

The Corporation of the Municipality of Trent Hills

By-law No. 2026-007

**A By-law to impose rates, fees and charges for
Municipal Water and Wastewater services
and to provide for the payment of rates, fees and charges
and to provide for penalty and interest
and to Repeal By-law No. 2024-135**

(2026 Water and Wastewater Rates, Fees and Charges)

Whereas Section 11(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, provides that a lower-tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting matters within the sphere of jurisdiction of public utilities;

And Whereas Section 8(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on the municipality to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues;

And Whereas Section 391 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, provides under Section 391 that a municipality may impose fees or charges on persons for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;

And Whereas Section 398 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, provides that fees and charges imposed by a municipality constitute a debt to the municipality, and the treasurer may add fees and charges imposed by the municipality to the tax roll for the property which the public utility was supplied, and collect them in the same manner as municipal taxes;

And Whereas Section 446 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, provides that if a municipality has the authority to direct or require a person to do a matter or thing, the municipality may provide that, in default of it being done by the person directed or required to do it, the matter or thing shall be done at the person's expense, and the municipality may recover the costs by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes;

And Whereas the Municipality has billing practices in place for properties not connected to the systems, those billing practices will remain in effect until the expiration of the three year period following the date of passage of the Connection Charges By-law;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Trent Hills enacts as follows:

1.0 Definitions

“Consumption Charge” shall mean a rate established for all Users for the volume used and measured by the Meter.

“Estimate of Consumption in the absence of a water meter” shall mean an estimate of consumption in the absence of a water meter based on the average monthly consumption for residential or non-residential customers (as applicable) contained in the most recent Water and Wastewater Rate Study received by Council.

“Estimate of Consumption where the volumetric charge cannot be determined” shall mean an estimate of consumption where the volumetric charge cannot be determined based on the average monthly consumption for residential or non-residential customers (as applicable) contained in the most recent Water and Wastewater Rate Study received by Council.

“Mandatory Connection Area” as defined in the current Connection Charges By-law.

“Meter” shall mean the water meter used to measure the quantity of water consumed by the customer.

“Municipality” shall mean The Corporation of the Municipality of Trent Hills.

“Non-Metered Seasonal” shall mean municipal properties and cemeteries where municipal water is available and used for recreational or maintenance purposes where no measurement of water consumption is possible. An Estimate of Consumption in the absence of a water Meter will be determined by the Municipality, based on two times the average monthly residential consumption contained in the most recent Water and Wastewater Rate Study received by Council.

“Owner” shall include any person 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” shall mean water fit for human consumption.

“Service Charge” shall mean a charge imposed based on Meter size.

“User” shall mean all owners or occupants of buildings connected, or deemed to be connected, to the water and/or wastewater supply systems.

“Wastewater” means any liquid waste containing animal, vegetable or mineral matter in solution or in suspension, except uncontaminated water.

“Wastewater Consumption Flat Rate” shall mean a rate imposed for properties that are connected to the municipal wastewater supply system and not connected to the municipal water supply system; or those properties that are connected to the municipal water and wastewater supply systems but the water is turned off at the street and a private well is in use.

An estimate of water consumption will be determined by the Municipality based on the average monthly consumption for residential or non-residential customers (as applicable) contained in the most recent Water and Wastewater Rate Study received by Council. The estimate of water consumption will be used in conjunction with the rates in Schedule “A” of this by-law.

“Wastewater Related Services” shall include but not be limited to those items set out under the heading “Miscellaneous Water and Wastewater Rates, Fees and Charges” in Schedule “B” of this by-law.

“Wastewater Works” means any works for the collection, transmission, treatment or disposal of Wastewater, or any part of such works, but does not include plumbing to which the 2012 Building Code Compendium, Ontario Regulation 332/12, or any amendments thereto apply.

“Water” shall mean Potable Water supplied by the Municipality.

“Water and Wastewater Rate Study” shall mean the most recent Water and Wastewater Study received by Council.

“Water and Wastewater Related Services” shall include but not be limited to those items set out under the heading “Miscellaneous Water and Wastewater Rates, Fees and Charges in Schedule “B” of this by-law.

2.0 Development of Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges

2.1 Development of Water rates and charges

The Water rates and charges contained in this by-law are established and imposed commencing on the effective date set out in Schedule “A” to this by-law.

Monthly Water Service Charges are to be imposed based on the size of the Meter installed in the property. It is the intent of the Municipality to require the alignment of service line sizes, Meter sizes and the Municipality’s design guidelines in all new connections to the municipal systems.

2.2 Development of Wastewater rates and charges

The Wastewater rates and charges contained in this by-law are established and imposed commencing on the effective date set out in Schedule “A” to this by-law.

Monthly Wastewater Service Charges are to be imposed based on the identified Water Service Charge for the property, based on size.

2.3 Rates, Fees and charges imposed

The rates, fees and charges imposed by this by-law are due and payable: at the time of the transaction for which the fee or charge is imposed; or upon the due date specified in any invoice or bill issued by the Municipality to any person or party in connection with a fee or charge imposed by this by-law.

2.4 Requirement to Connect

Requirement to connect to Municipal Water and Wastewater systems is outlined in the Connection Charges By-Law.

2.5 Minimum Charges for Mandatory Connection Areas

Any property within a Mandatory Connection Area, established by by-law, that is not connected by the prescribed connection date, shall be deemed to be connected and will be charged the applicable Water and/or Wastewater rates, fees and charges as indicated in Schedule “A” to this by-law.

2.6 Reduction in Wastewater Consumption Charge for Commercial and Industrial Uses

Commercial and Industrial properties only may apply to have the volume used to calculate the Wastewater Consumption charge reduced to reflect volumes closer to the actual volume of Wastewater discharged. The consumption volume that shall be considered for reduction is the volume of Potable Water that is:

- a. incorporated into a product that is shipped off site within that product and is not discharged into the Wastewater system;
- b. used within an onsite process and can demonstrate that it is not discharged into the Wastewater system (ie boiler system).

Applications for reduction in Wastewater Consumption Charge shall be accompanied with supporting documentation to substantiate the volume reduction and if required, may be subject to third party review at the applicant's expense.

Applications will be reviewed and approved/declined by Trent Hills Water Department Staff.

3.0 Water and Wastewater Rates, Fees and Charges

3.1 Water Supply Rates

All properties connected or deemed to be connected to the Municipal Water Systems of the Municipality, as applicable, shall be charged:

3.1.1 a *“Water Service Charge”* at a fixed rate cost at the rate indicated in Schedule “A” to this by-law.

3.1.2 a *“Water Consumption Charge”* for the volume used and measured by the Meter.

3.1.2.1 On a per cubic meter (m³) basis as indicated in Schedule “A” to this by-law.

3.1.3 For those properties where the volumetric charge cannot be determined the *“Water Consumption Flat Rate”* charge will be applicable.

3.2 Wastewater Rates

All properties connected or deemed to be connected to Wastewater Works of the Municipality, as applicable, shall be charged:

3.2.1 a *“Wastewater Service Charge”* at a fixed rate cost at the rate indicated in Schedule “A” to the by-Law.

3.2.2 a *“Wastewater Consumption Charge”* for the volume used and measured by the Meter.

3.2.2.1 On a per cubic meter (m³) basis as indicated in Schedule “A” to this by-law.

3.2.3 For those properties where the volumetric charge cannot be determined the *“Wastewater Consumption Flat Rate”* charge will be applicable.

4.0 Miscellaneous Water and Wastewater Rates, Fees and Charges

Miscellaneous Water and Wastewater Related Services shall be charged as indicated in Schedule “B” to this by-Law.

5.0 Methods of Payment

The rates, fees and charges imposed by this by-law shall be paid to the Municipality by cash, cheque, debit, preauthorized payment, telephone banking, internet banking or through a financial institution having arrangements with the Municipality.

6.0 Non-Payment of rates, fees and charges

Rates, fees and charges imposed under this by-law on a person constitute a debt of the person to the Municipality. The Treasurer may add unpaid/outstanding rates, fees and charges imposed by this by-law to the tax roll for the property and collect them in the same manner as municipal taxes, as provided for in Section 446 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended.

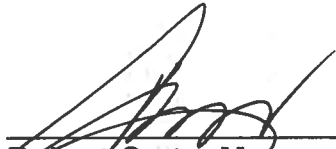
7.0 Previous By-Laws Repealed

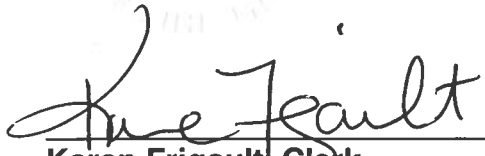
By-law No. 2024-135 is hereby repealed.

8.0 Effective Date

This by-law shall come into force and take effect on February 1, 2026.

By-law read and passed this 27th day of January, 2026.



Robert Crate, Mayor

Karen Frigault, Clerk

**Schedule “A”
to By-law No. 2026-008 for
The Corporation of the Municipality of Trent Hills**

2026 Water and Wastewater Rates, Fees and Charges

Unless otherwise stated, Water and Wastewater Rates, Fees and Charges are applicable to Rates, Fees and Charges incurred after February 1, 2026.

Water Consumption Charge Volumetric Rate (\$/Cubic Meter) Base	\$ 1.50
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Water Service Charges (Monthly)		
Size (mm)	Size (inches)	Amount
19	¾	\$ 35.43
25	1	\$ 60.23
37	1 ½	\$ 116.92
50	2	\$ 187.77
75	3	\$ 354.28
100	4	\$ 591.65
150	6	\$ 1,179.77

Water Flat Rate Consumption Charges (Monthly)	
Water Consumption Flat Rate-Residential (11 cubic meters x \$ 1.50)	\$ 16.50
Water Consumption Flat Rate-Non Residential (45 cubic meters x \$ 1.50)	\$ 67.50

Wastewater Consumption Charge Volumetric Rate (\$/Cubic Meter) Base	\$ 2.41
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Wastewater Service Charges (Monthly)

Size (mm)	Size (inches)	Amount
19	¾	\$ 55.70
25	1	\$ 94.69
37	1 ½	\$ 183.81
50	2	\$ 295.21
75	3	\$ 556.97
100	4	\$ 930.20
150	6	\$ 1,854.82

Wastewater Flat Rate Consumption Charges (Monthly)

Wastewater Consumption Flat Rate-Residential (11 cubic meters x \$ 2.41) (Monthly)	\$ 26.51
Wastewater Consumption Flat Rate-Non Residential (45 cubic meters x \$ 2.41) (Monthly)	\$ 108.42

**Schedule “B”
to By-law No. 2026-135 for
The Corporation of the Municipality of Trent Hills**

2026 Miscellaneous Water and Wastewater Rates, Fees and Charges

Unless otherwise stated, Water and Wastewater Rates, Fees and Charges are applicable to Rates, Fees and Charges incurred after February 1, 2026.

Category	Description	Amount
Water & Wastewater Administration	Account Changes/New Customer Account Set Up	\$ 15.00
	Account Status Request (Owner/Lawyer)	No Charge
	Late Payment Charge	5%
	Returned Item (NSF, Stop Payment)	\$ 35.00
	Water/Sewer Arrears Transfer to Tax	\$ 25.00
	Removal of Services/Abandonment	Labour/material/equip
	Service Installations (New) From water or sewer main to property line. No oversize watermain charges.	Labour/material/equip
Water	Bulk Water Charge	Cubic Meter \$ 4.13 1000 imp gal \$ 18.75
	Bulk Water Key Deposit	\$ 25.00
	Water Disconnection/Reconnection	
	o Regular Business Hours	\$ 53.00
	o After Regular Business Hours	\$ 316.00
	Water-Fire Protection Line Charge	Monthly Service Charge based on water Meter size
	Hydrant Rental (each; annual; Municipal only)	\$ 275.00
	Water Meters (New)	Labour/material/equip
	Non-Metered Water Seasonal per month	\$ 69.00
	Temporary Water Service	Labour/material/equip
	Thawing Frozen Water Lines/Meter	Labour/material/equip \$ 50.00 minimum
	Water Connection Inspection Fee Existing water service (due to repair/alteration)	\$ 53.00

Category	Description	Amount
Wastewater	Leachate/Waste Processing/Cubic Meter - Low Strength - High Strength - Imported Waste	\$ 15.88 \$ 30.85 \$ 35.00
	Sanitary Lateral/Main Video Inspection and/or clearing of debris For pipes up to 125mm (5") in size	\$ 200.00
	Sanitary Lateral/Main Video Inspection and/or clearing of debris For pipes larger than 125mm (5") in size	First hour \$ 300.00 Addt'l hours \$ 100.00
	Wastewater Connection Inspection Fee Existing wastewater service (due to repair/ alteration).	\$ 53.00

Plus taxes where applicable.