

SYNOPSIS

Solid Waste Management Uniform Charge

The amount collected for the solid waste management uniform charge is the amount of the total net expenses for the upcoming year divided by the number of dwelling units in the Town. Historically this has been done as a part of the regular budget process. This year we have begun setting these rates, like this one and the Mandatory Provincial Contribution Area Rate as the complete information becomes available.

As the formula is simply total net expenses divided by dwelling units, and the full amount of expense are to be covered by the charge, staff recommend the setting of this rate in the regular March council meeting to expedite budget discussions. The increase to solid waste expenses can be attributed to inflationary increases to costs and an increase in the volume of garbage being picked up which has resulted in increased tipping fees.

WHEREAS Council has included in its estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020, the amount of \$591,795 to be expended for the purpose of solid waste management, a purpose for which the Town may expend funds; and
WHEREAS \$591,495 is funded from the Solid Waste Management Uniform Charge; and

WHEREAS there are approximately 3,205 dwelling units within the boundaries of the Town of Amherst in residential premises with less than four such dwelling units; and

WHEREAS the Council may, under paragraph 75(4)(b) of the *Municipal Government Act*, in lieu of levying an area rate, levy a uniform charge on each property assessment in the area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a uniform charge of \$185.00 be levied for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020 on each dwelling unit within the boundaries of the Town of Amherst in residential premises with less than four such dwelling units, and that these uniform charges are due and payable on September 30, 2019 with interest to be charged on all final tax accounts outstanding on or after October 1, 2019 at the rate of 1% per month, 12% per annum.