



Draft 2024 Water/Wastewater Budget

FEBRUARY 2024



Township of Montague

The Township has an agreement dated back to 1986 with the Town of Smiths Falls for the service/supply of water and sewer for the **Atironto** area. The Township owns the underground infrastructure and therefore the increase the Town of Smiths Falls passes ultimately only affects the usage rate not the base rate. The base rate is determined on the expenditures the Township incurs to service the area. The Town passed an increase of water rates in the amount of 5.5% on the usage rate and wastewater in the amount of 3.5% on the usage rate. The Township **DRAFT** 2024 budget increase includes a 5.5% for water on the base and 1.5% on the usage and 3.5% for wastewater base and a 1.5% on wastewater usage to the residents in the Atironto service area, effective January 1, 2024. This affects approximately 109 residential units.

The Township has an agreement dated back to 1996 with the Town of Smiths Falls for the service/supply of water and sewer for the **Rideau** area. The residents in this service area have rates set directly by the Town, as the agreement states that the users in the Rideau area are charged **1.75 times the users of the Town of Smiths Falls**. The Town owns the underground infrastructure in this area. The Town approved an increase of 5.5% for water base and usage rate and 3.5% for wastewater base and usage rate. Therefore, the DRAFT 2024 Budget for the Rideau area includes a 5.5% increase for water and a 3.5% increase for wastewater effective January 1, 2024. This affects approximately 31 residential units.

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2024 Water Rates and Effects

ATIRONTO

RATES FOR BI-MONTHLY BILLINGS - ATIRONTO			
SERVICE TYPE	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	
Base Water	\$93.80	\$98.96	
Consumption - Water (per m3)	\$2.144	\$2.176	
Base Sewer	\$90.76	\$93.94	
Consumption - Sewer (per m3)	\$2.241	\$2.275	
EXAMPLE: BI-MONTHLY BILLING WITH ESTIMATED CONSUMPTION OF 20 CUBIC METERS:			
	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Annual Increase
Base Water	\$93.80	\$98.96	
Consumption - Water (per m3)	\$42.88	\$43.52	
Base Sewer	\$90.76	\$93.94	
Consumption - Sewer (per m3)	\$44.82	\$45.49	
Total Bi-Monthly Bill	\$272.26	\$281.91	\$57.91

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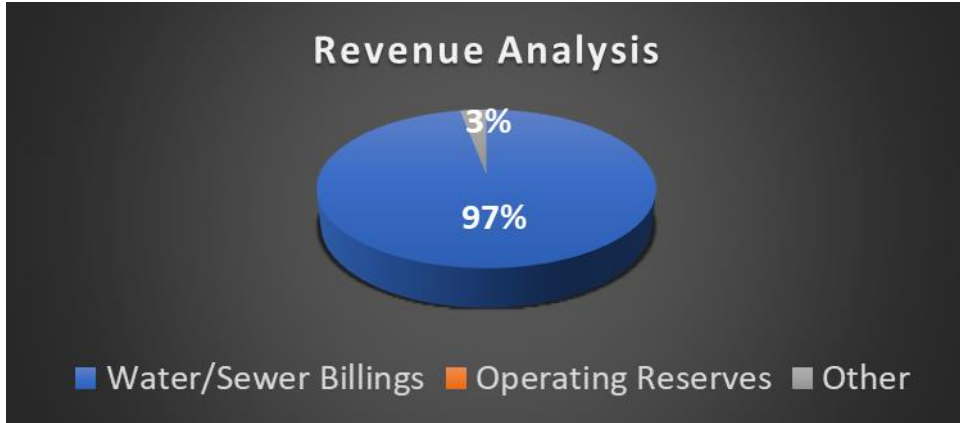
2024 Water Rates and Effects

RIDEAU

RATES FOR BI-MONTHLY BILLINGS - RIDEAU				
SERVICE TYPE	Current Rates	Proposed Rates		
Base Water	\$138.68	\$146.31		
Consumption - Water (per m3)	\$1.875	\$1.978		
Base Sewer	\$141.40	\$146.35		
Consumption - Sewer (per m3)	\$1.927	\$1.994		
Connection - Sewer (flat rate)	\$8.62	\$8.92		
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	Current Rates	Proposed Rates		Annual Increase
Base Water	\$138.68	\$146.31		
Consumption - Water (per m3)	\$37.50	\$39.56		
Base Sewer	\$141.40	\$146.35		
Consumption - Sewer (per m3)	\$38.54	\$39.89		
Connection - Sewer (flat rate)	\$8.62	\$8.92		
Total Bi-Monthly Bill	\$364.74	\$381.03		\$97.74

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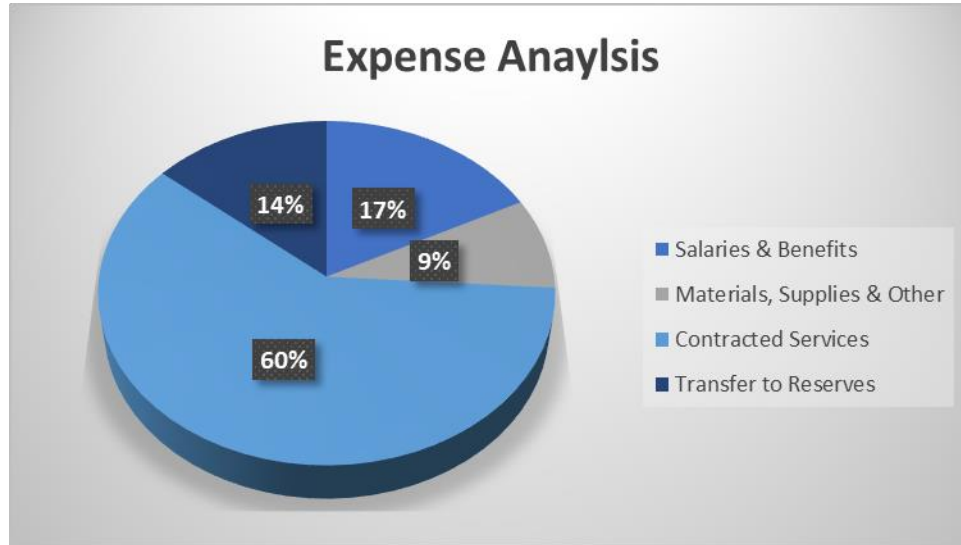
2024 Water/Sewer Revenue



	2024 BUDGET
REVENUES	
Water/Sewer Billings	\$263,340
Operating Reserves	
Other	\$8,000
	\$271,340

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2024 Water/Sewer Expenses



	2024 BUDGET
EXPENSES	
Salaries & Benefits	\$47,400
Materials, Supplies & Other	\$23,240
Contracted Services	\$163,000
Transfer to Reserves	\$37,700
	\$271,340

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2024 Budget Water/Sewer Reserves

Reserves & Reserve Funds	Balance Jan. 1, 2024	2024 Transactions	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Water & Sewer Reserve	249,114.25	37,700	\$286,814.25
Water & Sewer Operating Reserve	10,999.00	10,000	\$20,999.00
TOTAL			\$307,813.25

Note: There is an anticipated surplus from the 2023 year end which is showing in the 2024 transactions.

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Water/Sewer Budget Highlights

A second staff member is continuing to get the hours for Operator certification.

The Fire Chief/Water Operator wages adjusted to 40% to water rather than the previous 50/50 split, which resulted in savings.

Capital reserves match the long-term financial plan approved by Council for the 2021-2030 years.

The Town of Smiths Falls approved a 5.5% increase in water rates and a 3.5% increase in sewer rates.

Overall financial change:

2023 Expenditures - \$269,440

2024 Expenditures - \$271,340

Total Increase of \$1,900 or 0.7%

Township of Montaque
Statement of Revenues and Expenses-Sewer/Water
For the Year 2024

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed Budget	Notes
REVENUE				
411-200-5058 - Penalty/Interest Water/Sewer Arrears	9,000	7,220	8,000	Based on previous years interest charges.
411-200-5088 - Sewer Billings Atironto	94,000	88,788	94,050	Adj to estimated revenue for 2024
411-200-5091 - Sewer Billings Rideau	37,100	35,867	37,100	
411-200-5097 - Sewer Connection Rideau	2,050	1,777	2,050	
411-200-5109 - Water Billings Atironto	91,190	95,992	94,040	Adj to estimated revenue for 2024. 2023 Year saw increased revenue due to a large residential leak.
411-200-5112 - Water Billings Rideau	36,100	34,576	36,100	
Total REVENUE:	269,440	264,220	271,340	
EXPENDITURES				
General Administration				
411-210-6100 - Water Remuneration/Wages	38,000	39,018	35,000	Based on wage changes and adjusting the water portion of the position to 40% rather than 50/50 with Fire
411-210-6200 - Water Workers Compensation	1,200	1,175	1,200	
411-210-6210 - Water Rec Gen/EHT/Benefits	7,000	6,166	7,200	Based on change in wages
411-210-6220 - Water/Sewer - OMERS	3,900	3,916	4,000	
411-210-7088 - Sewer Water Insurance	5,100	6,487	6,500	Actual Insurance costs.
411-210-7096 - Water Mileage Testing & General	3,300		3,300	
411-210-7104 - Sewer Water Misc Repairs/Maintenance	4,000	265	4,000	
411-210-7124 - Sewer Water Postage	440		440	
411-210-7176 - Sewer Water Supplies	1,000	4,007	1,000	
411-210-7232 - Sewer/Water Consulting Fees	7,500	814	7,500	
411-210-7308 - Sewer Water Locates	3,500	3,848	3,500	
411-210-7348 - Service Call-Water off/on	500	130	500	
411-210-7352 - Sewer Atironto	32,000	31,984	32,000	
411-210-7356 - Sewer Rideau	37,100	34,703	37,100	
411-210-7360 - Sewer Connections Atironto	11,000	11,000	11,000	
411-210-7364 - Sewer Connections Rideau	2,600	2,654	2,600	
411-210-7380 - Water Training/Seminars	4,000	911	4,000	
411-210-7410 - Water Atironto	31,200	30,574	31,200	
411-210-7414 - Water Rideau	36,100	34,453	36,100	
411-210-7418 - Water Lab & Testing Costs	5,000	5,214	5,500	Based on the increase in costs for water testing.
411-210-8020 - Sewer Water Transfer to Reserves	35,000	35,000	37,700	Increase in reserves.
411-270-8050 - Water Sewer-Amortization		36,188		

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Township of Montaque
Statement of Revenues and Expenses-Sewer/Water
For the Year 2024

	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Total General Administration:	269,440	288,507	271,340	
Total EXPENDITURES:	269,440	288,507	271,340	
Surplus (Deficit)	0	(24,287)	0	

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS

BY-LAW# XXXXX-2024

By-law to Amend By-Law 8712-2014 being a By-law to Establish and Regulate the Maintenance, Operations and Management of the Water System for the Town of Smiths Falls, and to Establish the Rates and Other Service Charges for Use of the System

WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, a municipality may impose fees and charges on any class of persons for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of the it, and

WHEREAS Section 12 of Ontario Regulation 244/02 establishes the terms and conditions under which a municipality may impose fees or charges for the use of a water system or the consumption of water, and

WHEREAS the municipality has met all the conditions listed in Section 12 of Ontario Regulation 244/02, and

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended provides for the imposition of interest charges and other penalties, including collection costs for fees and charges that are due and unpaid; discounts for early payment; fees and charges that vary on any basis the municipality considers appropriate and specifies in the by-law; the establishment of different classes of persons and gives authority to deal with each class in a different way; and the exemption in whole or in part of any class of persons from all or any part of the by-law, and

WHEREAS Section the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended allows the municipality to add unpaid fees and charges to the taxes for the property and collect them as if they were outstanding taxes, and

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended gives authority to municipalities for the establishment of various policies and procedures for the operation and maintenance of the water system.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls enacts as follows:

1. THAT the fees and charges outlined in Schedule "B " Water Service Rates and Schedule "C" Additional Charges form part of this By-law.
2. THAT the fees and charges outlined in Schedule "B " Wastewater Service Rates form part of this By-law.
3. THAT By-laws 8712-2014 and 10418-2023 be hereby amended.
4. THAT the water and wastewater rates be effective as of February 1, 2024
5. THAT the provisions of this by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

Read a first and second time this 5th day of February, 2024

Read a third time and passed this 5th day of February, 2024

Mayor

Clerk

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS
SCHEDULE "B"
WATER SERVICE RATES**

All water base rate charges shall be calculated by meter size per the chart below:

Meter Size	Comm/Ind/Inst	Residential
1" or less	\$ 41.81	\$ 83.60
1-1/2"	\$ 94.11	\$ 188.18
2"	\$141.11	\$ 282.21
3"	\$211.68	\$ 423.35
4"	\$317.50	\$ 635.03
6"	\$476.25	\$ 952.53
8"	\$714.39	\$1,428.74
Residential Unit w/Comm *	\$ 22.23	N/A
Consumption Rate	\$ 1.494	\$ 1.129
Township of Montague (Atironto Subdivision/Rideau Ave.) Cons Rate	\$ 1.978	\$ 1.978
Annual Cons above 15,000 m3	\$ 0.992	N/A

* The Commercial, Industrial, Institutional rates & Combined Commercial/Residential rates shall be used for property on the assessment roll not assessed as residential and for properties with mixed commercial/industrial/institutional/residential assessment which do not have separate services for the residential uses; the water billing will consist of two parts:

- (1) The non-residential base service charge consists of the appropriate rate for the meter size and the residential base service charge for any residential units attached to the same service at a "per-unit" charge
- (2) The consumption rate will be the Commercial/industrial/institutional rate for each cubic meter of water passing through the meter

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Residential rates are billed bi-monthly

Commercial/Industrial/Institutional rates are billed monthly

Where both Commercial/Industrial/Institutional units are on the same service, the Commercial rates shall be used

Water rates to individual customers outside corporate boundaries of the Corporation shall be subject to negotiated agreement between all parties concerned

Seasonal Accounts are subject to a turn-off and turn-on fee

Any turn-on or turn-off of a service requires that there must be a responsible person on site before the water will be turned on/off

BI-MONTHLY BASE SERVICE CHARGE – RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE

<u>FIXTURE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT COST</u>
Base Service Charge ----- (Includes all sinks, first 4 rooms, first toilet & first bathtub or shower fixture)	\$78.37
Outside Hose Tap -----	\$22.23
Each Additional Toilet Fixture-----	\$ 7.48
Each Additional Bathtub, Shower or Roomer-----	\$ 6.30
Each Additional Room Over 4 -----	\$ 3.89

NOTES

1. The above charges apply to each and every Residential dwelling within Smiths Falls
2. The Net bill is the Total of the above unit fixture charges, if paid or post marked on or before the Due Date specified on the bill
3. A Late payment charge of 5% of the Net Bill will be added if paid after the Due Date
4. A Hose Tap charge will be charged to each private dwelling, lower duplex unit, each side of a double house, or ground floor apartment in a multiple dwelling unit
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COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL - MONTHLY - FIXTURE RATE SCHEDULE

DESCRIPTION	Unit Cost
Commercial with Residential Base	\$39.20
Base charge (includes first basin) -----	\$18.64
First toilet (Public)-----	\$22.32
First toilet (Private)-----	\$11.14
Each additional toilet (Private)-----	\$ 7.46
Each additional toilet (Public)-----	\$14.83
Each additional Basin,(Apt. Laundromat each Washer) Public -----	\$11.14
Private -----	\$ 5.58
Ice Machine -----	\$11.14
Ice Cream Machine -----	\$66.34
Fountains-Drinking Continuous -----	\$61.96
Hand Operated -----	\$ 9.44
Photographic Galleries, Developing Tanks -----	\$24.82
Barber Shops-Hairdressers First 2 chairs -----	\$22.32
Each Additional Chair -----	\$ 9.44
Note: Each chair has a basin included with it	
Garages, washing cars -----	\$49.53
Air Conditioning Water Cooled Unit (per. H.P.) ----- (Only used ½ year)	\$33.17
Urinals Automatic -----	\$73.33
Hand Operated -----	\$24.48
Employees:	
-1 to 5 Emp.-----	\$12.41
6 to 10 Emp.-----	\$15.55
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS

SCHEDULE "C"

ADDITIONAL CHARGES

- Cross-Connection control survey (initial and every 5 years) \$75 per property
- Annual testing and inspection report \$ 75 per device (1 report per device)
- Initial and annual tester application \$ 75 per application
- Authorization Agreement to Bill Tenant \$10
- Tenant Account Deposit \$150
- Late payment charge of 5% of net bill will be added to a bill after due date
- NSF Charge \$41.15
- Water Permit Application Fee \$300
- Bulk Water @Plant \$9.60/cubic meter (Minimum \$43.38/load)

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