

AGENDA ITEM NO: ADDITIONAL ITEM
15.2.1

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2024

STAFF REPORT - COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: Utility Rate Amendment Bylaws Date: March 20, 2024
DEPARTMENT: Finance Department Prepared by: L Kreitner

1. SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The City of Chilliwack places great emphasis on ensuring a continuing reinvestment in the water and sanitary sewer systems. The annual cost to provide water and sanitary sewer services increases with inflationary cost adjustments to labor, contracts and materials, along with annual levels of capital investment and reinvestment. The water and sewer functions operate as self-sustaining services, funded through user fees with no property taxation subsidization. It is recommended that an increase of 7.32% be applied to water and sanitary sewer fixed and metered user rates.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation that "Waterworks Regulation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2024, No. 5390" be given first and second reading.

Recommendation that "Waterworks Regulation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2024, No. 5390" be given third reading.

Recommendation that "Sanitary Sewer System Regulation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2024, No. 5391" be given first and second reading.

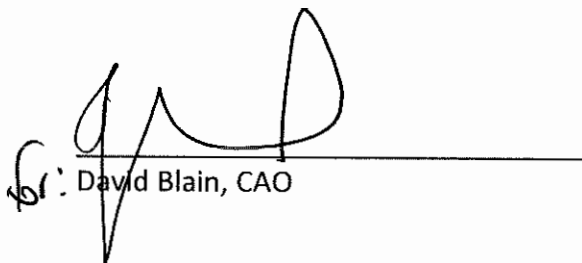
Recommendation that "Sanitary Sewer System Regulation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2024, No. 5391" be given third reading.



Glen Savard, Director of Finance

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S
RECOMMENDATION/COMMENTS:**

Supports recommendation.



David Blain, CAO

Schedule “B”

WATER USE RATES

1. REGULAR METER SERVICE:

The following minimum charge billed quarterly, based on meter size:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Quarterly Charges</u>
20 mm	\$ 28.17 <u>30.23</u>
25 mm	\$ 30.19 <u>32.40</u>
40 mm	\$ 38.20 <u>41.00</u>
50 mm	\$ 46.94 <u>50.38</u>
75 mm	\$ 70.61 <u>75.78</u>
100 mm	\$ 102.91 <u>110.44</u>
150 mm	\$ 185.57 <u>199.15</u>
200 mm	\$ 268.19 <u>287.82</u>
250 mm	\$ 341.06 <u>366.03</u>

2. BULK METER SERVICE:

Where a bulk water meter in lieu of individual meters is utilized for a multiple dwelling complex, multiple unit complex or mobile home park, a minimum quarterly charge of ~~\$28.17~~\$30.23 shall be levied on each dwelling, unit or mobile home pad.

3. UNIFORM QUANTITY CHARGE:

Notwithstanding meter size, a quarterly uniform quantity charge of ~~\$1.66~~\$1.78 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption; or in the event that a meter cannot be read, either:

- (a) an estimate of water consumption; or
- (b) the City may change the period end to the date the meter is read.

4. HYDRANT USAGE CHARGE:

Handling charge: \$100.00 each time a hydrant is used (except for fire-fighting)
Usage charge: \$ 25.00 per day

5. WATER METER TEST FEE: \$100.00

Payable as a deposit, which shall be subject to Sections 15 and 16 of this Bylaw.

Schedule "B"

SANITARY USER RATES

1. STANDARD USER RATES:

The quarterly sewer user rates shall be the sum of the basic fee and the consumption fee, as applicable.

Type	Description	Amount
BASIC FEE (Single Residential)	For each Single Residential Property connected to the Sanitary Sewer System	\$43.55 <u>46.74</u>
BASIC FEE (Multiple Residential)	For each dwelling unit or mobile home pad connected to the Sanitary Sewer System	\$43.55 <u>46.74</u>
CONSUMPTION FEE (All Customers)	Actual consumption for all real properties based on 90% of metered water consumed in the current reading period	\$3.22 <u>3.46</u> per 100 cubic feet of sewer

2. CALCULATION OF RATES:

- (1) For commercial developments, all charges will be based on readings from a single meter unless an application for individual meter readings is made. To allow charges to be determined by individual meter readings, the type and location of each meter must be approved by the City.
- (2) The quantity of water consumed shall be the most recent amount recorded by the meter through which water is delivered to the property less the immediately previous billed reading.
- (3) In the event that a meter cannot be read, either an estimate will be made by the Collector or the Collector may change the period end to be that date on which the meter is read.
- (4) For all single family residential properties or duplexes and mobile home pads without water meters, the quarterly sewer use charge shall be based on an assumed consumption of 2,000 cubic feet.

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| 3. TRUCKED WASTE RATE | \$ 62.41 per tonne |
| 4. SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT SCALE ACCESS CARD (REPLACEMENT CARD) | \$ 50.00 each |
| 5. LOW STRENGTH DAIRY WASTE | \$ 12.00 per tonne |

City of Chilliwack

Bylaw No. 5390

A bylaw to amend the “Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 2004, No. 2995”

The Council of the City of Chilliwack in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as **“Waterworks Regulation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2024, No. 5390”**.
2. “Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 2004, No. 2995” is hereby amended by deleting Schedule “B” “WATER USE RATES” in its entirety, and substituting with a new Schedule “B”, as attached.

Received first and second reading on the

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Mayor

Corporate Officer

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City of Chilliwack

Bylaw No. 5391

A bylaw to amend the “Sanitary Sewer System Regulation Bylaw 2010, No. 3702”

The Council of the City of Chilliwack in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as **“Sanitary Sewer System Regulation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2024, No. 3702”**.
2. “Sanitary Sewer System Regulation Bylaw 2010, No. 3702” is hereby amended in Schedule “B” “SANITARY USER RATES”, Section 1 “STANDARD USER RATES”, Column “Amount”, by deleting the figures “43.55” and substituting with the figures “46.74”; and further, by deleting the figure “3.22” and substituting with the figure “3.46” before the words “per 100 cubic”.

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