



Report to Council

Department: Corporate Services
Division: Finance and Business Services
Date: April 2, 2024
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Report Number: Finance and Business Services-2024-02
Subject: 2024 Union Water Supply System Wholesale Water Rate
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Recommendation(s)

That Report "Finance and Business Services-2024-02" entitled 2024 Union Water Supply System Wholesale Water Rate prepared by Kate Giurissevich, CPA,CA, Director, Corporate Services/ Treasurer dated April 2, 2024 be received, and

That Council approve an amendment to Schedule "A" to By-Law Number 2291 to reflect the new fee presented by Union Water Supply System (UWSS) effective April 1, 2024.

Purpose

Bylaws and Amendments to By-Laws require Council approval.

Background and Discussion

On January 25th, 2024 a letter was received by the Town from UWSS regarding their 2024 increase. This rate increase is \$0.0214 per cubic meter and is effective April 1, 2024. The **Town's current water rates are detailed in By-law 2291**, where the adopted rate at January 1, 2024 was \$0.71 per Cubic Metre, therefore the new revised rate for UWSS is \$0.7339.

Effective January 1, 2024, Union Water Supply System is now a Municipal Services Corporation and as such, the Town is required to separately show their Treatment and Transmission Rate. Only certain residents with access to the UWSS system have this rate applied. The rate is for operating and capital expenditures required to operate the UWSS and was approved by the UWSS Board. This rate was previously included in the volume rate for Ward ½ residents.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to the Town as the collection of the UWSS rate is remitted back to UWSS.

Link to Strategic Priorities

- ☒ Embrace asset management best practices to build, maintain, and continuously improve our municipally owned infrastructure.
- ☐ **Leverage our Town's competitive advantages to promote jobs and economic investment.**
- ☐ Take care of our natural environment and strengthen the sense of belonging to everyone **who makes Essex "home"**.
- ☒ Deliver friendly customer service in an efficient, effective, and transparent manner while providing an exceptional working environment for our employees.
- ☐ Build corporate-level and community-level climate resilience through community engagement and partnership and corporate objectives.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	2024 UWSS Wholesale Water Rate - Finance and Business Services-2024-02.docx
Attachments:	- 01-25-24 Ltr to CAOs Rate Increase 2024 (REVISED).reviewed.pdf - Bylaw 2291 - Water and Sanitary Sewer Rates with Schedules A and B.pdf Amendement.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Mar 22, 2024

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Sweet", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Doug Sweet, Chief Administrative Officer - Mar 22, 2024 - 1:23 PM