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Date	November 15, 2023
To	Finance Committee – November 15, 2023
From	Heather Sachs, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
Report No.	FIN 29-23
Report Title	Water & Wastewater Rates 2024

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## Recommendation

**That Report FIN 29-23 respecting, Water and Wastewater rates 2024, be received as information; and,**

**That Council acknowledge and approve the Water and Wastewater rates for 2024 as presented and the Water and Wastewater study completed by Watson and Associates in 2021.**

## Executive Summary

The Water/Wastewater rates study was completed and approved by Council in 2021. The approved water and wastewater rate study included an overall 4% per year increase year over year during the forecast period until 2024 and 5% increase thereafter. Public notice has been provided as prescribed in the Municipal Act and staff are seeking Council approval of the 2024 water and wastewater rates with a By-Law to be presented on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Background

The ability of a municipality to establish water and wastewater rates is prescribed under the Municipal Act. Under O. Reg. 244/02: Fees and Charges, a water and wastewater rates by-law will expire on December 31 of the year following the year in which the by-law was passed; annual approval is thus required. The categorization

of these rates establishes a cost recovery target level of 100% to recover the full cost of providing the service by the municipality and requires that both water and wastewater systems are financially self-sustaining and do not impact the tax levy.

Links to the 2021 Water/Wastewater rates study are included below.

[20210920-Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. - Aylmer Rate Study Report](#)

[20210920-Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. - Aylmer Rate Study Report - Presentation](#)

## **Strategic Priorities**

This report supports the goals and objectives set out in [Council's Strategic Pillars](#).

The goals it supports include:

Pillar Two – Planning for the Future by ensuring the community has infrastructure to support future growth and sustain current needs for providing safe drinking water for all users.

Pillar Three – Economic Vitality by helping to attract growth to the town and creating opportunities for our neighbours.

Pillar Five – Public Service Excellence by delivering municipal services in a safe and efficient manner.

## **Conclusion**

Staff are looking for council consideration and approval of the water and wastewater rates as presented in the by-laws which were established by the rate study completed in 2021 and which expires every December.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Sachs  
Director of Financial Services/Treasurer

Reviewed by Andy Grozelle, Chief Administrative Officer

# Appendix

## Attachments

N/A

## Follow Up

In adopting this report, what follow up action is required?

- By-law
- Agreement(s)/document(s) to be signed by Mayor and/or Clerk
- Social media/Website update or communication
- Other communication – Specify: