

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALLANDER

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Re: 2019 Water and Wastewater Budget

At a meeting on March 12, 2019 Council for The Municipality of Callander adopted its 2019 Water and Wastewater Budget. The Budget process consisted of Public calls for input and meetings on February 28, and March 12, 2019.

The Municipality expects to see an increasing need for repairs and planned major capital expenditures and rehabilitation work due to the age of the water and wastewater infrastructure assets. The Budget is demonstrative of Council's commitment to addressing health and safety requirements while adhering to multi-year water financial plan and reserve contributions necessary to ensure continued improved efficiency and effectiveness of its service delivery.

Key 2019 water and wastewater Budget Initiatives include the following:

- Continued implementation of improvements/upgrades to the water and wastewater system to maintain the integrity of the system in accordance with the long-term capital plan.
- Increased transfers to reserves to finance future capital expenditures.
- Application for funding to assist with needed Inflow and Infiltration fixes to the sewage system in accordance with the recently completed wastewater flow study to address sewage lagoon capacity issues.

The water and wastewater rates are consumption based. For 2019 the water and wastewater rates are as follows:

- Water Rate is set at \$3.75 per cubic meter of water.
- Wastewater Rate set at \$4.64 per cubic meter (surcharge of 124% of the Water Rate).

This represents a rate increase of 7% and an average monthly increase of \$3.78 for Residential Water and Wastewater Users. The minimum quarterly water and wastewater charge has been increased to \$65.52/quarter.

Council wishes to thank the citizens of Callander for their valuable input throughout the 2019 Budget process.