



Township of South Glengarry

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Dear Water/Waste Water User:

On June 4, 2018 Council approved rate increases for each of its water and waste water systems. The decision was not taken lightly and factored in the long term financial needs of your system. The rates create revenue stability, a more sustainable funding model, and align your system with Provincial legislative requirements of the Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002. At a local level, the rate increases will address unfinanced capital requirements, limited availability of reserves, managing broadening environmental standards, covering escalating operating costs, and assist to lessen future debentures (borrowing) requirements that would be paid back, plus interest, by system users.

The numbers derived from the Township's financial plan include an assumption of future government funding for larger capital works and was based on our success in obtaining grant funding for the Kennedy Redwood Plant Retrofit and the Glen Walter Environmental Assessment project.

Some funding limitations the municipal water systems face are a result of the fact that our systems have relatively small user bases: Glen Walter (358), Green Valley (162), Kennedy-Redwood (39), and Lancaster (474) and, therefore, they require a higher cost per user. Another issue is an absence of historical rate increases. The last significant discussion in 2010 resulted in a recommendation of some users having 90% increases and stalled, resulting in a period of no increases for 5 years. In 2016 the rates were increased 15%. (2.5% for 6 years). If not for these increases, the funding model would rely solely on debentures.

How the Numbers Affect You

Our current system consists of a two parts and while these changes will increase the overall water and waste water rates it will most affect the base amount paid by all users regardless of usage.

Glen Walter → Sewer and Water	Current	2018-19	2019-20	Annual Increase *		Monthly Increase *		Per Bill Increase *	
				18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20
Flat Rate	\$68.48	\$95.33	\$129.50						
Min. Consumption Fee	\$65.48	\$84.17	\$95.83	\$273	\$275	\$22.75	\$22.92	\$45.59	\$45.83
Rate for Sewer/Water	\$3.39	\$4.36	\$4.97						

Glen Walter → Water Only	Current	2018-19	2019-20	Annual Increase *		Monthly Increase *		Per Bill Increase *	
				18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20
Flat Rate	\$39.10	\$52.39	\$65.75						
Min. Consumption Fee	\$37.51	\$48.06	\$54.81	\$143	\$120	\$11.92	\$10.04	\$24.00	\$20.07
Rate for Water	\$1.94	\$2.49	\$2.84						

Lancaster → Sewer and Water	Current	2018-19	2019-20	Annual Increase *		Monthly Increase *		Per Bill Increase *	
				18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20
Flat Rate	\$68.48	\$100.00	\$115.00						
Min. Consumption Fee	\$65.43	\$84.17	\$95.83	\$301	\$160	\$25.08	\$13.33	\$50.26	\$26.66
Rate for Sewer/Water	\$3.39	\$4.36	\$4.97						

Assuming minimum billing, usage in Glen Walter and Lancaster over 19.3 m³ will be billed at:

- 2018-2019 - \$ 2.49 for water and \$ 1.87 for sewage for a combined \$ 4.36
- 2019-2020 - \$ 2.84 for water and \$ 2.13 for sewage for a combined \$ 4.97

Numbers in Summary – Bi-Monthly Minimum Billing

System	Current	Sep. 2018 to Aug. 2019	Sep. 2019 to Aug. 2020
Glen Walter	\$133.91	\$179.48	\$225.33
Glen Walter (water only)	\$76.61	\$100.45	\$120.56
Lancaster	\$133.91	\$184.17	\$210.83

For those on semi-annually billed systems your increase will be on your next bill starting in 2018:

Location	Current	2018-19	2019-20	Increase Per Year		Increase Per Month		Increase Per Bill	
				18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20
Kennedy Redwood (Vacant Lots)	\$358.45	\$379.97	\$402.78	\$21.52	\$22.81	\$1.79	\$1.90	\$10.76	\$11.40
Kennedy Redwood (Built Up Lots)	\$1,015.62	\$1,077	\$1,138	\$61.38	\$61.00	\$5.12	\$5.08	\$30.69	\$30.50
Green Valley (Sewer Only)	\$434.63	\$505	\$575	\$70.37	\$70.00	\$5.86	\$5.83	\$35.18	\$35.00

Should you have any need for further clarification and/or explanation on this matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

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