>\$589.31</u>
Total Water and Wastewater Bill	<u>\$1,129.71</u>	\$ 102.06	9.9%	<u>\$1,239.39</u>	\$ 109.67	9.7%	<u>\$1,360.66</u>	\$ 121.28	9.8%	<u>\$1,027.65</u>
Fixed Component	\$425.80	\$ 50.80	13.5%	\$481.37	\$ 55.57	13.1%	\$544.19	\$ 62.82	13.1%	\$375.00
Variable Component	\$703.91	\$ 51.26	7.9%	\$758.02	\$ 54.11	7.7%	\$816.48	\$ 58.46	7.7%	\$652.65
	<u>\$1,129.71</u>	\$ 102.06	9.9%	<u>\$1,239.39</u>	\$ 109.67	9.7%	<u>\$1,360.66</u>	\$ 121.28	9.8%	<u>\$1,027.65</u>
Fixed Percentage	37.69%	\$ 0.01	3.3%	38.84%	\$ 0.01	3.0%	39.99%	\$ 0.01	3.0%	36.49%
Variable Percentage	62.31%	\$ (0.01)	-1.9%	61.16%	\$ (0.01)	-1.8%	60.01%	\$ (0.01)	-1.9%	63.51%
	<u>100.00%</u>	\$ -	0.0%	<u>100.00%</u>	\$ -	0.0%	<u>100.00%</u>	\$ -	0.0%	<u>100.00%</u>

CITY OF ST. CATHARINES - WATER/WASTEWATER BUDGET
2024 to 2026

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	BUDGET	
310.112 WATER/WASTEWATER EQUIPMENT RESERVE:		
OPENING BALANCE 2024		\$1,162,916
ANNUAL RESERVE PROVISION (515.105.069, 515.110.069)		150,000
EST. PROCEEDS FROM AUCTION SALES		5,000
EXPENDITURES, 2024		-300,000
CLOSING BALANCE		<u>\$1,017,916</u>
PRIOR YEAR COMMITMENTS		360,000
CLOSING UNCOMMITTED BALANCE		<u>\$657,916</u>
<u>2024 EXPENDITURE DETAILS</u>	REPLACEMENT COST	FUNDED BY RESERVE
GMC Savana Cargo Van (#122)	80,000	80,000
GMC Terrain (#13)	50,000	50,000
Case 580SN W/T Backhoe (#25)	170,000	170,000
	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
PRIOR YEAR COMMITMENTS		
International 7400 Single Axle Dump Truck (2023 Capital Budget Commitment)	360000	360,000
<u>WATER/WASTEWATER EQUIPMENT RESERVE:</u>		
OPENING BALANCE 2025		\$657,916
ANNUAL RESERVE PROVISION (515.105.069, 515.110.069)		150,000
EST. PROCEEDS FROM AUCTION SALES		5,000
EXPENDITURES, 2025		-490,000
EXPENDITURES, PRIOR YEAR COMMITMENTS *		
CLOSING BALANCE		<u>\$322,916</u>
PRIOR YEAR COMMITMENTS		0
CLOSING UNCOMMITTED BALANCE		<u>\$322,916</u>
<u>2025 EXPENDITURE DETAILS</u>	REPLACEMENT COST	FUNDED BY RESERVE
GMC STV Cube Van (#4)	80,000	80,000
GMC STV Cube Van (#8)	80,000	80,000
GMC STV Cube Van (#83)	80,000	80,000
GMC STV Cube Van (#183)	80,000	80,000
Cae 580SN W/T Backhoe (#23)	170,000	170,000
	<u>\$490,000</u>	<u>\$490,000</u>
<u>WATER/WASTEWATER EQUIPMENT RESERVE:</u>		
OPENING BALANCE 2026		\$322,916
ANNUAL RESERVE PROVISION (515.105.069, 515.110.069)		150,000
EST. PROCEEDS FROM AUCTION SALES		5,000
EXPENDITURES, 2026		-340,000
EXPENDITURES, PRIOR YEAR COMMITMENTS *		0
CLOSING BALANCE		<u>\$137,916</u>
PRIOR YEAR COMMITMENTS		0
CLOSING UNCOMMITTED BALANCE		<u>\$137,916</u>
<u>2026 EXPENDITURE DETAILS</u>	REPLACEMENT COST	FUNDED BY RESERVE
Freightliner Single Axle Dump Truck (#113)	350,000	
John Deere 310SL Backhoe (#23)	170,000	170,000
John Deere 310SL Backhoe (#34)	170,000	170,000
	<u>\$690,000</u>	<u>\$340,000</u>