

**ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.**

(As required under *The Municipalities Regulations*)

Name of Municipality: Town of Stoughton

Date: September 2, 2014

WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

In September, 2014, Council passed a resolution on a waterworks rate policy.

(Describe the waterworks rates and fees charged by the municipality, including the price per unit)

Under the waterworks rate policy resolution, the rates as stated in Bylaw #398/12 and attached Schedules 'A', 'B' and 'C' remained the same for the 2014 budget year. The Bylaw is available for viewing at either the municipal office during regular office hours or on the website *stoughtonsk.ca*.

Bylaw is attached.

Council will review water and sewer rates at the end of 2014.

(Describe how the waterworks rates and fees are determined, including the types of costs used for determining the rates and fees)

Water and Sewer rates were originally set per usage where those who used the services more would pay more.

Budgets are set yearly so that utility expenses and revenues are balanced.

The increase covered by Bylaw #398/12 is to be used for increased operating expenses and major repairs.

(Describe the objectives of the waterworks rate policy)

The objective of the waterworks rate policy is to work towards building the waterworks reserves in order to cover future infrastructure maintenance and replacement costs, such as replacing a portion of the main supply line from the wells to the town and a new water filtration system as well as a lagoon expansion.

The waterworks policy will work towards financially independent waterworks that does not have to compete with other key financial demands under the municipal general revenue fund.

On July 3, 2012, Council passed a resolution on a capital investment strategy.

(Describe the objectives of the waterworks capital investment strategy)

The objective of the waterworks capital investment policy strategy is to address anticipated waterworks infrastructure maintenance, the immediate drinking water infrastructure problems and future infrastructure replacements in a timely fashion so as to ensure the municipal waterworks provides safe drinking water to residents and businesses.

To cover the costs of waterworks infrastructure maintenance and replacements, Council has decided to undertake in a Debenture program. Construction of the new filtration system has begun and the new system should be completed in September, 2014.

This capital investment strategy will ensure that safe drinking water can be provided to the residents in the community in the present and in the future.

(Describe how capital plans are determined, including how they are identified and prioritized. Indicate the sources of funding for waterworks infrastructure projects)

Capital plans will be established to address the waterworks infrastructure deficiencies and replacements as identified and prioritized at the beginning of each year.

Waterworks capital plans and planned sources are identified as follows:

Project	Planned Year	2010 Cost	Source of Funding
Water Supply Treatment & Distribution	Unknown	850,000.00	Unknown.
Lagoon Expansion	2014	1,500,000.00	Debentures and Infrastructure Grants if available and/or applicable.
Replace meters	2015-2016	600,000.00	Reserves and available Grants..
	Ongoing	21,000.00	Fuel tax Grant/Revenues.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL OVERVIEW
From Audited Financial Statements 2013**

- Total 2013 waterworks revenues \$ 620,730
- Total 2013 waterworks expenditures \$ 416,172
- Total debt repayments on waterworks infrastructure loans (D) – 67866
- Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures plus debt repayments, expressed as a ratio = $\frac{(620,730)}{(416,172)} = 1.491$
- Explanation of the ratio:
- Amount of 2013 waterworks revenue transferred out of the utility, specifying where the revenues were transferred – zero
- Amount of 2013 supplementary funding required covering expenditures, specifying the source of the supplementary funding—zero.

RESERVES

Reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure - \$674,971.94 Balance Forward January 1, 2014.

ATTACHMENTS

Bylaw #398/12, Schedules A, B and C.

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MAIL-OUT OR WEBSITE BY SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.**

The following is information on the Town of Stoughton’s waterworks, as required under *The Municipalities Regulations*.

2013 Waterworks Financial Overview:

- Total waterworks revenues (R) - \$620,730
- Total waterworks expenditures (E) - \$416,712
- Total debt repayments on waterworks infrastructure loans (D) – 67866
- Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures plus debt repayments, expressed as a ratio – $\frac{(R)}{(E) + (D)} = 1.491$

The following information is available at the municipal office on the waterworks:

- The waterworks policy and capital investment strategy

- Capital plans in place and related sources of funding for the projects when completed
- 2013 financial overview of the waterworks
- Waterworks reserves
- A copy of the 2005 waterworks assessment
- A copy of the pre-design report for upgrades and preliminary drawings prepared by Walker Projects