

**The Corporation of the Town of Essex**

**By-Law Number 2490**

**Being a By-law to Establish Water and  
Wastewater Rates and Charges**

**Whereas** pursuant to Section 391 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 and amendments thereto a municipality may pass By-Laws imposing fees or charges on persons in certain instances as outlined below:

- a) for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;
- b) for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or local board; and
- c) for use of its property including property under its control.

**And whereas** the Council of the Town of Essex did retain the services of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. in 2024 to undertake a study to determine the cost of providing water and wastewater services;

**And whereas** at a Special Meeting held on June 17, 2024, the Council of the Town of Essex, by Resolution Number SP24-06-007, did receive the base charges and consumption charges for water and wastewater as provided in the Town of Essex Water and Wastewater Study dated June 12, 2024, prepared by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd;

**And whereas** the Council of the Town of Essex deems it desirable and expedient to pass a By-Law to impose upon owners or occupants of lands who use the water system, a water rate and charge;

**And whereas** the Council of the Town of Essex deems it desirable and expedient to pass a By-Law to impose upon owners or occupants of lands who use the wastewater system, a wastewater rate and charge.

**And whereas,** failure to receive a water and wastewater bill does not exempt a property owner from payment of utilities or penalty and interest charges.

**Now therefore the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Essex hereby enacts as follows:**

1. A water rate and charge is hereby imposed upon the owners or occupants of lands which are supplied with water service, and each user shall be charged a water rate and charge as set out in the attached Schedule "A";
2. A wastewater rate and charge is hereby imposed upon the owners or occupants of lands which are supplied with wastewater service, and each user shall be charged a wastewater rate and charge as set out in the attached Schedule "B";
3. The monthly base charge as set out in the attached Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" shall be imposed upon the owners or occupants of lands which are supplied with water and wastewater service regardless of whether the water service is turned on or off;
4. The said water and wastewater rates and charges described in Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" attached hereto shall become effective for water and wastewater services provided on and after January 1, 2026.
5. Any costs incurred to collect charges for water and wastewater that are in arrears shall be added to the amounts deemed owing.

**Read a first and a second time and provisionally adopted on December 1, 2025.**

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Mayor

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Clerk

**Read a third time and finally passed on December 15, 2025.**

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Mayor

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Clerk

Description of Water Charge and Ward in which Charge Applies	Amount of Charges	
<b>Schedule "A" to By-Law Number 2490</b>		
<b>Water Rates and Charges Effective January 1, 2026</b>		
Monthly Base Charge:		
Ward 1	\$	23.94
Ward 2	\$	23.94
Ward 3	\$	23.94
Ward 4	\$	23.94
Charge per Cubic Metre of Water Consumed:		
Ward 1 - UWSS Wholesale Rate*	\$	0.797
Ward 1 - Distribution Rate	\$	0.88
Ward 2 - UWSS Wholesale Rate*	\$	0.797
Ward 2 - Distribution Rate	\$	0.88
Ward 2 - Town System	\$	1.68
Ward 3 - UWSS Wholesale Rate*	\$	0.797
Ward 3 - Distribution Rate	\$	1.12
Ward 3 - Town System	\$	1.92
Ward 4 - Town System	\$	1.92
Capital Improvement Levy for Greenhouse Operations Customers		
*Rate that is collected for Union Water Supply System as they are now a Municipal Services Corporation		

Description of Wastewater Charge and Ward in which Charge Applies	Amount of Charges	
<b>Schedule "B" to By-Law Number 2490</b>		
<b>Wastewater Rates and Charges Effective January 1, 2026</b>		
Monthly Base Charge		
Ward 1	\$	25.62
Ward 2	Not applicable	
Ward 3	\$	28.44
Ward 4	\$	25.62
Charge per Cubic Metre of Water Consumed:		
Ward 1	\$	1.89
Ward 2	Not applicable	
Ward 3	\$	3.00
Ward 4	\$	2.48