

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE

BY-LAW NO. 5625/56/11

BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND  
BY-LAW NO. 3424/6/97, AS AMENDED,  
A BY-LAW FOR THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION  
OF SEWAGE SERVICE RATES AND SEWER RATES

**WHEREAS** Council is desirous of amending By-law No. 3424/6/97, as amended,  
A By-law for the Imposition and Collection of Sewage Service Rates and Sewer Rates;

**AND WHEREAS** Council adopted Corporate Services Division Report #2011-23  
as follows:

- that the rate for sewer usage for 2011 be set at \$1.049 per cubic meter
- that the fixed rate be set at \$287.05 per year

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY  
OF PORT COLBORNE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That By-law No. 3424/6/97, As Amended, Being a By-law for the Imposition and Collection of Sewage Service Rates and Sewer Rates, be further amended by replacing Schedule "A" thereto with Schedule "A" hereto.
2. The rates established by this By-law shall be effective March 1, 2011 and quarterly billings for the second quarter of 2011 and subsequent billings (subject to further amendments of the By-law)

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS  
17TH DAY OF MAY, 2011.**

  
MAYOR

  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**TO BYLAW NO. 5625/56/11**

**AND BY-LAW NO. 3424/6/97, AS AMENDED**

**-RATES FOR SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM-**

**(1) METERED RATES**

- (a) The Sewage Service Rate is subject to a metered rate of \$1.049 per cubic meter per billing period. No minimum usage charge per billing period. All sectors shall be billed at 100% of water consumed unless otherwise detailed within the by-law.
- (b) Negotiated industrial customers are subject to a metered rate of \$0.963 per cubic meter per billing period.

**(2) SEWER RATES SERVICE CHARGE**

- (a) All users are subject to a fixed cost service charge based on meter size. The fixed cost service charge is \$287.05 per annum for a 15 mm (5/8") and 19 mm (3/4") meter.
- (b) For all other meter sizes, the fixed cost service charge will be multiplied by the following factors:

| <u>Meter Size</u> | <u>Meter Factor</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 25 mm (1")        | 1.4                 |
| 40 mm (1 2")      | 1.8                 |
| 50 mm (2")        | 2.9                 |
| 75 mm (3")        | 11.0                |
| 100 mm (4")       | 14.0                |
| 150 mm (6")       | 21.0                |

All vacant land directly abutting the sanitary sewer system will be charged the annual fixed cost service charge of \$287.05.

**(3) FLAT RATE (RESIDENTIAL)**

Rate of \$276.75 per billing period where water service is active and connected to the system but the following circumstances do not permit a water meter reading:

- where no meter has been installed (water meter refusal)
- refusing to provide a meter reading and/or providing access to read a water meter or reading device
- refusing to remove any obstructions to reading a meter or reading device

- refusing to provide for meter or reading device repairs for accurate meter readings
- the tampering with or alteration of the water meter or reading device and meter readings cannot be obtained.

(4) LATE PAYMENT FEE

A two and one half (2 ½%) late payment fee is charged on the first day of default to all users. This is a one time charge on the amount billed and outstanding past the due date. Sewer payments must be received at the Municipal Office on or before the due date.

(5) BILLING CYCLE

- (a) All large users with water meters greater than 50 mm (2") are to be billed monthly.
- (b) All other users are to be billed quarterly, meters being read and billed between three (3) defined areas designated by the Corporation.
- (c) Vacant land properties will be billed annually. Seasonal properties will be billed annually.

(6) EXEMPTIONS FROM BILLING FOR SANITARY SEWER COSTS

- (a) Bulk water haulers accessing City bulk water facilities.
- (b) Port Colborne Poultry Limited.
- (c) Any property that does not directly abut any part of the sanitary sewer system.
- (d) Any other property that is covered by a separate by-law enacted by Council.