



STAFF REPORT

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

Public Works, Planning, and Development Standing Committee

Report to: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors
From: Laurie Wills, Director of Public Works & Engineering
Standing Committee Date: November 27, 2024
Report Number: PW-2024-025
Council Meeting Date: December 18, 2024
Subject: **Adoption of 2023-2032 Stormwater Rates**

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1. Recommendation:

THAT Council enact By-law No. 065-2024 the Stormwater Management Charge By-law.

2. Executive Summary:

On September 25, 2024, comments on the by-law were received from a delegate and Staff were directed to consider the comments and incorporate improvements where applicable in a revised by-law that was due to return to Council for 2025 rate approval along with a revised 10 year rate forecast for stormwater charges.

Comments have been reviewed by Staff and incorporated into the attached revised by-law where applicable. Schedule B has been updated to reflect the 10 year rate forecast based on the revised rate structure.

3. Background

At the regular meeting of Council on June 26, 2024, Council received a report and presentation by Watson & Associates regarding the review of the stormwater rate structure. Options were provided to Council for the refinement of the original rate structure approved in 2022 and implemented in 2023 and Option B was chosen to be applied for all of 2024 rates and Staff were directed to return to Council in the fall with options for reconciling 2023 rates in collaboration with Lakefront Utilities Services Inc (LUSI) who administer the billing system.

On September 25, 2024, a Staff report was presented to Council addressing the revised rate structure and brought a revised by-law for the new 2024 rates. A delegation was received with comments on the wording within the proposed by-law and Staff were directed to review the comments and incorporate comments where applicable and return to Council for 2025 rate approval along with a revised 10 year rate forecast for stormwater charges.

4. Discussion:

Staff have continued to work with Watson & Associates to recalculate the 2023-2032 annual rates in accordance with the revised rate structure, proposed growth projection, the non-core asset management plan completed in June 2024, and the draft 2025 budget.

The non-core asset management plan included facility condition assessments for all the stormwater pumping stations that were not previously available when the rate study was completed in 2022. The non-core asset management plan also considered vehicles that should be funded by the stormwater reserve such as the street sweeper, some of the hydrovac truck, as well as half ton and ¾ tonne trucks utilized by the Roads & Sewers department who maintain the stormwater collection system.

The revised 10 year forecast incorporates the draft 2025 budget including the proposed capital works.

The revised 10 year forecast applies the new rate structure retroactively to 2023 as well which is how billing accounts will be reconciled for balances owing or owed.

5. Financial Impact and Budget

N/A

6. Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan Priorities 2023 to 2027 and beyond:

Thriving Community

Service Excellence

Sustainability

A full cost recovery plan for stormwater infrastructure aligns with the Town's financial plan for water and wastewater infrastructure ensuring appropriate levels of services and long-term financial sustainability.

7. Public Engagement:

N/A

8. Attachments:

Note: Stormwater By-law will be distributed with the December 18, 2024 agenda

Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Tracey Vaughan, Chief Administrative Officer - Nov 20, 2024 - 4:07 PM