

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALNWICK/HALDIMAND

BY-LAW NO. 38-2021

BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH WATER RATES FOR 2021 TO 2026 UPON THE USERS OF THE WATER SYSTEM TO RECOVER THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL COSTS REQUIRED TO OPERATE, REPAIR AND MAINTAIN THE WATER SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALNWICK/HALDIMAND BY LAKEFRONT UTILITY SERVICES INC.

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, S.O. 2011 provides for a Municipality to pass by-laws imposing fees or charges on any class of person for service or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;

AND WHEREAS (Sections 8, 12, 28, and 50 of the Public Utilities Act) authorize the Municipality to pass by-laws to regulate the supply of water and fix the price to be paid therefore, and every matter of thing related to or connected therewith;

AND WHEREAS the Water Rate Study completed for Council by Infrastructure Solutions Inc. is to provide the basis of the monthly charges for the water system;

AND WHEREAS Council desires the monthly charges for the water system to be based on "Option 1" of the Water Rate Study;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand ENACTS as follows:

SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS

1.1 For the purposes of this By-Law, the following definitions shall apply:

- a) "Bulk Water User" shall mean any Customer who draws Water from a metered bulk water dispenser at the pump house
- b) "Customer" shall mean any person who enters into a verbal or written agreement with the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand for the supply of potable water to any property including but not limited to any dwelling unit serviced by the Alnwick/Haldimand waterworks distribution system, located within the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand.
- c) "Dwelling Unit" shall mean one or more habitable rooms occupied or capable of being occupied by an individual, individuals or family as an independent and separate housekeeping establishment, with separate kitchen and sanitary facilities for the use of such individual, individuals or family, with its own private entrance, but does not include a trailer, single width mobile home or tent.
- d) "Apartment Building" shall mean a building or part thereof consisting of three or more dwelling units, which have a common entrance from the street level, and the occupants of which have the right to use in common, halls and/or stairs and/or elevators and yards, but does not include a boarding or rooming house, bed and breakfast establishment, motel, or hotel.
- e) "Municipality" shall mean the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
- f) "Water Meter" shall mean the water meter supplied and owned by the Township to measure the quantity of water used by the customer.
- g) "Water Works distribution system" shall mean the water mains and appurtenances, the works and the equipment under the jurisdiction of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand for the treatment, storage, supply and distribution of water or any part of such system but does not include plumbing systems,

SECTION 2 – MONTHLY WATER RATES

- 2.1 A water service rate is hereby imposed upon the owners or occupants of lands which are connected to the Grafton Municipal Water System to pay for the operation, repair and maintenance, and capital costs of the water works system.
- 2.2 The Water Rate in Section 2.1 shall consist of three parts as follows:
- a) A fixed base monthly charge for water services;
 - b) A monthly consumption charge;
 - c) A monthly environmental surcharge
- 2.3 A Water Service Rate is hereby imposed upon the owners or occupants of land which are supplied with water to pay for the operation, repair and maintenance, and capital costs of the water works system.
- 2.4 The Water Rate in 2.3 shall consist of two parts as follows:
- a) A fixed base monthly charge for water services;
 - b) A monthly environmental surcharge
- 2.5 Any fees or charges imposed by this By-Law are due and payable upon receipt of any invoice issued by the Municipality or any other company that the Municipality contracts out to process its water bills
- 2.6 The water service rate established in Sections 3, 4, and 5 shall be billed and collected bi-monthly
- 2.7 If for any reason, water meters are not read bi-monthly, an estimate based on previous water consumption readings will be used

SECTION 3 – FIXED BASE MONTHLY CHARGE FOR WATER SERVICES

- 3.1 Fixed base monthly charges for water services shall be applied to all applicable properties in the Municipality in accordance with Schedule "A" which is attached to and forms part of this by-law.
- 3.2 Despite Section 3.1, any property connected to the Municipal Water System that do not possess a water meter shall be assessed in accordance with the "Non-Metered Charge" section of Schedule "A".
- 3.3 The fixed base monthly charges for apartments that contain three or more dwelling units that are not equipped with individual water meters shall be calculated by:
- a) Multiplying the number of dwelling units by the fixed base monthly charge corresponding to the 15 mm meter in schedule "A", and
 - b) adding a single fixed base monthly charge corresponding to a 15 mm meter in Schedule "A" representing the apartment building's common services.

This calculation shall apply despite the fact that apartment buildings may have a single water meter measuring the total quantity of water consumed by all occupants of the building. The environmental surcharge will only apply to the single water meter and not by the number or dwelling units within an apartment.

SECTION 4 – NON-METERED CHARGE

- 4.1 A non-metered charge will be applied to any water service that is not furnished with a water meter.

- 4.2 That the Exempt Properties, as identified and illustrated on Schedule "C", and attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, be charged an annual fee of \$350.00, more specifically limited to those properties that would require a ¾" or 20 mm water service, and further that this charge be applied and included in the June tax installment of each year for these specific properties, commencing in the fiscal year 2018.

SECTION 5 – MONTHLY CONSUMPTION CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICES

- 5.1 The charge for water consumption for all applicable properties in the Municipality shall be charged on a per cubic meter of water consumed basis for each respective customer at the annual rates as indicated in Schedule "B" which is attached to and forms part of this by-law.

SECTION 6 – MONTHLY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE

- 6.1 An Environmental Surcharge Rate is hereby imposed upon the owners of land which are connected or eligible to be connected to the municipal water system to pay for the additional costs for water testing and consulting necessitated by Provincial Legislation. The Environmental Surcharge Rate shall be at the rate(s) as indicated in Schedule "B" which is attached and forms part of the by-law.

SECTION 7 – MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES AND CHARGES

- 7.1 Miscellaneous charges shall be applied in accordance with Schedule "B" which is attached to and forms part of this by-law

SECTION 8 – NON-PAYMENT & LATE PAYMENT

- 8.1 Fees and charges imposed under this By-Law on a person constitute a debt of the person to the Municipality. The Municipality's Treasurer may add fees and charges imposed on this By-Law to the tax roll for the property to which the service is supplied and may collect them in the same manner as municipal taxes.
- 8.2 Late payment charges of 1.50% per month, compounded monthly shall be applied to any fees and charges remaining unpaid following the due date on the invoice sent to the customer

SECTION 9 – EFFECTIVE DATE

- 9.1 This By-law shall come into force and take effect on February 1, 2021.

This By-Law will repeal By-Law **20-2018, 60-2018** in their entirety.

This **By-Law No. 38-2021** read and deemed to be **PASSED** this 25th day of February, 2021.


MAYOR, GAIL LATCHFORD


CLERK, ALEXANDRA SMITH

**SCHEDULE " A " TO BY-LAW 38-2021
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALNWICK/HALDIMAND
HAMLET OF GRAFTON**

Fixed Monthly Base Charges for Water Services (2021-2026)

Meter Size (inches)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
5/8" x 3/4"	29.56	31.04	32.59	34.22	35.93	37.73
1"	41.39	43.46	45.63	47.91	50.31	52.83
1.5"	53.21	55.87	58.66	61.59	64.67	67.90
2"	85.73	90.02	94.52	99.25	104.21	109.42
Non-Metered Charges	78.70	81.46	84.31	87.26	90.31	93.47

**SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 38-2021
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALNWICK/HALDIMAND
HAMLET OF GRAFTON**

CONSUMPTION CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICES (2021-2026)

Volumetric Rate (per cubic metre)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
General Customer	2.22	2.33	2.45	2.57	2.70	2.84
Bulk Water User (\$)	3.27	3.38	3.49	3.60	3.72	3.84

MONTHLY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE RATES (2021-2026)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Environmental Charge	8.20	8.61	9.04	9.49	9.96	10.46

MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Miscellaneous Charges	Charge
New Service Installations to Property Line	As per By-Law 40-2013
Returned Cheque Charge	\$60.00
New Water Meters	Purchased directly from Lakefront Utility Services Inc. (LUSI)
Change of Occupancy Charge	\$50.00.
Reconnection during regular hours	\$65.00
Reconnection after regular hours	\$185.00
Meter checked for accuracy	Out of Pocket Expenses
Temporary Service: in accordance with Section 10.13 – Where a user requires a temporary water supply, such user shall apply to the Operating Authority for a connection to a hydrant. If the connection is approved and an agreement signed, the user shall pay all the applicable fees/costs.	All fees/costs/out of pocket expenses plus volumetric charges