

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF AYLMER WATER CUSTOMERS

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New Water/Wastewater Rates & Charges

New Rates/Charges commence on March 1, 2015

Background

In 2014, the Town of Aylmer hired Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. to review the Town's water/wastewater system's rate structure which has been in place since 2012. A "Cost Recovery Rate Study" was prepared by the consultant and has been recently endorsed by Town Council.

A "Public Meeting" was scheduled, advertised and held on February 17, 2015, as required by provincial regulations. As well, a new "Water/Wastewater Rates & Charges By-Law 06-15" was reviewed and adopted to allow for new rates and charges to be established resulting from the "Rate Study". These rates will be applied to the Town's water and wastewater systems commencing March 1, 2015 through to 2021.

In addition to the "Water/Wastewater Rates & Charges By-law 06-15", please reference the "Cost Recovery Rate Study" and the Town's "Comprehensive Water By-law 09-09". These documents encompass all the rules and regulations for the supply, operation and maintenance of the Municipal Water System.

New Water/Wastewater Rates – Based on the average residential water/sewage user invoice, the following is a cost comparison with the new rate schedule as per "By-Law 06-15";

2014 Average Monthly Bill = \$58.00 plus applicable taxes (Existing Rates)

2015 Average Monthly Bill = \$61.40 plus applicable taxes (New Rates applied commencing March 1, 2015)

2016 Average Monthly Bill = \$65.01 plus applicable taxes (New Rates to be applied January 1, 2016)

2017 Average Monthly Bill = \$69.18 plus applicable taxes (New Rates to be applied January 1, 2017)

2018 Average Monthly Bill = \$72.79 plus applicable taxes (New Rates to be applied January 1, 2018)

2019 Average Monthly Bill = \$76.58 plus applicable taxes (New Rates to be applied January 1, 2019)

2020 Average Monthly Bill = \$80.41 plus applicable taxes (New Rates to be applied January 1, 2020)

2021 Average Monthly Bill = \$84.40 plus applicable taxes (New Rates to be applied January 1, 2021)

Note: All data provided is based on the Town of Aylmer's "Average Residential Water/Sewage User" (5/8" or 3/4" water meter charges plus 225m³ annual water consumption).

Fact: Under the new 2015 rates for water @ \$1.80 per/m³, a residential customer can refill a 500ml bottle of water 11.11 times for the cost of a penny (\$0.01).

TOWN OF AYLMER COMPREHENSIVE WATER BY-LAW 09-09 IMPORTANT INFORMATION/REGULATIONS

"CROSS CONNECTIONS AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION"

As per the Town's "Comprehensive Water By-law 09-09, Part 9, Section 9.1 the regulations are as follows:

9.1 Protection from Contamination

No person shall connect, cause to be connected, or to allow to remain connected to the waterworks distribution system any piping, fixture, fitting, container or appliance, in a manner which under any circumstances, may allow water, wastewater, non-potable water, or any other liquid, chemical or substance to enter the water works distribution system. The means for "protection from contamination" shall be in accordance with the requirements of the "Ontario Building Code Act, 1997", as amended from time to time.

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“PRIVATE WELLS & SANDPOINT SYSTEMS”

As per the Town’s “Comprehensive Water By-law 09-09, Part 10, Section 10.1 the regulations are as follows:

10.1 Private Wells/Sandpoint Systems and their Connections

All service connections within the Town’s Water Distribution System where the premise has a well and/or sandpoint or intends to install such a system, the following shall apply:

(a) Under no circumstances shall a ground source of water such as a private well and/or sandpoint system be interconnected with the Town’s potable water supply to a property. If it is believed by the Town that a private well and/or sandpoint system is interconnected with the potable water supply, the Town may immediately shut off the water supply to the property. Subsequently, a notice will be sent to the owner stating the reason for discontinued potable water supply. Once it is proven by inspection from the Town, that the private well and/or sandpoint isn’t interconnected with the potable supply, it will be turned back on at a cost to the owner as indicated in the Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges By-Law for re-connection of the water supply.

(b) That all properties who have in place a ground source of water such as a well and/or sandpoint, in addition to a connection to the municipal water supply must install a back flow prevention device and/or a cross connection control device as per the requirements of the Ontario Building Code Act, 1997, as amended from time to time.

(c) That the back-flow prevention device shall be installed and maintained as per Part 9 of this By-law.

“CONSERVATION USE OF WATER EXTERNALLY”

As per the Town’s “Comprehensive Water By-law 09-09, Part 12, Section 12.1 the regulations are as follows:

“External use of water” shall mean the use of water for any purpose outside the walls of any building located a municipal address. (ie. lawn, garden watering, car washing, washing of exterior building walls, driveways etc.)

12.1 Conservation Regulations - use of water - July and August

For the purpose of limiting the consumption of water as necessary:

(a) During the months of July and August, the external use of water is permitted:

(i) on even calendar dates at only those municipal addresses ending with numbers 0, 2, 4, 6, 8;

(ii) on odd calendar dates at only those municipal addresses ending with numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, 9.

(b) The Town is authorized to implement at any time any other regulation which the Town considers advisable to limit the external use of water and this authority includes the right to ban completely the external use of water.

(c) Notice of the implementation of a water use regulation by the Town and the effective date thereof shall be given immediately in a manner determined by the Town.

(d) Upon the announcement of the implementation of a water use regulation by the Town, no person shall use water except in accordance with the provisions of such regulation.

“Thank you for doing your part by using our precious environmental resources wisely”

Complete copies of By-Laws can be viewed in their entirety at Aylmer Town Hall or from the Town’s Website at www.aylmer.ca