

MUNICIPALITY OF
West Grey

The Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey
Bylaw No. 2025-074

A bylaw to establish Water and Sewage fees and charges for The Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey.

WHEREAS subsection 5(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 (the “Municipal Act” requires that the powers of a municipality be exercised by its Council and subsection 5(3) requires that such powers be exercised by bylaw including a capacity, right, power and privilege under section 9 unless specifically authorized to do otherwise; and

WHEREAS section 391 of the Municipal Act authorizes a municipality to impose fees or charges on persons for services or activities, for costs payable for services or activities and for the use of property including property under its control; and

WHEREAS section 398 of the Municipal Act provides that fees and charges imposed by a municipality on a person constitute a debt of the person to the municipality; and

WHEREAS subsection 398 (2) of the Municipal Act provides that the treasurer of a municipality may add fees or charges imposed by a municipality to the tax roll and collect them in the same manner as municipal taxes; and

WHEREAS on September 2, 2025, Council passed Resolution No. R-250902-016 directing staff to bring forward the subject bylaw to adopt water and sewage fees and charges; and

WHEREAS on September 3, 2025, public notice was given respecting the intention to pass a new bylaw to establish fees and charges in accordance with Notice Bylaw No. 2023-020;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey hereby enacts as follows:

Part I. Preamble and Defined Terms

Short Title

1. This bylaw may be referred to as the “water and wastewater fees bylaw”.

Headings

2. The division of this bylaw into parts and the insertion of headings are for convenient reference only and shall not affect interpretation of the bylaw.

References to Applicable Law

3. All references to applicable law are ambulatory and apply as amended from time to time.

Interpretation

4. For the purposes of this bylaw:

“Municipality” or “Municipal” means the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey;

“Municipal Act, 2001” means the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c. 25.

Part II. Fees and Charges

Fees and Charges set out in Schedules

5. The fees and charges for municipal services set out in the following schedules of this bylaw are hereby approved and deemed to form part of this bylaw:
 - a. Schedule A – Metered Water Rates
 - b. Schedule B – Non-Metered Water Rates
 - c. Schedule C – Sewage Rates
 - d. Schedule D – Capital and Financing Charges
 - e. Schedule E – Connection, Disputed Meter Readings, and other Fees

Fees Subject to Change

6. The fees and charges approved under section 5 of this bylaw are subject to any adjustment authorized by a statute, regulation, or bylaw.
7. Subject to section 6 of this bylaw, the fees and charges set out in this bylaw shall continue in force until amended, repealed, or replaced.

Applicable Taxes

8. All fees and charges are subject to all applicable taxes required by any act or regulation.

Additional Fees or Charges

9. This bylaw does not exempt a person from being subject to:
 - a. any additional fees or charges resulting from costs incurred by the municipality to provide services or activities, or
 - b. fees or charges levied under the *Provincial Offences Act* or any other Federal or Provincial act or regulation.

Unpaid Fees or Charges

10. All unpaid fees or charges imposed by this bylaw constitute a debt due to the Municipality and the Municipality may take such action as it considers necessary and as permitted by law to collect the debt.
11. Without limiting section 10 of this bylaw, where all or part of a fee or charge imposed by this bylaw remains unpaid, such fee or charge may be added to the tax roll for the property, which is owned, in whole or in part by the person upon whom the fee or charge is imposed and shall be collected in a like manner as municipal taxes.

Part III. Conflict and Transition

Conflict – Municipal Bylaws

12. In the event that any fee or charge set out in this bylaw conflicts with any fee or charge set out in another Municipal bylaw, the fee or charge set out in this bylaw shall prevail.

Conflict – Legislation

13. In the event the provisions of this bylaw are inconsistent with the provisions of the Municipal Act, its Regulations or any other Act, the provisions of the Act or Regulation shall prevail.

Terms Severable

14. The terms and provisions of this bylaw shall be severable, and should any term or provision be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be legally unenforceable, inoperative, or invalid, the remainder of the bylaw shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Enactment

15. This bylaw shall come into full force on October 1, 2025.

Passed and enacted by the Council of the Municipality of West Grey this 16th day of September, 2025.



Mayor Kevin Eccles



Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk

By signing this bylaw on September 16, 2025, Mayor Kevin Eccles will not exercise the power to veto this bylaw.

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Schedule A – Metered Water Rates

Description	Effective Oct. 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective April 1, 2027	Notes
Durham Water System – all metered consumers shall pay a rate of:	\$0.96 per cu m	\$0.96 per cu m	\$0.96 per cu m	Minimum consumption per unit: 12.5 cubic meters per month
Neustadt Water System – all metered consumers except Industrial *	\$0.67 per cu m	\$0.70 per cu m	\$0.74 per cu m	
Neustadt Water System – Industrial metered consumers with consumption levels of 0 – 2,000 cubic meters per month	\$0.67 per cu m	\$0.70 per cu m	\$0.74 per cu m	
Neustadt Water System – Industrial metered consumers with consumption levels greater than 2,000 cubic meters per month	\$0.73 per cu m	\$0.76 per cu m	\$0.80 per cu m	
Fire Line Charge	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	Per month for each 1" diameter of the line

In the event that a meter becomes defective or non-operational in the course of the year, the previous three accurate readings averaged shall be used for the calculation of the current water billing.

*For clarity: residential dwelling units within a commercial building shall be billed the Water Flat Rate plus metered water consumption charge per billable unit.

Description	Effective Oct. 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective April 1, 2027	Notes
Neustadt Water System – Flat Rate Charges for Meter Size of 25mm (1") or less	\$11.55	\$12.15	\$12.75	Monthly Flat Rates Charges for metered consumers
Neustadt Water System – Flat Rate Meter Size of 38mm (1 ½") or less	\$23.10	\$24.30	\$25.50	Monthly Flat Rates Charges for metered consumers
Neustadt Water System – Flat Rate Meter Size of 50mm (2") or less	\$46.20	\$48.60	\$51.00	Monthly Flat Rates Charges for metered consumers
Neustadt Water System – Flat Rate Meter Size of 75mm (3") or less	\$92.40	\$97.20	\$102.00	Monthly Flat Rates Charges for metered consumers
Neustadt Water System – Flat Rate Meter Size of 100mm (4") or less	\$184.80	\$194.40	\$204.00	Monthly Flat Rates Charges for metered consumers

The minimum Water Rate shall be the flat rate applicable against each billable unit.

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Schedule B – Non-Metered Water Rates

Description	Effective Oct. 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective April 1, 2027	Notes
Durham Water System – flat rate, per month, per billable unit	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Fire Line Charge	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	Per month for each 1" diameter of the line
Neustadt Water System – Flat Rate Service Size of 25mm (1") or less	\$18.90	\$19.88	\$20.86	Monthly Flat Rate Charges for non-metered consumers
Neustadt Water System – Flat Rate Service Size of 38mm (1 ½") or less	\$37.60	\$39.76	\$41.73	Monthly Flat Rate Charges for non-metered consumers
Neustadt Water System – Flat Rate Service Size of 50mm (2") or less	\$75.60	\$79.53	\$83.45	Monthly Flat Rate Charges for non-metered consumers
Neustadt Water System – Flat Rate Service Size of 75mm (3") or less	\$151.20	\$159.05	\$166.91	Monthly Flat Rate Charges for non-metered consumers
Neustadt Water System – Flat Rate Service Size of 100mm (4") or less	\$302.40	\$318.11	\$333.82	Monthly Flat Rate Charges for non-metered consumers

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Schedule C – Sewage Rates

Description	Effective Oct. 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective April 1, 2027	Notes
Durham Sewage System – charged as % of the Water Rates set out in Schedules A and B	135%	150%	150%	Billed to each billable unit connected to the Durham Sewage Works and to every billable unit for which access to the Sewage Works is available and has been so available for not less than nine months
Neustadt Water System – charged as % of the Water Rates set out in Schedules A and B	150%	150%	150%	Billed to each billable unit connected to the Neustadt Sewage Works and to every billable unit for which access to the Sewage Works is available and has been so available for not less than nine months

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Schedule D – Capital and Financing Charges

Description	Effective Oct. 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective April 1, 2027	Notes
Durham Water and Sewage System – flat rate per billable unit	\$28.64 per month	\$28.64 per month	\$28.64 per month	
Neustadt Water System – flat rate per billable unit	\$23.00 per month	\$24.50 per month	\$26.00 per month	

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Schedule E – Connection Fees and Disputed Meter Readings

Service or Activity	Fee	Unit	Applicable Tax	Notes
Main Supply Turn On Fee	\$50.00	Each	N/A	No charge for disconnection or reconnection for a period of one month or greater, while Minimum Water Rate is paid
Main Supply Shut Off Fee	\$50.00	Each	N/A	No charge for disconnection or reconnection for a period of one month or greater, while Minimum Water Rate is paid
Administration Fee	\$50.00	Each	N/A	E.g., Cancellation of apartment unit for a period of one month or greater, transfer fee, etc.
Shut off and turn on outside normal working hours for repair purposes only	Time and Material			No charge of shut off and turn on during normal working hours for repair purposes only.
Disputed meter reading, including high consumption; deposit	\$50.00	Each	N/A	
Water Connection Permit	\$50.00	Each	N/A	
Sewer Connection Permit	\$50.00	Each	N/A	
Capital Water Connection – first unit	\$3,000	Each	N/A	Plus all installation charges including any road, sidewalk or curb repairs
Capital Water Connection – for each additional unit	\$2,500	Each	N/A	
Capital Sewer Connection – first unit	\$3,000	Each	N/A	Plus all installation charges including any road, sidewalk or curb repairs
Capital Sewer Connection – for each additional unit	\$2,500	Each	N/A	
Cost of water meter for $\frac{3}{4}$ " service; backflow prevention device; and drive by wall mount device	\$420.00	Each	HST	Cost estimate will be provided for other meter sizes
Meter Reading Charge	\$50.00	Each	N/A	