



TOWN OF STRATFORD RESOLUTION

No. FT005-2026 – Approval of the 2026 Utility Tariff

Motion Carried X
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Motion Withdrawn

Council Chambers
Town Hall
March 25, 2026

Committee Finance & Technology
Moved by Councillor Jeff MacDonald
Seconded by Councillor Gordie Cox

WHEREAS a comprehensive review of water and sewer expenses, as well as a projected 5-year capital plan was completed in 2020; and

WHEREAS these projections were analyzed through utility rate models to determine the rates for the water and sewer rate payers; and

WHEREAS revenues and expenses were analyzed and there will be no increase to utility rates for the current year; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Stratford Utility tariff for 2026, which incorporates the following, be hereby approved:

- the unmetered water rate for a single-family dwelling (SFD) will remain at \$94.37 per quarter as of April 2026;
- The unmetered sewer rate for a single-family dwelling (SFD) will remain at \$141.30 per quarter as of April 2026;
- The water base rate for a 5/8” meter customer will remain at \$41.86 per quarter as of April 2026;

- The sewer base rate for a 5/8” meter customer will remain at \$62.66 per quarter as of April 2026;
- the consumption charge for metered water will remain at \$1.0357 per cubic meter as of April 2026; and
- the consumption charge for metered sewer will remain at \$1.5547 per cubic meter as of April 2026.

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Finance Committee from a meeting held on March 19, 2026.

STRATFORD UTILITY CORPORATION

TARIFF

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2026

AUTHORITY

This tariff is enacted by resolution of Council pursuant to Town of Stratford Bylaw #21, the Water and Sewer Customer Service Regulation Bylaw.

APPLICATION

The following schedule of rates and charges shall apply to all properties located in the Town of Stratford that are served by the Stratford Utility Corporation, or that are capable of being served by the Stratford Utility Corporation.

UN-METERED RATES

All un-metered customers shall be subject to the following rates for water and sewer:

Water: \$94.37 per quarter (\$377.48 per year) per equivalent unit

Sewer: \$141.30 per quarter (\$565.20 per year) per equivalent unit

Where the equivalent units are calculated in accordance with the equivalent units table at the end of this tariff.

VACANT PROPERTY RATES

Water: \$29.27 per quarter (\$117.08 per year) per property

Sewer: \$43.82 per quarter (\$175.28 per year) per property

SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT SEWER PUMP AND LIFT PUMP TARIFF REDUCTION

Sewer customers who are connected via a septic tank effluent sewer pump system are eligible for a reduction in the tariff of \$37.50 per quarter (\$150.00 per year). These customers shall be responsible to supply, own and maintain the septic tanks and pumping systems.

Sewer customers who require a lift pump to lift the sewerage from the main level of the building that fronts the street where the sewer line is located are eligible for a reduction in the tariff of \$31.00 per quarter (\$124.00 per year). These customers shall be responsible to supply, own and maintain the lift pumps.

FRONTAGE CHARGES

Properties along which a water line or sewer line front shall be subject to frontage charges for the distance the line fronts the property over 125 feet as follows:

Water: \$0.2927 per foot per quarter (\$1.1708 per foot per year)

Sewer: \$0.4382 per foot per quarter (\$1.7528 per foot per year)

Where:

- All properties shall be billed for frontage over 125 feet only;
- Corner lot properties shall be billed the average length of both sides with the short side deemed to be the length of that side or 125 feet, whichever is greater, regardless of whether the line fronts the full length of that side or not;
- Properties assessed as farm properties are exempt from frontage charges.
- Properties which are located on the inside curve of a long radius sweep shall be considered a corner lot property.

FIRE RATED WATER CHARGES

Properties that are required to have fire rated water systems shall be subject to an annual charge of \$0.06 per square foot of sprinklered billing area.

METERED RATES

All customers who are serviced by water only or water and sewer shall be metered and shall be subject to the following rates for water and sewer service based on the water meter readings.

METERED WATER RATES			
METER BASE CHARGE			CONSUMPTION CHARGE
meter size	quarterly	annual	\$1.0357 per cubic meter
16 mm (5/8")	\$41.86	\$167.44	
25 mm (1")	\$109.25	\$437.00	
40 mm (1-1/2")	\$249.35	\$997.40	
50 mm (2")	\$351.37	\$1,405.48	
75 mm (3")	\$575.92	\$2,303.68	
100 mm (4")	\$899.88	\$3,599.52	
150 mm (6")	\$1,799.75	\$7,199.00	

METERED SEWER RATES				
METER BASE CHARGE				CONSUMPTION CHARGE
meter size	quarterly	annual		
16 mm (5/8")	\$62.66	\$250.64		
25 mm (1")	\$163.76	\$655.04		
40 mm (1-1/2")	\$373.97	\$1,495.88		
50 mm (2")	\$507.75	\$2031.00		
75 mm (3")	\$859.38	\$3,437.52		
100 mm (4")	\$1,342.79	\$5,371.16		
150 mm (6")	\$2,685.57	\$10,742.28		

TABLE OF EQUIVALENT UNIT VALUES FOR UN-METERED CUSTOMERS				
Customer Type	Units	per	Annual Water	Annual Sewer
Single Family Dwelling	1.00	dwelling	\$377.48	\$565.20
Duplex and Row House Dwellings	0.94	dwelling	\$355.24	\$531.84
Apartment	0.43	dwelling	\$162.32	\$243.04
Senior Citizen's Home	0.43	dwelling	\$162.32	\$243.04
Vacant Property	0.31	property	\$117.08	\$175.28
Convent, Dormitory, Rooming or Boarding House	1.00	up to 5 persons	\$377.48	\$565.20
	0.20	each add'l person	\$75.50	\$113.04
Motels and Tourist Lodges - housekeeping	0.50	per unit	\$188.74	\$282.60
Motels and Tourist Lodges - non housekeeping	0.30	per unit	\$113.24	\$169.56
Tourist Home, Bed and Breakfast	1.00	1st bathroom	\$377.48	\$565.20
	0.30	each add'l bathroom	\$113.24	\$169.56
	0.50	bed	\$188.74	\$282.60
Hospital with laundry facilities	0.75	bed	\$283.11	\$423.90
School	1.00	classroom	\$377.48	\$565.20
Stores, Banks, Clubs, Churches, Halls, Recreational Facilities, Businesses	1.00	1st toilet/urinal	\$377.48	\$565.20
	0.50	each add'l toilet/urinal	\$188.74	\$282.60
Campground	0.10	camp site	\$37.75	\$56.52
Doctors, Dentists, Barbers, Beauticians	1.00	each - separate serv.	\$377.48	\$565.20

	0.50	each - combined serv.	\$188.74	\$282.60
Laundromat (with machines using more than 30 gallons per wash)	3.00	1st machine	\$1,132.44	\$1,695.60
	2.00	2nd machine	\$754.96	\$1,130.40
	1.00	each add'l machine	\$377.48	\$565.20
Laundromat (with machines using less than 30 gallons per wash)	2.00	1st machine	\$754.96	\$1,130.40
	1.50	2nd machine	\$566.22	\$847.80
	0.75	each add'l machine	\$283.11	\$423.90
Service Station	1.00	each without carwash	\$377.48	\$565.20
Restaurants and Snack Bars	1.00	base amount plus	\$377.48	\$565.20
	0.25	for every 10 seats	\$94.37	\$141.30
Car Wash	1.25	per self-serve bay	\$471.85	\$706.50
	2.50	per automatic bay	\$943.70	\$1,413.00
Licensed Premises	1.00	base amount plus	\$377.48	\$565.20
	0.25	for every 5 seats	\$94.37	\$141.30
Drive-in Restaurant or Theatre	1.00	per canteen plus	\$377.48	\$565.20
	1.00	1st toilet/urinal	\$377.48	\$565.20
	0.50	each add'l toilet/urinal	\$188.74	\$282.60