

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA**

**COMMITTEE: FINANCE**

**CHAIRPERSON: COUNCILLOR C. LACELLE**

**DEPT. HEAD: FRANCINE DESORMEAU, INTERIM CLERK**

**TITLE: 2016 WATER RATES BY-LAW**

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**Mayor D. Backer and Members of Council:**

Water rate increases for this year have been reviewed by Council and staff in recent meetings. A public meeting was held Monday February 8, 2016 seeking public input for the setting of the 2016 water and sewer rates and five people were in attendance. A Special meeting of Council was also held February 17, 2016 for Council to further discuss the Water and Wastewater Department's budgetary requirements for the current year.

A zero to two percent increase was discussed and a final decision was made to not increase the rates again for this year.

The fire suppression fixture flat rates of \$125.00 per year for a residential sprinkler system and \$250.00 per year flat rate for commercial, institutional and multi-residential units will continue at the flat rate previously established. It is also noted the policy of transferring existing water arrears to the tax bills has now been completed.

**Recommendation:**

That the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 16-03 which establishes the water and sewer rates for flat rate water users and water users on meters and represents a zero percent rate increase for the year 2016.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor C. Lacelle

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 16-03**

BEING a By-law to establish water rates for 2016.

WHEREAS the Municipal Act provides for municipalities to charge a service rate for the continuance, operation, repair and maintenance of the water and sewer systems.

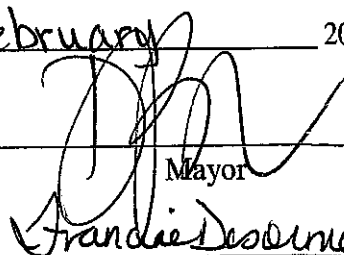
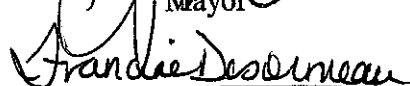
AND WHEREAS Notice of the Public Meeting in the matter of setting the 2016 water and sewer rates was given by advertisement in the Mattawa Recorder on January 8, 2016 and on the municipal website, [www.mattawa.ca](http://www.mattawa.ca).

AND WHEREAS a Public Meeting under the Municipal Act in the matter of the setting of water and sewer rates was held on February 8, 2016 at 6:15 p.m.

AND THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Mattawa enacts as follows:

1. That the annual rate for all consumers of water will not increase for the year 2016.
2. That the attached Schedule "A" establishes the water and sewer rates for the year 2016.
3. The water and sewer rates are effective as of January 1, 2016.
4. A flat rate of \$125.00 per year will be added to a residential water bill if incorporating a fire suppression sprinkler system in addition to the normal charges. A \$250.00 per year flat rate will be added to commercial, institutional and multi-residences incorporating a sprinkler system in addition to normal charges, which was established in 2010.
5. Water bills will be processed and due in March and August 2016. The metered consumers' water billings remain quarterly and will be due in March, May, August, and November 2016.
6. That a penalty or interest of 1.25% shall be charged on all outstanding amounts remaining unpaid on the first day following a billing due date and on the first day of each following month that the account remains unpaid.
7. The Clerk, upon notice from the Treasurer of the amounts due and the person by whom it is due and the lands upon which the supply of water and / or sewer services were supplied, or upon which any work was done in connection with the supply of water or sewer services, enter any unpaid amounts for such service or work upon the Tax Collector's roll and be collected in the same manner and with the same priority as municipal real property taxes. Any uncollected amount, following the full transfer, shall be subject to a penalty or interest of 1.25% per month as in accordance with Section 5 above.

READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2016.

  
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Mayor  
  
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Clerk