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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

COMMITTEE: FINANCE

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TITLE: 2015 WATER RATES BY-LAW

X Draft By-Law Item Policy Recommendation

Mayor D. Backer and Members of Council:

Water rate increases for this year have been extensively reviewed by Council and staff in recent meetings. A public meeting was held Monday February 9, 2015 seeking public input for the setting of the 2015 water and sewer rates and three people were in attendance.

A zero to two percent increase was discussed and a final decision was made to not increase the rates for this year. This decision comes after several consecutive years of rate increases that have seen the average annual water and sewer bill increase by \$23.00.

Water and sewer rates are under a full cost recovery system which is not subsidized by other tax revenues however for this year pressure to keep the rate lower was strongly considered and recommended.

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 15-12 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 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor C. Lacelle

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA
BY-LAW NUMBER 15-12**

BEING a By-law to establish water rates for 2015.

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.

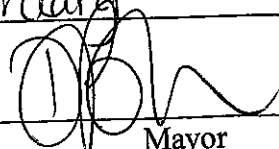
AND WHEREAS Notice of the Public Meeting in the matter of setting the 2015 water and sewer rates was given by advertisement in the Mattawa Recorder on January 18, 2015 and on the municipal website, www.mattawa.ca.

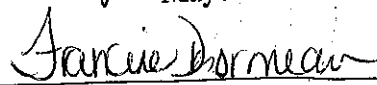
AND WHEREAS a Public Meeting under the Municipal Act in the matter of the setting of water and sewer rates was held on February 9, 2015 at 6:15 p.m.

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 2015.
2. That the attached Schedule "A" establishes the water and sewer rates for the year 2015.
3. That the water and sewer rates are effective as of January 1, 2015.
4. That 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. That water billings for flat rate water consumers will be processed and due in March and August 2015. The metered consumers' water billings remain quarterly and will be due in March, May, August, and November 2015.
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. That 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 23rd day of February 2015.



Mayor


Clerk