
TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Shelley Rector, CPA, CMA – CFO

DATE: April 8, 2019

SUBJECT: **Setting the Town of Amherst Sewer Rates**

ORIGIN: Budget Management Policy 03450-04.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: MGA 75(4) (b) and Town of Amherst Sanitary Sewer Rates By-law.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That, per the attached SAP summary, the setting of the Town of Amherst Sewer Rate be forwarded to the April 29, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council.

BACKGROUND: The sewer budget is balanced independent of the other operating expenditures in the budget. The amount charged for the sewer rates cover the anticipated expenditures for the year including capital out of revenue of \$15,000. There has been no change in the sewer rate in at least the last five years.

DISCUSSION:

There is no anticipated increase in the sewer rate for this fiscal year. The charges are as follows:

- a) Those owners whose water service is metered shall pay a usage charge:
- Residential: \$0.99 per cu. meter of metered water consumption as determined by the Amherst Water Utility;
 - Commercial/Industrial/Institutional: \$0.49 per cu. meter of metered water consumption as determined by the Amherst Water Utility.
 - Base Charges
Those owners whose water service is metered shall pay a base charge quarterly. The quarterly base charge by meter size is:

5/8"	\$18.00
3/4"	\$27.00
1"	\$43.75
1 1/2"	\$86.00
2"	\$136.25
3"	\$271.25
4"	\$500.00



b) Non-Metered Customers

For non-metered customers in unmetered mobile home parks, the park owner shall pay \$178.53 per dwelling unit per annum.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no financial implications.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Communication coordinated by Corporate Communications Officer including media releases, the Town's website and social media.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: None

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: None

ALTERNATIVES: Defer the approval of the sewer rates to approval of the overall operating budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Model of water/sewer rates
2. SAP summary and detail for the Town of Amherst Sewer Operating Budget.

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