

## THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

**Report TR 28-2021**

**Council Meeting Date: December 21, 2021**

**TO:** Mayor Weber and Members of Council

**FROM:** Janet Ferguson, Treasurer

**RE:** 2022 Water and Wastewater Rates

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Report TR-28-2021 regarding the 2022 water and wastewater rates be received; and

**THAT** By-Law 98 of 2021 be approved.

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### **SUMMARY**

This report is presented to bring forward the water and wastewater rate by-law for 2022.

### **BACKGROUND**

In December 2017 Council received and approved the Water and Wastewater Systems Financial Plan memo's as prepared by B.M. Ross and Associates Ltd. The memo's form the basis for the Financial Plan Report and rates and the rates are projected out for 10 years.

Following the approved financial plan, an adjustment to the rates for 2022 is proposed and therefore a new by-law is required. Staff has prepared the pertinent by-law for council's approval.

### **ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER**

Council has supported the water and wastewater financial plan and the recommendations within it which is to increase the rates to meet the operating and capital replacement needs of the Lambton Shores systems.

Council may choose to maintain the rates the same as 2021. This is not recommended as status quo does not support the financial plans and meet the funding requirements to operate and maintain the current and future infrastructure.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

That Council approves the pertinent by-law setting the proposed 2022 water and wastewater rates as provided in the B.M.Ross and Associates Ltd. Rate study in 2017.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no additional financial impact by Council receiving this report. When preparing the rate study, staff provided the data for the operating and capital projections to determine the rates. This is year 5 of the rate study and staff are proposing a new study be completed in 2022 in conjunction with the Development Charges study.

The financial impact to the utility customers varies depending on their consumption. The following table shows the impact to an average full time residence receiving the benefit of both services in Lambton Shores.

<b>Utility Rate Impacts</b>			
<b>Rate Change Impact</b>		<b>Water Charge</b>	<b>Sewer Charge</b>
Current Base Rate		\$185.88	\$205.32
Current Consumption Rate		\$513.40	\$561.00
Current Rate Annual Total		\$699.28	\$766.32
Proposed Base Rate		\$194.40	\$217.68
Proposed Consumption Rate		\$537.20	\$595.00
Proposed Rate Annual Total		\$731.60	\$812.68
Base Rate Difference		\$ 8.52	\$ 12.36
Consumption Rate Difference		\$ 23.80	\$ 34.00
<b>Total Annual Difference</b>		<b>\$ 32.32</b>	<b>\$ 46.36</b>
Quarterly Change		\$ 8.08	\$ 11.59
Monthly Change		\$ 2.69	\$ 3.86

## **CONSULTATION**

B.M.Ross and Associates Limited  
- Water and Wastewater Systems Financial Plan 2017-2028