



**CITY OF WELLAND APPROVES 2017 WATER/WASTEWATER BUDGETS**

Welland City Council affirmed its commitment to delivering quality water to Welland residents by approving the 2017 Water/Wastewater Operating and Capital Budgets at their December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. City Council also agreed to increase capital funding for water and wastewater infrastructure by \$1 million. Council sets a yearly budget to provide revenue and spending estimates for the delivery of water and wastewater, and ensure residents and stakeholders continue to receive safe drinking water and effective wastewater collection, which are essential to a sustainable and healthy community.

The budget will ensure the City is able to provide sustainable water services, maintain current infrastructure, and save for future infrastructure needs. Budget Review Committee Chair, David McLeod says the Budget Review Committee delivered a water/ waste water budget that continues to address the City’s aging infrastructure challenges. “The challenge is now put to our capable infrastructure staff to maximize the water consumer’s return on investment by continuing to remove ground water infiltration. In my opinion, proven, measurable results will further assist the Budget Review Committee in its 2018 deliberations,” said McLeod. Included in the Budget is a rate increase for cost, consumption, service, and treatment of water.

	<b>2017</b>	<b>Increase per year</b>
Water Fixed Cost(YR)	\$130.59	\$2.12
Water Consumption rate(m <sup>3</sup> )	\$1.8427	.0672 per m <sup>3</sup>
Wastewater Service Charge(Yr)	\$185.34	\$4.19
Wastewater Treatment Rate(m <sup>3</sup> )	\$2.6345	.0752 per m <sup>3</sup>
Comm. Wastewater Treatment(m <sup>3</sup> )	\$2.6345	.0044 per m <sup>3</sup>

**The rate increase will allow the City to:**

- support public health by providing safe drinking water
- be environmentally responsible with effective wastewater collection
- construction of capital works for replacement and upgrading of watermains and wastewater sewers
- maintain, repair, and replacement of watermains, valves, meters, and hydrants
- the water and wastewater/storm-water rates also support operating and maintenance activities, including regulatory compliance and the purchase of water treatment services from Niagara Region.

<b>Customer type</b>	<b>Annual Consumption(m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Annual bill Increase</b>
Low Residential	75	\$17
Average Residential	180	\$32
Multi-Residential (2-6 units)	175	\$177

**QUICK FACTS**

- Water, wastewater, and storm-water are regulated services and must meet legislated requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Sustainable Water and Sewage Systems Act, and the Clean Water Act
- The City of Welland provides safe drinking water to more than 50,000 residents, as-well-as businesses and institutions
- The City takes approximately 1,500 water samples per year

**Contact:**

Steve Zorbas  
General Manager, Corporate Services/Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer  
Corporate Services  
60 East Main Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 3X4  
905 735-1700 Ext. 2171  
steve.zorbas@welland.ca