

# Water Rates & Charges By-law

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**WATER RATES AND CHARGES  
By-law W-4**

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**SHORT TITLE  
WATER RATES AND CHARGES BY-LAW**

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of London passed By-law No. W-2 on December 20, 2004, being a by-law to provide for the setting of rates and charges for water supply in the City of London;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 244/02 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a by-law imposing a fee or charge for the consumption of water expires on December 31, 2005;

AND WHEREAS under section 391 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, a municipality may pass by-laws imposing fees or charges on any class of persons for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 244/02 under the *Municipal Act, 2001* imposes enhanced public notification requirements where fees or charges are imposed for the use of a sewage system, and the City has held a public meeting and provided notice of the public meeting in accordance with that Regulation;

THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

**Part 1  
DEFINITIONS**

**1.1 Definitions**

**City - defined**

"City" shall mean The Corporation of the City of London.

**Customer - defined**

"customer" shall mean any person who enters into a verbal or written contract with the City to take water from the City or to receive water related services from the City.

**Engineer - defined**

"engineer" shall mean the City Engineer for the City of London or the City Engineer's authorized representative.

**Meter - defined**

"meter" shall mean the water meter supplied and owned by the City to measure the quantity of water used by the customer.

**Owner - defined**

"owner" shall include any person who or any firm or corporation that is the registered owner of the property under consideration or any agent thereof, a person entitled to a limited estate in land, a trustee in whom land is vested, a committee of the estate of a mentally incompetent person, an executor, an administrator and a guardian.

**Potable Water - defined**

"potable water" shall mean water that is fit for human consumption.

**Water - defined**

"water" shall mean potable water supplied by the City.

**Water Distribution System - defined**

"water distribution system" shall mean mains with connections to feeder mains, feeder mains within subdivision lands, private mains, services, fire hydrants, and shut-off valves and all other appurtenances thereto.

**Water Related Services - defined**

"water related services" shall include but not be limited to those items set out under the heading "Miscellaneous Water Rates and Charges" in the Water Rates and Charges By-Law.

**Waterworks - defined**

"waterworks" shall mean any works for the collection, production, treatment, storage, supply and distribution of water, or any part of any such works, but does not include plumbing to which the *Building Code Act, 1992*, or any amendments thereto apply.

**Part 2****DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RATES AND CHARGES****2.1 Development of water rates and charges**

The Water Rates and Charges contained in this by-law are approved and imposed commencing January 1, 2006.

**2.2 Fees and charges imposed**

The fees and charges imposed by this by-law are due and payable:

- a) at the time of the transaction for which the fee or charge is imposed; or
- b) if subsection 2.2(a) is not applicable, upon the due date specified in any invoice issued by the Corporation of the City of London or by London Hydro Utilities Services Inc to any person or party in connection with a fee or charge imposed by this by-law.

**Part 3****MONTHLY WATER RATES AND CHARGES****3.1 Residential water supply rates**

The water consumed on all residential properties in the City shall be charged on a per cubic metre basis for each respective customer at the rates as indicated in the table below.

<b>Water Supply (based on consumption)</b>	<b>2005 Rate (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>2006 Rate (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>
<b>Residential:</b>		
First 16.990 m <sup>3</sup>	\$1.12	\$1.18
Next 39.644 m <sup>3</sup>	\$1.18	\$1.24
All additional m <sup>3</sup>	\$1.24	\$1.30
Minimum monthly charge	\$5.00	\$5.00

**3.2 Commercial, institutional, industrial, and multi family water supply rates**

The water consumed on all non-residential properties in the City shall be charged on a per cubic meter basis for each respective customer as indicated in the table below.

<b>Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, &amp; Multi Family Residential:</b>	<b>2005 Rate (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>2006 Rate (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>
First 2.832 m <sup>3</sup>	\$3.84	\$4.03
Next 707.925 m <sup>3</sup>	\$0.66	\$0.69
All additional m <sup>3</sup>	\$0.54	\$0.57
Minimum monthly charge	\$5.00	\$5.00

**Part 4****RATES AND CHARGES FOR EQUIPMENT****4.1 Monthly fixed charge for water meters**

Water meter fixed charges shall be charged monthly as per the table below.

<b>Water Meter Fixed Charge (Based on Meter Size)</b>	<b>2005 Monthly Rate</b>	<b>2006 Monthly Rate</b>
16 mm	\$0.42	\$0.44
19 mm	\$0.47	\$0.49
25 mm	\$3.69	\$3.87
40 mm	\$7.18	\$7.54
50 mm	\$9.62	\$10.10
76 mm	\$24.02	\$25.22

100 mm	\$35.36	\$37.13
150 mm	\$59.70	\$62.69
200 mm	\$92.14	\$96.75

**Part 5  
MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES AND CHARGES**

**5.1 Temporary connection charges for construction**

Temporary Connection charges shall be charged as per the table below.

<b>Water Rate for Temporary Connection for Construction</b>	<b>2005 Charge</b>	<b>2006 Charge</b>
Single family structure	\$8.58	\$9.01
Duplex structure – one service line	\$8.58	\$9.01
Up to 4 units	\$10.71	\$11.25
5 to 10 units	\$16.07	\$16.87
11 to 15 units	\$21.42	\$22.49
16 to 20 units	\$26.78	\$28.12
21 to 25 units	\$32.24	\$33.85
26 to 30 units	\$37.49	\$39.36
31 to 35 units	\$42.85	\$44.99
36 to 40 units	\$48.20	\$50.61
41 to 50 units	\$53.56	\$56.24
Over 50 units	\$1.09 per unit	\$1.14 per unit
Other structures	\$2.18 per 93m <sup>2</sup> of floor space minimum charge \$8.25	\$2.29 per 93m <sup>2</sup> of floor space minimum charge \$8.25
Bulk water users	Annual user fee \$80.34 plus \$8.06 per 4,546 L	Annual user fee \$84.36 plus \$8.46 per 4,546 L
Inspecting waterworks installations/disconnections	\$59.28/hour	\$62.24/hour

**5.2 Miscellaneous charges**

Miscellaneous charges shall be charged as per the table below.

<b>Miscellaneous Charges</b>	<b>2005 Charge</b>	<b>2006 Charge</b>
Late payment charge	London Hydro billings at 1.5% per month compounded monthly City of London billings at 1.5% per month	London Hydro billings at 1.5% per month compounded monthly City of London billings at 1.5% per month
NSF cheques	\$9.10 + bank charges	\$9.56+ bank charges
Reconnection: During regular hours After regular hours	\$19.45 \$30.68	\$20.42 \$32.21
Arrears Certificate	\$50 per property	\$50 per property
Temporary removal and reinstallation - customer request Up to 25 mm Over 25 mm	\$39.10 \$66.56	\$41.06 \$69.89
Install remote water meter register Wiring done by water meter shop Wiring done by contractor	\$91.52 \$62.14	\$125.00 \$25.00
Repair damaged meter 16 and 19 mm 25 mm and up	\$102.96 Time and Material	\$108.11 Time and Material

Meter checked for accuracy at customer's request and found to be accurate		
Up to 25 mm	\$76.96	\$80.81
Over 25 mm	\$104.00	\$109.20

### 5.3 Methods of Payment

The fees, charges and penalties imposed by this by-law can be paid as follows:

- (a) under sections 3.1, 3.2, 4.1 and 5.2 (late payment charges and NSF cheque charges only) to London Hydro by cheque, preauthorized payment or through a financial institution.
- (b) under sections 5.1 and 5.2 to the City of London by cash, cheque or debit (where available).

## Part 6 NON-PAYMENT

### 6.1 Non-payment of fees and charges

Fees and charges imposed under this by-law on a person constitute a debt of the person to the City. Fees and charges for the consumption of water imposed under Part XII of the *Municipal Act, 2001* have priority lien status. Where there is statutory authority to do so, the City Treasurer may add fees and charges imposed by this by-law to the tax roll for the property in the same manner as municipal taxes.

## Part 7 SHORT TITLE

### 7.1 Short title

The short title of this by-law shall be the "Water Rates and Charges by-Law".

## Part 8 EXPIRY

### 8.1 Expiry

This by-law expires on December 31, 2006 unless repealed sooner.

## Part 9 EFFECTIVE DATE

### 9.1 Effective date

This by-law comes into force and effect on January 1, 2006.

PASSED in Open Council on November 21, 2005.

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Mayor

Kevin Bain  
City Clerk