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Business Unit: Finance

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Subject

Water Rates – April 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025

Recommendation

That report number F2025-06 "Water Rates – April 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025" be received for information;

And that By-law 25-28, Water Service Rates and Service Fees and related schedules, as listed on the March 27, 2025, agenda be approved.

Background

Water rates under By-law 19-59 had been effective since 2020 and expired December 31, 2024. Interim water rates under By-law 24-56 were established for the period January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025.

Discussion

Property taxes do not fund the operations of the water systems so a rate structure that is equitable for all users to fund the operating and capital expenditures to deliver water services is required. This rate structure has been reviewed with the result that the current rate structure of the 3% increase in January 2025 will be sustained and continued through to December 31, 2025. Schedule "A" of the proposed by-law outlines these continued rates for the balance of 2025.

Strategic Pillar

Service Excellence & Good Governance

Financial Impact

There is a financial impact on the water program only. Revenue collected from the water program is used to offset operating expenses. Any shortfall or overage at the end of the year is offset by a transfer to/from reserves so that Revenue is equal to expenses. The result is that residents who do not receive town water do not pay for any related expenses.

Conclusion

That Council approves the proposed Water Service Rates and Service Fees By-Law.

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