



## Covering Memo – Water and Wastewater Rates By-Law

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**Date:** Monday, January 26, 2026

**From:** Valerie Manning, Treasurer / Manager of Finance Services

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### Subject

By-law 2026-10 is a by-law that approves the Water and Wastewater Rates for the 2026 fiscal year.

### Reason for Tabling

Each year, staff examines current fees and charges in preparation for the annual Water and Wastewater Rates operating, user pay and tax supported budgets. Commonly referred to as user fees, these funds provide alternative sources of revenue in the operation of municipal facilities, programs and services.

The 2026 Fees and Charges rates were tabled on November 17, 2025. A follow up meeting was held on December 9, 2025 in order Council to have further discussion. On January 12, 2026 Council held the Statutory Public meeting.

At this time, the Fees and Charges are being brought forward for implementation on February 1, 2026.

# The Corporation of the Municipality of Meaford

## By-law Number 2026-10

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### **Being a by-law to adopt water and wastewater rates for the year 2026**

**Whereas**, the Corporation of the Municipality of Meaford operates and maintains municipal water and wastewater systems in the municipality; and

**Whereas**, Section 391 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, empowers municipalities to enact by-laws to impose water and wastewater rates upon owners or occupants of lands who use water; and

**Whereas**, Section 398 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, authorizes the municipalities to add fees and charges imposed by the municipality, upper-tier municipality or local board, respectively, to the tax roll for the following property in the local municipality and collect them in the same manner as municipal taxes; and

**Whereas**, By-law Number 134-2006 was passed February 19, 2007, to enact rules and regulations for water meters and check valves, and to set water and wastewater rates in the Municipality of Meaford; and

**Whereas**, Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Meaford deems it expedient and necessary to establish fees and charges for provision of water and wastewater services;

### **The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Meaford enacts as follows:**

1. That Schedule "A" to By-law Number 134-2006, as amended be rescinded and the fees and charges listed in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, be inserted.
2. That water and wastewater accounts due but unpaid shall be subject to added interest at a rate as established and prescribed in the Municipality's Fees and Charges By-law.
3. The By-law 2025-02 is hereby repealed.
4. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect on February 1st, 2026.

**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 26th day of January, 2026.**

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**Ross Kentner, Mayor**

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**Margaret Wilton-Siegel, Clerk**

# The Corporation of the Municipality of Meaford

## By-law Number 2026-10

### Schedule A – Environmental Services

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#### **Water Rates**

	<b>2026</b>
<b>Residential</b>	
Service Charge	\$67.81/month
Consumption Rate	
Leith Area **	\$6.18
All other Areas:	
0-10m <sup>3</sup>	\$2.50/m <sup>3</sup>
11-25m <sup>3</sup>	\$3.00/m <sup>3</sup>
26-50m <sup>3</sup>	\$3.31/m <sup>3</sup>
>50m <sup>3</sup>	\$4.45/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Multi-Res/ Non Residential</b>	
Service Charge (per month)	\$67.81/month
Consumption Rate	
0-10m <sup>3</sup>	\$2.50/m <sup>3</sup>
11-25m <sup>3</sup>	\$3.00/m <sup>3</sup>
26-50m <sup>3</sup>	\$3.31/m <sup>3</sup>
>50m <sup>3</sup>	\$4.45/m <sup>3</sup>
Bulk Water	\$4.79/m <sup>3</sup>
Jug Fill	\$2.40/jug
Serviced Vacant Land	\$61.04/month
Unserviced Vacant Land (fronting watermain)	\$30.51/month

\*\* Leith Area Consumption Rate will match the approved City of Owen Sound consumption rate and is subject to change without notice.

## Sewer Rates

	<b>2026</b>
<b>Residential</b>	
Service Charge	\$59.38
Consumption Rate	
0-10m <sup>3</sup>	\$2.50/m <sup>3</sup>
11-25m <sup>3</sup>	\$3.00/m <sup>3</sup>
26-50m <sup>3</sup>	\$3.31/m <sup>3</sup>
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Service Charge (per month)	\$59.38/month
Consumption Rate	
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26-50m <sup>3</sup>	\$3.31/m <sup>3</sup>
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Bulk Wastewater All wastewater charged at same rate	\$34.67/m <sup>3</sup>

## Water Meters

	<b>2026</b>
5/8 x 3/4 Residential Meter (RF Radio Read)	Full cost recovery
1 inch X 3/4 inch Backflow Preventer	Full cost recovery
1 inch Meter	Full cost recovery
2 inch Meter	Full cost

	recovery
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**System Fees**

	<b>2026</b>
Watermain Tapping Fee**	\$1000.00
Watermain Connection Inspection Fee (New Subdivision/connection) (to be charged during planning phase)	\$1500.00/ connection
Form 1 Review/ Commissioning plan Review (to be charged during planning phase)	\$1500.00
Private Hydrant Flushing Charge	\$230.00
Sewer Camera Inspection (plus labour)	\$170.00
Labour Charge	\$115.00/hour/ person
Shut-off Service (Scheduled/ during Business Hours)	\$115.00
Shut-off Service (Unscheduled/After Hours)	\$330.00
Reconnection (Scheduled/ during Business Hours)	\$115.00
Reconnection (Unscheduled/After Hours)	\$330.00
Water Meter Inspection	\$115.00
Re-Inspection Fee	\$230.00

\*\* Fee includes labour, and parts for up to a 1" service install in ROW. Full cost recovery for anything greater than 1".

**Capital Recovery Fees**

	<b>2026</b>
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<b>Infrastructure Renewal/Upgrade</b>	
Infrastructure Installation Security Deposit ** (Only charge this if working on both sides of property line, or ROW)	\$8,500.00
Infrastructure Security Deposit ** – Private work only	\$4,250.00

\*\* Full cost recovery for Capital Construction of service installations will be paid by owner. Full cost includes restoration and all other costs incurred to install services. Security balance returned upon completion of work and approval by the Municipality. Infrastructure Security Deposit for Private property is to be able to repair damaged municipal property during works being completed outside of Municipal property.