



Covering Memo – Adopt Revised Water and Wastewater Rates for 2026

Date:	Monday, March 9, 2026
From:	Valerie Manning, Treasurer / Manager of Finance Services
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Subject

By-law 2026-24 is a by-law to repeal and replace By-law 2026-10, which approves the water and wastewater rates for the year 2026.

Reason for Tabling

This by-law is being brought forward to add rates the were inadvertently omitted from Schedule 'A' to By-law 2026-10.

The rates were included in the draft by-law presented to Council on November 17, 2025, but were removed in error during a revision prior to the final tabling of By-law 2026-10. There was a version edit made between the November 17, 2025, and the December 9, 2025, meeting resulting in a deletion of Infrastructure Renewal Rates.

By-law 2026-24 includes the Infrastructure Renewal Rates, as was originally intended.

The Corporation of the Municipality of Meaford

By-law Number 2026-24

Being a by-law to adopt revised 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, By-law Number 2026-10, being a by-law to adopt water and wastewater rates the year 2026, erroneously omitted rates for Infrastructure Renewal Fees for wastewater; 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, including rates for Infrastructure Renewal Fees for wastewater.

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

1. That the fees and charges listed in Schedules "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, are hereby adopted.
2. 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.

3. 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.
4. The By-law 2026-10 is hereby repealed.
5. That fees and charges are subject to HST where applicable and where not included in the price.
6. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect upon being passed by Council.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 9th day of March, 2026.

Shirley Keaveney, Deputy Mayor

Margaret Wilton-Siegel, Clerk

The Corporation of the Municipality of Meaford

By-law Number 2026-24

Schedule A – Environmental Services

Water Rates

	2026
Residential	
Service Charge	\$67.81/month
Consumption Rate	
Leith Area **	\$6.18/m3
All other Areas:	
0-10m3	\$2.50/m3
11-25m3	\$3.00/m3
26-50m3	\$3.31/m3
>50m3	\$4.45/m3
Multi-Res/ Non Residential	
Service Charge (per month)	\$67.81/month
Consumption Rate	
0-10m3	\$2.50/m3
11-25m3	\$3.00/m3
26-50m3	\$3.31/m3
>50m3	\$4.45/m3
Bulk Water	\$4.79/m3
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

	2026
Residential	
Service Charge	\$59.38
Consumption Rate	
0-10m ³	\$2.50/m ³
11-25m ³	\$3.00/m ³
26-50m ³	\$3.31/m ³
>50m ³	\$4.45/m ³
Multi-Res/ Non-Residential	
Service Charge (per month)	\$59.38/month
Consumption Rate	
0-10m ³	\$2.50/m ³
11-25m ³	\$3.00/m ³
26-50m ³	\$3.31/m ³
>50m ³	\$4.45/m ³
Infrastructure Renewal Fee – Wastewater	\$53.45/month
Reduced Infrastructure Renewal Fee - Wastewater	\$26.72/month
Bulk Wastewater All wastewater charged at same rate	\$34.67/m ³

Water Meters

	2026
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

System Fees

	2026
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

	2026
Infrastructure Renewal/Upgrade	
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.