

The Corporation of The Township of Stirling-Rawdon

By-Law No. 15-2026

A by-law to establish Water and Sewer Rates and to repeal By-Law 61-24

Whereas Section 11 (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, allows that a municipality may pass by-laws respecting public utilities which include water and sewage works and services; and

Whereas Section 391 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes municipalities to impose fees or charges on persons for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of the municipality, for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or any local board, and for the use of its property including property under its control; and

Whereas Section 398 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that any fees and charges imposed by the municipality constitute a debt of the person to the municipality, and the treasurer may add any fees and charges imposed by the municipality to the tax roll for the property to which the service or thing was supplied and collect them in the same manner as municipal taxes; and

Whereas the Council of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon passed By-Law 61-24, being a by-law to establish water and sewer rates in the Corporation of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon on December 16, 2024; and

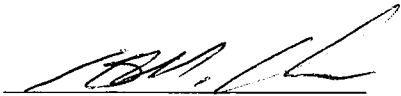
Whereas the Council of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon deems it expedient to implement a user-pay system for certain services provided by the municipality and to repeal By-Law 61-24;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon enacts as follows:

1. That a water and sewage service rate are hereby imposed upon the owners of land which are supplied with water and sewage service within the Township of Stirling-Rawdon and shall become due and payable in quarterly installments, with due dates in April, July, October, and January. Any outstanding balances or non-payment of the amount as noted, on the dates stated in accordance with this section shall constitute default.

2. That on all water and sewage service rate, which are in default after the due date of any installment thereof, a penalty of 2% of the amount due and unpaid on the first day of default shall be imposed and thereafter a penalty of 2% per month shall be added on the 1st day of each and every month the default continues.
3. That fees shall be and are hereby implemented for water and sewer service as set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.
4. That By-law 61-24 and any by-laws or parts of by-laws inconsistent with this by-law are hereby repealed.
5. That this by-law shall come into full force and effect on the final passing thereof.

Read and passed this 17th day of February, 2026.


Robert Mullin, Mayor
Becky O'Hara, Clerk

Schedule "A" to By-Law No. 15-2026

The Township of Stirling-Rawdon invoices water and sewer services quarterly and the base rate includes 24 cubic metres before any overage charge is applied to the account.

Rates

Residential House:

Water Service Charge	=\$148.05 per quarter
Sewer Service Charge	=\$169.90 per quarter

All Apartment Units:

Water Service Charge	=\$111.05 per quarter
Sewer Service Charge	=\$152.33 per quarter

All Commercial/Industrial Users:

Water Service Charge	=\$111.05 per quarter
Sewer Service Charge	=\$152.33 per quarter

For any usage over and above 24 cubic meters the following rates shall apply:

Water = \$1.51 per cubic meter

Sewer = \$2.12 per cubic meter

Replacement of Meters:

All meters are the property of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon, and therefore staff will require access to replace and update the meters as needed. Please note if access is denied, billing will be at least twice the flat rate or possibly higher based on the average three months prior usage.

Water Repairs and Temporary Hook-ups:

If the Township needs to hook-up to a water service for a temporary hook-up, then the Township will read the impacted meter at the time of temporary hook-up. The impacted water and wastewater bill going forward, until the temporary connection is removed, will be the average of the user's previous three months. If below the 24 cubic metres, then the regular service charge will apply only.

If a water service needs a temporary hook-up due to a water leak on the owner's system, then the Township will read the meter at the time of the hook-up. The user's bill going forward, until the temporary connection is removed, will be the average of the previous three months.

Malfunctioning Water Meter:

If a water meter is removed and tested and is found to be over-registering, the water bill in question shall be adjusted accordingly.

Where a reasonable recalculation cannot be completed, the charge shall be adjusted to reflect the applicable flat rate water and/or sewer charges plus any consumption charge based on an average quarterly consumption of 32.0 m³, as defined in the current Water and Sewer Rates By-law.

Adjustments shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) billing cycles (one year), with a maximum adjustment amount of \$1,000.

Potential Frozen Water Service Properties

For properties on the Township of Stirling-Rawdon's Potential Freeze-Up List that have been instructed by written notice from the Township to run water to prevent freezing due to shallow water services, billing will be adjusted based on the average consumption of the two previous billing cycles.

The property owner must notify the Township when they turn the water on and when they turn it off. Failure to provide this notice will make the property ineligible for the billing adjustment.

Properties without a Meter:

If a house or business does not have a meter, the owner will be charged the base rate.

Effective Date:

These rates will be effective starting with the first quarter billing of 2026 (January to March).

Rate Study Recommendation:

Rates in future years will be based on the 2026 Watson & Associate Water and Wastewater Rate Study. The by-law to approve the rates will be brought to Council for approval each year.