

The Corporation of the City of Guelph

By-law Number (2023) - 20838

A By-law to impose water and wastewater fees and charges in the City of Guelph, to set billing schedules and to repeal By-law Number (2021) – 20651.

Whereas section 391 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended (the “Act”), allows municipalities to pass by-laws imposing fees or charges on persons for services, activities, costs and uses of property of the municipality;

And whereas for the purposes of this By-law, and as defined in section 390 of the Act, “person” includes a municipality and a local board and the Crown;

And whereas the Council of The Corporation of the City of Guelph desires to pass a by-law pursuant to section 391 of the Act;

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Guelph enacts as follows:

1. That the rates and charges for water supplied and the rates and charges for sewage service in the City of Guelph shall be as set out in Schedule 1 of this By-law.
2. That, in accordance with agreements made from time to time between Alectra Utilities Corporation (“Alectra Utilities Corporation”) and The Corporation of the City of Guelph, water meters shall be read by Alectra Utilities on the same meter reading schedule as is the case for hydro meters and Alectra Utilities shall carry out the billing of such water use with industrial and commercial meters being read and billed on the same schedule as hydro billing.
3. That By-law Number (2021) – 20651 be and the same is hereby repealed.
4. That this By-law shall come into effect on the January 1, 2024.

Passed this twenty ninth day of November, 2024.

Schedules:

Schedule 1: Water and wastewater rates and fees to By-law (2023) - 20838

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This by-law was approved by Guelph City Council on December 12, 2023. Written approval of the by-law was given by Mayoral Decision 2023-A17 dated December 12, 2023.



Schedule 1: Water and wastewater rates and fees to By-law (2023) – 20838

Table 1 (Table 63) - Water Daily Basic Service Charges – based on meter size

Description	Annual effective date	2023 fee	2024 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2025 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2026 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2027 fee	Increase/ (decrease)
5/8 inches – 15 millimetres	Jan-1	\$0.26	\$0.28	7.69%	\$0.31	10.71%	\$0.35	12.90%	\$0.38	8.57%
3/4 inches – 20 millimetres	Jan-1	\$0.26	\$0.28	7.69%	\$0.31	10.71%	\$0.35	12.90%	\$0.38	8.57%
1 inches – 25 millimetres	Jan-1	\$0.35	\$0.48	37.14%	\$0.53	10.42%	\$0.60	13.21%	\$0.65	8.33%
1.5 inches – 40 millimetres	Jan-1	\$0.91	\$0.92	1.10%	\$1.02	10.87%	\$1.16	13.73%	\$1.25	7.76%
2 inches – 50 millimetres	Jan-1	\$1.99	\$1.48	-25.63%	\$1.64	10.81%	\$1.86	13.41%	\$2.01	8.06%
3 inches – 75 millimetres	Jan-1	\$4.21	\$3.28	-22.09%	\$3.63	10.67%	\$4.10	12.95%	\$4.45	8.54%
4 inches – 100 millimetres	Jan-1	\$7.26	\$5.88	-19.01%	\$6.51	10.71%	\$7.35	12.90%	\$7.98	8.57%
6 inches – 150 millimetres	Jan-1	\$13.61	\$12.12	-10.95%	\$13.42	10.73%	\$15.16	12.97%	\$16.45	8.51%
8 inches – 200 millimetres	Jan-1	\$23.71	\$26.12	10.16%	\$28.92	10.72%	\$32.66	12.93%	\$35.45	8.54%
10 inches – 250 millimetres	Jan-1	\$39.14	\$39.20	0.15%	\$43.40	10.71%	\$49.00	12.90%	\$53.20	8.57%

Table 2 (Table 64) - Wastewater Daily Basic Service Charges – based on meter size

Description	Annual effective date	2023 fee	2024 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2025 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2026 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2027 fee	Increase/ (decrease)
5/8 inches – 15 millimetres	Jan-1	\$0.32	\$0.30	-6.25%	\$0.33	10.00%	\$0.36	9.09%	\$0.39	8.33%
3/4 inches – 20 millimetres	Jan-1	\$0.32	\$0.30	-6.25%	\$0.33	10.00%	\$0.36	9.09%	\$0.39	8.33%
1 inches – 25 millimetres	Jan-1	\$0.52	\$0.51	-1.92%	\$0.56	9.80%	\$0.61	8.93%	\$0.66	8.20%
1 1/2 inches – 40 millimetres	Jan-1	\$1.37	\$0.99	-27.74%	\$1.09	10.10%	\$1.19	9.17%	\$1.29	8.40%
2 inches – 50 millimetres	Jan-1	\$3.09	\$1.59	-48.54%	\$1.75	10.06%	\$1.91	9.14%	\$2.07	8.38%
3 inches – 75 millimetres	Jan-1	\$6.27	\$3.51	-44.02%	\$3.86	9.97%	\$4.21	9.07%	\$4.56	8.31%
4 inches – 100 millimetres	Jan-1	\$11.22	\$6.30	-43.85%	\$6.93	10.00%	\$7.56	9.09%	\$8.19	8.33%
6 inches – 150 millimetres	Jan-1	\$21.08	\$12.99	-38.38%	\$14.29	10.01%	\$15.59	9.10%	\$16.89	8.34%
8 inches – 200 millimetres	Jan-1	\$37.13	\$27.99	-24.62%	\$30.79	10.00%	\$33.59	9.09%	\$36.39	8.34%
10 inches – 250 millimetres	Jan-1	\$61.87	\$42.00	-32.12%	\$46.20	10.00%	\$50.40	9.09%	\$54.60	8.33%

Table 3 (Table 66) - Water and Wastewater Volume Charges

Description	Annual effective date	2023 fee	2024 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2025 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2026 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2027 fee	Increase/ (decrease)
Water – per cubic metre	Jan-1	\$1.95	\$2.12	8.72%	\$2.32	9.43%	\$2.54	9.48%	\$2.76	8.66%
Wastewater – per cubic metre	Jan-1	\$2.05	\$2.24	9.27%	\$2.45	9.38%	\$2.67	8.98%	\$2.90	8.61%

Table 4 (Table 67) - Water Meter Connection Charges

Description	Annual effective date	2023 fee	2024 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2025 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2026 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2027 fee	Increase/ (decrease)
5/8 x 1/2 inch – 15 millimetres	Jan-1	\$333.99	\$339.95	1.78%	\$356.76	4.95%	\$375.67	5.00%	\$394.46	5.00%
5/8 x 3/4 inch – 15 millimetres	Jan-1	\$333.99	\$339.95	1.78%	\$356.76	4.95%	\$375.67	5.00%	\$394.46	5.00%
3/4 inch – 20 millimetres	Jan-1	\$365.12	\$371.40	1.72%	\$389.79	4.95%	\$409.28	5.00%	\$430.96	5.00%
3/4 x 1 inch – 20 millimetres	Jan-1	\$367.58	\$373.87	1.71%	\$392.38	4.95%	\$412.00	5.00%	\$433.82	5.00%
1 inch – 25 millimetres	Jan-1	Set by Water Services	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A
1 1/2 inches – 40 millimetres	Jan-1	Set by Water Services	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A
2 inches – 50 millimetres	Jan-1	Set by Water Services	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A
3 inches– 75 millimetres	Jan-1	Set by Water Services	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A
4 inches – 100 millimetres	Jan-1	Set by Water Services	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A
6 inches – 150 millimetres	Jan-1	Set by Water Services	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A

Description	Annual effective date	2023 fee	2024 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2025 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2026 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2027 fee	Increase/ (decrease)
8 inches – 200 millimetres	Jan-1	Set by Water Services	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A
10 inches – 250 millimetres	Jan-1	Set by Water Services	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A

Table 5 (Table 68) - Water meter testing charges

Description	Annual effective date	2023 fee	2024 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2025 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2026 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2027 fee	Increase/ (decrease)
5/8 x 1/2 inch – 15 millimetres	Jan-1	\$402.00	\$418.08	4.00%	\$434.80	4.00%	\$452.20	4.00%	\$470.28	4.00%
5/8 x 3/4 inch – 15 millimetres	Jan-1	\$402.00	\$418.08	4.00%	\$435.34	4.00%	\$452.76	4.00%	\$470.87	4.00%
3/4 inch – 20 millimetres	Jan-1	\$415.00	\$431.60	4.00%	\$448.86	4.00%	\$466.82	4.00%	\$485.49	4.00%
3/4 x 1 inch – 20 millimetres	Jan-1	\$415.00	\$431.60	4.00%	\$449.24	4.00%	\$467.21	4.00%	\$485.90	4.00%
1 inch – 25 millimetres	Jan-1	\$424.00	\$440.96	4.00%	\$459.56	4.00%	\$477.94	4.00%	\$497.05	4.00%
1 1/2 inches – 40 millimetres	Jan-1	\$447.00	\$464.88	4.00%	\$483.77	4.00%	\$503.12	4.00%	\$523.24	4.00%
2 inches – 50 millimetres	Jan-1	\$454.00	\$472.16	4.00%	\$491.05	4.00%	\$510.69	4.00%	\$531.12	4.00%
3 inches– 75 millimetres	Jan-1	Set by Water Services	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A

Description	Annual effective date	2023 fee	2024 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2025 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2026 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2027 fee	Increase/ (decrease)
4 inches – 100 millimetres	Jan-1	Set by Water Services	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A
6 inches – 150 millimetres	Jan-1	Set by Water Services	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A
8 inches – 200 millimetres	Jan-1	Set by Water Services	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A
10 inches – 250 millimetres	Jan-1	Set by Water Services	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A	Set by Water Services	N/A

Table 6 (Table 69) - Other water meter related fees

Description	Annual effective date	2023 fee	2024 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2025 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2026 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2027 fee	Increase/ (decrease)
Home builder metre kits – ¾.x 1 inch – per kit	Jan-1	\$219.00	\$225.00	2.70%	\$230.00	2.20%	\$236.00	2.60%	\$241.00	2.10%
Bulk water rate charge – per cubic metre	Jan-1	\$4.00	\$4.36	9.00%	\$4.77	9.40%	\$5.21	9.22%	\$5.66	8.64%
Missed appointment fee	Jan-1	\$99.00	\$65.00	-34.30%	\$67.00	3.08%	\$68.00	1.49%	\$70.00	2.94%
Call out rate – Business Hours	Jan-1	\$99.00	\$65.00	-34.30%	\$67.00	3.08%	\$68.00	1.49%	\$70.00	2.94%
Call out rate – After Hours	Jan-1	\$147.00	\$186.00	26.53%	\$193.00	3.76%	\$196.00	1.55%	\$202.00	3.06%

Table 7 (Table 70) - Fire hydrant related charges

Description	Annual effective date	2023 fee	2024 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2025 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2026 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2027 fee	Increase/ (decrease)
Monthly rental for each hydrant metre and backflow preventer combination	Jan-1	\$364.00	\$373.10	2.50%	\$382.42	2.50%	\$391.98	2.50%	\$401.78	2.50%

Table 8 (Table 71) - Charges for distribution system infrastructure, installation and maintenance

Description	Annual effective date	2023 fee	2024 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2025 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2026 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2027 fee	Increase/ (decrease)
Water turn off/turn on request – Business Hours per visit cost	Jan-1	\$56.00	\$60.00	7.15%	\$61.50	2.50%	\$63.04	2.50%	\$63.04	2.50%
Water turn off/turn on requests – After Hours	Jan-1	\$284.00	\$242.00	(14.80%)	\$248.05	2.50%	\$254.25	2.50%	\$254.25	2.50%

Table 9 (Table 72) - Deposit fees for sanitary service installation

Description	Annual effective date	2023 fee	2024 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2025 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2026 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2027 fee	Increase/ (decrease)
4 inch – 100 millimetres	Jan-1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	0.00%	\$10,000.00	0.00%	\$10,000.00	0.00%	\$10,000.00	0.00%
6 inch – 150 millimetres	Jan-1	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	0.00%	\$10,500.00	0.00%	\$10,500.00	0.00%	\$10,500.00	0.00%
8 inch – 200 millimetres	Jan-1	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	0.00%	\$11,000.00	0.00%	\$11,000.00	0.00%	\$11,000.00	0.00%

Table 10 (Table 73) - Deposit fees for storm service installation

Description	Annual effective date	2023 fee	2024 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2025 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2026 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2027 fee	Increase/ (decrease)
6 inch – 150 millimetres	Jan-1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	0.00%	\$10,000.00	0.00%	\$10,000.00	0.00%	\$10,000.00	0.00%
8 inch – 200 millimetres	Jan-1	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	0.00%	\$11,000.00	0.00%	\$11,000.00	0.00%	\$11,000.00	0.00%
10 inch – 250 millimetres	Jan-1	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	0.00%	\$11,500.00	0.00%	\$11,500.00	0.00%	\$11,500.00	0.00%
12 inch – 300 millimetres	Jan-1	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	0.00%	\$12,000.00	0.00%	\$12,000.00	0.00%	\$12,000.00	0.00%
15 inch – 375 millimetres	Jan-1	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	0.00%	\$13,000.00	0.00%	\$13,000.00	0.00%	\$13,000.00	0.00%
18 inch – 450 millimetres	Jan-1	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	0.00%	\$14,000.00	0.00%	\$14,000.00	0.00%	\$14,000.00	0.00%
21 inch – 525 millimetres	Jan-1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	0.00%	\$15,000.00	0.00%	\$15,000.00	0.00%	\$15,000.00	0.00%
24 inch – 600 millimetres	Jan-1	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	0.00%	\$16,000.00	0.00%	\$16,000.00	0.00%	\$16,000.00	0.00%
27 inch – 675 millimetres	Jan-1	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00	0.00%	\$17,500.00	0.00%	\$17,500.00	0.00%	\$17,500.00	0.00%
30 inch – 750 millimetres	Jan-1	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00	0.00%	\$19,500.00	0.00%	\$19,500.00	0.00%	\$19,500.00	0.00%

Table 11 (Table 74) - Deposit fees for water service installation

Description	Annual effective date	2023 fee	2024 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2025 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2026 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2027 fee	Increase/ (decrease)
1 inch – 25 millimetres	Jan-1	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	0.00%	\$10,500.00	0.00%	\$10,500.00	0.00%	\$10,500.00	0.00%
2 inch – 50 millimetres	Jan-1	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	0.00%	\$11,000.00	0.00%	\$11,000.00	0.00%	\$11,000.00	0.00%
6 inch – 150 millimetres	Jan-1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	0.00%	\$15,000.00	0.00%	\$15,000.00	0.00%	\$15,000.00	0.00%
8 inch – 200 millimetres	Jan-1	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00	0.00%	\$16,500.00	0.00%	\$16,500.00	0.00%	\$16,500.00	0.00%
10 inch – 250 millimetres	Jan-1	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	0.00%	\$18,000.00	0.00%	\$18,000.00	0.00%	\$18,000.00	0.00%
12 inch – 300 millimetres	Jan-1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	0.00%	\$20,000.00	0.00%	\$20,000.00	0.00%	\$20,000.00	0.00%

Table 12 (Table 75) - Wastewater Overstrength Surcharge Agreement Fees and other fees

Description	Annual effective date	2023 fee	2024 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2025 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2026 fee	Increase/ (decrease)	2027 fee	Increase/ (decrease)
Wastewater Over strength Surcharge per (1,000 litres of wastewater)	Jan-1	\$0.420	\$0.459	9.27%	\$0.502	9.38%	\$0.547	8.98%	\$0.594	8.61%
Sewer Block Response – Business Hours	Jan-1	\$300.00	\$305.00	1.66%	\$310.00	1.63%	\$320.00	3.22%	\$325.00	1.56%
Sewer Block Response – After Hours	Jan-1	\$335.00	\$340.00	1.49%	\$350.00	2.94%	\$355.00	1.42%	\$360.00	1.40%
Sewer Block Response – Statutory Holidays and Sundays	Jan-1	\$410.00	\$420.00	2.42%	\$425.00	1.19%	\$435.00	2.35%	\$445.00	2.29%

Late Payment Charges

All rates, fees and charges payable are subject to a late payment charge if they are not paid in full on or before the due date. Late payment charges for overdue amounts may be adjusted from time to time, but in any event, the amount charged shall be in accordance with the City’s current late penalty rates.

Credits

City Council may, from time to time, approve corporate policies providing for Credits towards the payment of fees and charges under this By-law. City staff shall carry out the procedures necessary to implement such policies. By way of example, City Council may approve corporate policies relating to a Sewer Abatement Credit and a Leak Forgiveness Credit