The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

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By-Law 2020-018

Being a By-Law to Amend Schedule "A" to By-Law 2011-08, Being a By-Law to Enact Rules and Regulations for the Installation, Repair, Maintenance, and Access to Water Meters and Check Valves, and to Set Water and Wastewater Rates in the Municipality of Brockton.

Whereas the *Municipal Act S.O. 2001*, c 25, Section 5(3), as amended provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by By-Law;

And Whereas the *Municipal Act 2001*, c.25, Section 83, provides that a municipality may, as condition of supplying or continuing to supply a public utility, require reasonable security be given for the payment of fees and charges for supply of the public utility or for extending public utility to land;

And Whereas the *Municipal Act 2001*, c.25, Section 391(1)(a) provides that a municipality may pass by laws imposing fees or charges on any class of persons for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;

Now Therefore the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton enacts as follows:

1.0 That Schedule "A" to By-Law 2011-08 be replaced by the fees and charges listed and attached hereto as Schedule "A" to this by-law and forming an integral part thereof.

2.0 That By Law 2019-018 is hereby repealed.

3.0 That this by-law comes into full force and effect upon final passage and shall be effective as outlined in Schedule "A".

4.0 This By-Law may be cited as the "Water Service Rates and Charges By-Law".

Read, Enacted, Signed and Sealed this 18th day of February, 2020.

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Mayor – Chris Peabody Clerk – Fiona Hamilton

Schedule A to By-Law 2020-018

Water Service Rates and Charges

The following retail rate structure will apply to all classes of water consumers and wastewater users in the Municipality water supply and wastewater treatment service areas.

Rates will take effect as of the March 1, 2020 billing.

Water

Metered Water Use
All metered water users connected to a municipal water system will pay a fixed charge, a volumetric charge plus a fixed and a volumetric wastewater treatment service charge as set out below.

Fixed Water Charge per Annum

5/8 x 3/4 inch	$215
¾ inch	$243
1 inch	$300
1.5 inch	$386
2 inch	$644
3 inch	$3,003
4 inch	$4,505
6 inch	$6,436

Volumetric Water Charge
This charge applies to all water that passes through the meter.

- for water use for the first 292 cubic meters per month — $1.34 per cubic meter
- for water use over 292 cubic meters per month — $1.10 per cubic meter
- for water use over 1,400 cubic meters per month — $0.94 per cubic meter

Flat Water Rate
This rate applies to those who are connected to the Municipality's water system but are not metered under a special arrangement as approved by the Municipal Council.
Annual Fee $676

Minimum Fixed Water Charge
This charge applies to all consumers connected to the Municipal water system and will be assessed whether or not any water has been used.
Annual Fee $215

Refusal to be Metered
If it is physically possible for a consumer to have a water meter installed but refuses to allow one to be installed, the consumer will be charged three times (3X) the flat water rate per year for any meter up to 2.5 inch. For consumers with a meter larger than 2.5 inch, they will be charged three times (3X) the fixed water charge per annum based upon their meter size as per the table above.

Wastewater

Based on Metered Water Use
All those who are connected to the Walkerton wastewater collection system and use metered municipal water will pay, in addition to the water bill provisions set out above;
1) a fixed wastewater charge as set out below and,
2) a volumetric charge as set out below

Fixed Wastewater Charge per Annum

5/8 x 3/4 inch	$238
¾ inch	$270
1 inch	$333
1.5 inch	$429
2 inch	$714
3 inch	$3,333
4 inch	$5,000
6 inch	$7,143

Volumetric Wastewater Charge
This charge applies to all water that passes through the meter.

- for water use for the first 292 cubic meters per month $1.40 per cubic meter
- for water use over 292 cubic meters per month $1.15 per cubic meter
- for water use over 1,400 cubic meters per month $0.98 per cubic meter

Flat Wastewater Rate
This rate applies to those who are connected to the Municipality's wastewater collection system but are not metered or not connected to a municipally owned water system:
Annual Fee $750

Minimum Fixed Wastewater Charge
This charge applies to all consumers connected to a municipal water system and/or the municipal wastewater collection system and will be assessed whether or not any water has been used.
Annual Fee $238

Refusal to be Metered
If it is physically possible for a consumer to have a water meter installed but refuses to allow one to be installed, the consumer will be charged three times (3X) the flat wastewater rate per year for any meter up to 2.5 inch. For consumers with a meter larger than 2.5 inch, they will be charged three times (3X) the fixed water charge per annum based upon their meter size as per the table above.

Winter Rates (December 1 to March 31)
For only those consumers that the Municipality has specifically authorized in writing to run taps during the winter months, the following rate structure will be applied:

X = Average daily Water Use for the months of October and November of the current year

For Smaller Users
Rate Calculation = Fixed monthly charge for water plus (X times the number of days in the month times $1.34 cubic meter for water) plus the fixed monthly charge for wastewater plus (X times the number of days in the month times $1.40 per cubic meter for wastewater).

For Larger Users
Rate Calculation = Fixed monthly charge for water plus (X times the number of days in the month times $1.34 per cubic meter for water use for the first 292 cubic meters per month and $1.10 per cubic meter for water use over 292 cubic meters) plus the fixed monthly charge for wastewater plus (X times the number of days in the month times $1.40 cubic meter for the first 292 cubic meters per month and $1.15 per cubic meter for water use over 292 cubic meters).

Service Rates for Water Used from Hydrants

- Fire Departments — No charge
- All Other Consumers (Metered Water Use Only) connected for one (1) month or more — 3 X volumetric water rate + $20/month if

Lines directly connected to the hydrant for any purpose are to be pre-approved by the Municipality and will be charged at a rate of:
$20.50/hour up to a 1" line
$30.75/hour up to a 1½" line

Service Rates for Construction Water
All new construction water taking is to take place only after a building permit has been issued by the Municipality.

The rate charge will be the regular volumetric charge for water and sewer after the meter is installed, until the meter is sealed. No flat rate will be charged for this time period.

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Water Meter Equipment Supply Charges
Supply charges for all water meter equipment supplied by the Municipality to be installed by the applicant's plumber for new residences (detached, semi-detached, etc.), apartment buildings, office buildings, schools, new commercial or new industrial buildings will be equal to the price paid by the municipality for the acquisition of this equipment and as such may vary from time to time based upon the prices paid by the municipality to the supplier. The municipality reserves the right to dictate the make, model and specifications for any water meter equipment it does not directly supply. Any water meter equipment installed in a consumer's or commercial consumer's premises shall become the property of the municipality. The applicant is to apply to the Municipality's Chief Building Official and pay the appropriate fees for the required equipment at the time of applying for a building permit.

Water Meter Removal and Reinstallation Charges
Where the owner or occupant requests a temporary removal of the water meter from his/her premises, a charge of $75 for removal and $75 for reinstallation shall be applied to his/her account on the first billing after reinstallation of the meter.

Water Service Shutoff Charges
Where the owner or occupant requests a temporary shutoff or service restoration within normal working hours, no charge shall apply. Outside of normal hours, where the owner or occupant requests a temporary shut off and the municipality incurs a specific charge for this service, then a charge of $75 for shutoff and $75 for service restoration shall be applied to his/her account on the first billing after reinstallation. During the shutoff period, the minimum bill shall apply.

Water Meter Size Change Request
This occurs where a consumer wishes a smaller meter. Purchasing of the new meter, accessories (back flow preventer, wire etc.), and installation cost is to be paid by the owner. The old meter is to be returned to the Municipality. The cost of dealing with the request and inspecting the installation and changing the account is $65.

Meter Freeze Up Repair by Municipality
If the freeze up is the responsibility of the owner, then the fee for a broken back plate repair is $128. If a meter, check valves or pressure reducing valve needs to be replaced, then add the above meter and labour charges.

Pipe Thawing
If the Municipality thaws pipes, then the following charges would apply:

First Hour	$130
All additional Hours	$100

Broken or Damaged Hydrant or Additional Hydrant
Time and materials

Special Meter Readings
Requested at the time of real estate closings etc. The fee is $25.

Open New Account
The fee for the administrative work is $20.

Hydrant Charge
The fee for hydrant charge is $1.00 per billing for the Walkerton Ward.