

2025 Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Budgets and New Rates.

On December 5, 2024, Council approved the 2025 Tax and User-Pay Budget and User Fees By-laws, establishing the water and wastewater rates.

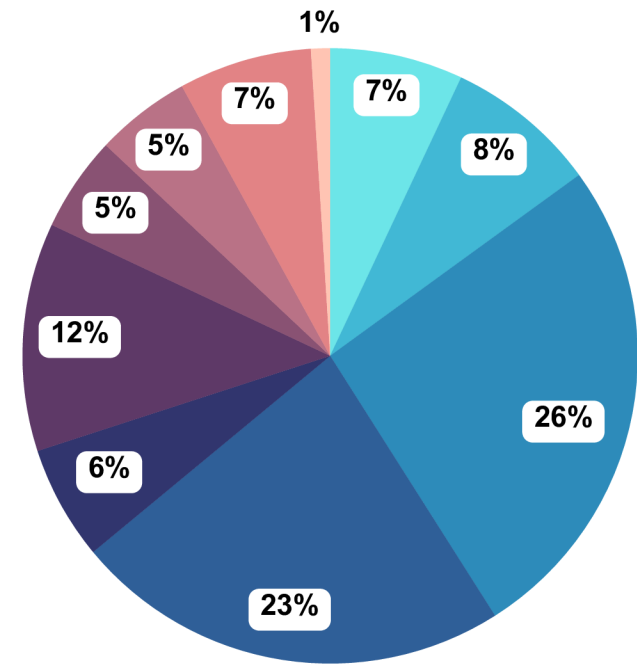
As a result of Council’s 2025 rate deliberations, water and wastewater users will see a 3% increase. This limited increase compared to previous years (2024 saw 8.5% for water and 12.55% for wastewater) and the 2020 Water and Wastewater Rate Study’s projected increase of ±11%, is due to a proportional reallocation of the annual Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) to water and wastewater services.



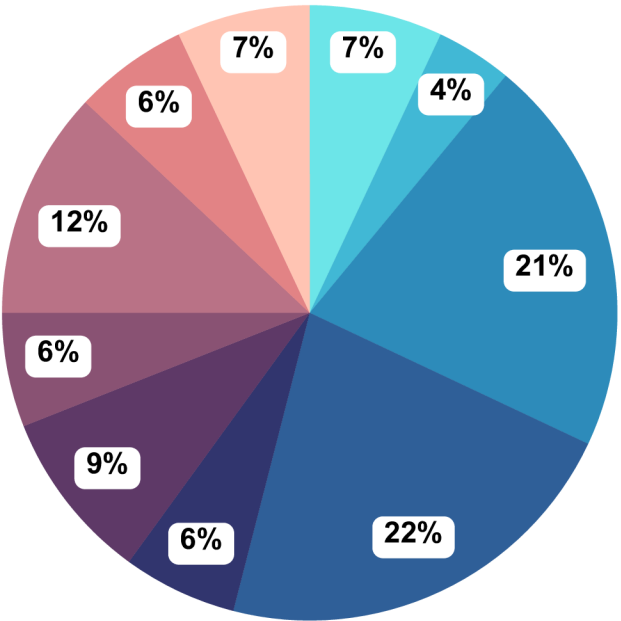
The reallocation aligns with Recommendation 3.2 from the Water and Wastewater Task Force's 2024 Final Report, which advised exploring funding options beyond user fees, including the use of OCIF. For details on the OCIF, refer to the section below. The Task Force’s report can be found on the Township’s website or by scanning the QR code.

Below is a breakdown of the system costs and the distribution of billed residential rates that is applied to each.

2025 Water Residential Flat Rate (\$1,208.53)



2025 Wastewater Residential Flat Rate (\$1,958.78)



- Administration

Debtenture

Transfer to Reserves (Future Capital)
- OCWA Contract Operations

OCWA Contract Management Fee

Repairs & Maintenance
- Chemicals

Utilities

Services & Supplies & Equipment
- Capital

Below are the new rates for 2025 which will be in effect for your March billing.

Water:

Class	2024 Rate	NEW 2025 Rate	Total Annual Change	Change Per Bill	Bi-Monthly Bill Amount
Residential	\$1,173.33	\$1,208.53	\$35.20	\$5.87	\$201.42
Small Commercial	\$1,173.33	\$1,208.53	\$35.20	\$5.87	\$201.42
Medium Commercial	\$1,761.22	\$1,814.06	\$52.84	\$8.81	\$302.34
High Commercial	\$2,347.87	\$2,418.31	\$70.44	\$11.74	\$403.05
Multi-residential	\$938.67	\$966.83	\$28.16	\$4.69	\$161.14
Metered	\$2.041	\$2.102	\$0.061	N/A	N/A

Water and Wastewater Combined Cost:

Class	2024 Rate	NEW 2025 Rate	Total Annual Change	Change Per Bill	Bi-Monthly Bill Amount
Residential	\$3,075.06	\$3,167.31	\$92.25	\$15.38	\$527.88
Small Commercial	\$3,075.06	\$3,167.31	\$92.25	\$15.38	\$527.88
Medium Commercial	\$4,613.13	\$4,751.54	\$138.41	\$23.07	\$791.92
High Commercial	\$6,151.27	\$6,335.80	\$184.53	\$30.76	\$1,055.97
Multi-residential	\$2,460.56	\$2,534.38	\$73.82	\$12.30	\$422.40
Metered	\$6.955	\$7.164	\$0.209	N/A	N/A

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF):

The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) is an annual provincial funding source designed to support capital investments in core infrastructure, specifically roads, water, and wastewater systems. The reallocated proportional share of OCIF is based specifically on the replacement costs of its water and wastewater assets. OCIF funding for road infrastructure continues to be used for road improvements.

In line with funding needs, the reallocated OCIF funds have been applied directly to existing debentures (debt), allowing more resources to be directed toward reserves for future capital investments. This allocation has helped stabilize the increase in water and wastewater rates to 3% for 2025. The Township reviews water and wastewater rates on an annual basis.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please visit the township website at www.whitewaterregion.ca or contact the Municipal Office at 613-646-2282.