



# 2025 Water and Wastewater Rate Study

Town of Minto

---

November 24, 2025

Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.  
905-272-3600  
[info@watsonecon.ca](mailto:info@watsonecon.ca)

# Table of Contents

	Page
<b>Executive Summary .....</b>	<b>i</b>
<b>1. Introduction.....</b>	<b>1-1</b>
1.1 Background.....	1-1
1.2 Study Process.....	1-2
1.3 Legislative Context .....	1-3
1.3.1 Safe Drinking Water Act.....	1-4
1.3.2 Financial Plans Regulation.....	1-5
1.3.3 Water Opportunities Act, 2010 .....	1-7
1.3.4 Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015 .....	1-8
1.3.5 Water and Wastewater Rate Calculation Methodology .....	1-10
<b>2. Forecast Growth and Servicing Requirements .....</b>	<b>2-1</b>
<b>3. Capital Infrastructure Needs.....</b>	<b>3-1</b>
<b>4. Lifecycle Costing.....</b>	<b>4-1</b>
4.1 Overview of Lifecycle Costing.....	4-1
4.1.1 Definition.....	4-1
4.1.2 Financing Costs .....	4-1
4.1.3 Costing Methods .....	4-4
4.2 Impacts on Budgets .....	4-6
<b>5. Capital Cost Financing Options .....</b>	<b>5-1</b>
5.1 Summary of Capital Cost Financing Alternatives.....	5-1
5.2 Development Charges Act, 1997 .....	5-2
5.3 Municipal Act .....	5-2
5.4 Grant Funding Availability .....	5-4
5.5 Existing Reserves/Reserve Funds.....	5-5
5.6 Debenture Financing.....	5-6
5.6.1 Infrastructure Ontario .....	5-7
5.6.2 Ontario Investment Bank .....	5-7
5.7 Recommended Capital Financing Approach.....	5-8



# Table of Contents (Cont'd)

	Page
<b>6. Operating Expenditures and Revenues</b> .....	<b>6-1</b>
6.1 Operating Expenditures .....	6-1
6.2 Operating Revenues .....	6-2
<b>7. Pricing Structures</b> .....	<b>7-1</b>
7.1 Introduction .....	7-1
7.2 Alternative Pricing Structures.....	7-2
7.3 Assessment of Alternative Pricing Structures .....	7-4
7.4 Rate Structures in Ontario .....	7-9
7.5 Recommended Rate Structures.....	7-10
<b>8. Analysis of Water and Wastewater Rates and Policy Matters</b> .....	<b>8-1</b>
8.1 Introduction .....	8-1
8.2 Water and Wastewater Rate Forecasts .....	8-1
8.2.1 Scenario 1 – Maintain Existing Rate Structure.....	8-2
8.2.2 Scenario 2 – Uniform Volumetric Rate (Recommended) .....	8-2
8.2.3 Scenario 3 – Increasing Block Rate .....	8-4
8.3 Forecast Water and Wastewater Bill Impacts .....	8-6
<b>9. Recommendations</b> .....	<b>9-1</b>
<b>Appendix A Detailed Water Rate Calculations – Scenario 2</b> (Recommended) .....	<b>A-1</b>
<b>Appendix B Detailed Wastewater Rate Calculations – Scenario 2</b> (Recommended) .....	<b>B-1</b>



## List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym	Full Description of Acronym
A.M.P.	Asset Management Plan
A.R.L.	Annual Repayment Limit
C.C.B.F.	Canada Community-Building Fund
D.C.A.	<i>Development Charges Act, 1997</i>
D.C.	Development Charges
G.F.A.	Gross Floor Area
H.E.W.S.F.	Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund
I.J.P.A.	<i>Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015</i>
I.O.	Infrastructure Ontario
O.C.I.F.	Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund
OLT	Ontario Land Tribunal
O. Reg.	Ontario Regulation
O.S.I.F.A.	Ontario Strategic Infrastructure Financing Authority
P.S.A.B.	Public Sector Accounting Board
S.W.S.S.A.	<i>Sustainable Water and Sewage Systems Act, 2002</i>



# Executive Summary



# Executive Summary

The Town of Minto (Town) retained Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. (Watson) to undertake a water and wastewater rate study. This study provides an analysis of the Town's water and wastewater rates based on forecast demands and costs of the services. This includes an assessment of capital and operating expenditure forecasts, costing for lifecycle replacement requirements, current and projected water volumes, and customer demands. The results of this analysis provide updated water and wastewater rates for the Town, comprising base charges and volumetric rates for water consumption. The rate analysis contained herein continues to provide fiscally responsible practices that are in line with current provincial legislation.

The Town provides water services to 3,148 customers and wastewater services to 3,088 customers. The number of customers within the Town is expected to increase to 3,840 for water and 3,777 for wastewater by 2036.

The analysis presented herein provides the following:

- The capital spending programs were developed based on the Town's Draft 2026 Capital Budget and Forecast, Draft 2025 Development Charges (D.C.) Background Study, Water and Sanitary Systems Servicing Strategy, and discussions with Town staff and the Town's engineer, Triton Engineering.
- The 2026 to 2036 capital spending program for water totals approximately \$36.99 million (inflated\$). This includes capital expenditures for infrastructure replacement/lifecycle requirements, and future development within the Town.
- The 2026 to 2036 capital spending program for wastewater totals approximately \$72.72 million (inflated\$) and includes similar infrastructure needs as for Town water services.
- Grants, reserve/reserve fund balances, and debt financing have been identified to fund the capital program. Debt for growth-related projects will be funded through D.C.s while debt for non-growth-related projects will be funded through user rates.
- The net operating expenditure forecast for 2026 is based on the Town's Draft 2026 Operating Budget. The forecast for 2027 to 2036 was derived by applying the following inflationary adjustments:
  - 7.5% annually for chemicals and water sampling/testing;
  - 5% annually for utilities, insurance, and taxes; and



- All other expenditures are assumed to increase at a rate of 2.0% annually.
- Operating expenditures, excluding capital-related expenditures, based on the 2025 approved budget, are projected to increase from \$1.28 million in 2025 to \$1.78 million in 2036 for water services and \$1.46 million in 2025 to \$2.19 million in 2036 for wastewater services.
- Capital-related operating expenditures which consist of transfers to reserves/reserve funds and debt repayments are projected to increase from \$1.21 million in 2025 to \$3.19 million in 2036 for water services and from \$1.31 million in 2025 to \$2.91 million in 2036 for wastewater services.

The Town imposes fees to recover the costs of water and wastewater services. Metered customers pay a monthly base charge based on meter size, plus a volumetric charge for water and wastewater. Currently, the Town uses a declining block rate structure, where the volumetric per-unit cost decreases as volume usage increases within defined thresholds per bi-monthly billing cycle. Unmetered customers are billed a flat monthly rate. Properties with multiple units sharing a meter are subject to an additional per-unit charge. Billing occurs on a bi-monthly basis.

The analysis undertaken through this study indicates that the Town's water and wastewater systems will require increased investment over the forecast period to sustainably fund the services. To ensure adequate funding, it is recommended that the Town maintain a rate structure consisting of a base charge and a volumetric charge for all metered customers. Three rate structure options were developed for the Town's consideration:

- Scenario 1: Maintain the existing structure with declining block volumetric rates and graduated monthly base charges.
- Scenario 2: Retain graduated base charges and implement a uniform volumetric rate (Recommended option).
- Scenario 3: Retain graduated base charges and implement an increasing block volumetric rate.

It is recommended that the Town transition to a constant volumetric rate from the current declining block rate for the consumptive portion of the bill. This approach promotes water conservation, helping preserve system capacity which could potentially defer future expansion projects. Furthermore, the declining block rate structure provides



a partial subsidy to high volume users. Adopting a uniform/constant rate structure removes this subsidy and ensures that the customers pay the same rate regardless of consumption levels.

For multi-unit properties with a shared meter, it is recommended that the Town maintain its current practice of applying per-unit charges to ensure equitable cost recovery. Installing individual meters for each unit could be considered as an alternative, however, this option would require further study to assess feasibility and cost-effectiveness.

Tables ES-1 to ES-3 provide the 2026-2036 forecast water and wastewater rates based on analysis of service needs and full cost recovery. The rate increases for each scenario are summarized below and will allow the Town to reduce the amount of debt incurred to finance capital and transition to financing the required annual lifecycle contribution amount by the end of the forecast.

- Scenario 1 – Maintain Existing Rate Structure:
  - Water base charges would need to increase by 5% annually over the forecast period. In addition, the water volumetric rates would need to increase by 4% annually for 2026-2030, 3% annually 2031-2033, and 2% annually for the remainder of the forecast period.
  - Wastewater base charges would need to increase by 3% annually over the forecast period with no changes to the volumetric rates.
  - The bulk water rate would continue to be set at twice the Block 1 rate, consistent with Town's current practice.
  - For unmetered customers, the flat water rate would need to increase by 4% annually from 2026 to 2033, and by 3% annually for the remainder of the forecast period. For wastewater services, the flat rate would increase by 5% in 2026 and by 1% annually thereafter.
- Scenario 2 – Uniform/Constant Volumetric Rate (Recommended):
  - Water base charges would need to increase by 4% annually over the forecast period. In addition, the water volumetric rate would set equal to the 2025 Block 1 rate for 2026, then increased by 3% annually for 2027-2036.
  - Wastewater base charges would need to increase by 2% annually over the forecast period. Similarly, the constant volumetric rate would be set equal to the 2025 Block 1 rate for 2026 with no increases projected over the forecast period.





- The bulk water rate would continue to be set at twice the volumetric rate, consistent with Town's current practice.
- For unmetered water customers, the flat rate would need to increase by between 3% and 4% annually over the forecast period. For wastewater services, the flat rate would increase by 1% annually over the forecast period.
- Scenario 3 – Increasing Block Rate Structure:
  - Water base charges would need to increase by 5% annually over the forecast period. The water volumetric rate would initially decrease during the transition to a different rate structure, after which the rates for all blocks would need to increase by 3% annually for 2027-2036.
  - Wastewater base charges would need to increase by 3% annually over the forecast period. No changes to the volumetric rates would be needed over the forecast period once the rate structure is implemented.
  - The bulk water rate would continue to be set at twice the Block 1 rate, consistent with Town's current practice.
  - The flat rate for unmetered water customers, would initially decrease with the transition from one rate structure to another. Following the transition, the flat rate for water would need to increase by 4% annually over the forecast period. For wastewater services, the flat rate would increase by 1% annually over the forecast period.



Table ES-1  
Town of Minto  
Scenario 1 - Water and Wastewater Rate Forecast (Existing Rate Structure)

**Water**

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Base Charges (per month) by Meter Size</b>												
¾" meter size	\$26.62	\$27.95	\$29.35	\$30.82	\$32.36	\$33.97	\$35.67	\$37.46	\$39.33	\$41.30	\$43.36	\$45.53
1" meter size	\$37.27	\$39.13	\$41.09	\$43.14	\$45.30	\$47.57	\$49.95	\$52.44	\$55.06	\$57.82	\$60.71	\$63.74
1 ½" meter size	\$47.92	\$50.32	\$52.83	\$55.47	\$58.25	\$61.16	\$64.22	\$67.43	\$70.80	\$74.34	\$78.06	\$81.96
2" meter size	\$77.20	\$81.06	\$85.11	\$89.37	\$93.84	\$98.53	\$103.46	\$108.63	\$114.06	\$119.76	\$125.75	\$132.04
3" meter size	\$292.84	\$307.48	\$322.86	\$339.00	\$355.95	\$373.75	\$392.43	\$412.06	\$432.66	\$454.29	\$477.01	\$500.86
4"+ meter size	\$372.71	\$391.35	\$410.91	\$431.46	\$453.03	\$475.68	\$499.47	\$524.44	\$550.66	\$578.20	\$607.11	\$637.46
Per Unit Charge	\$9.08	\$9.53	\$10.01	\$10.51	\$11.04	\$11.59	\$12.17	\$12.78	\$13.42	\$14.09	\$14.79	\$15.53
Annual Percentage Change		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
<b>Volume Charge - Declining Block Rate (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m3)	\$2.53	\$2.63	\$2.74	\$2.85	\$2.96	\$3.08	\$3.17	\$3.27	\$3.36	\$3.43	\$3.50	\$3.57
Block 2 (251 - 500 m3)	\$1.82	\$1.89	\$1.97	\$2.05	\$2.13	\$2.21	\$2.28	\$2.35	\$2.42	\$2.47	\$2.52	\$2.57
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m3)	\$1.55	\$1.61	\$1.68	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.89	\$1.94	\$2.00	\$2.06	\$2.10	\$2.14	\$2.19
Block 4 (3,001+ m3)	\$1.55	\$1.61	\$1.68	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.89	\$1.94	\$2.00	\$2.06	\$2.10	\$2.14	\$2.19
Annual Percentage Change		4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%
<b>Bulk Water Rate (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>												
	\$5.06	\$5.26	\$5.47	\$5.69	\$5.92	\$6.16	\$6.34	\$6.53	\$6.73	\$6.86	\$7.00	\$7.14
Annual Percentage Change		4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%
<b>Unmetered/Flat Rate (per month)</b>												
	\$65.87	\$68.77	\$71.80	\$74.97	\$78.27	\$81.73	\$84.86	\$88.12	\$91.51	\$94.52	\$97.65	\$100.90
Annual Percentage Change		4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%

**Wastewater**

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Base Charges (per month) by Meter Size</b>												
¾" meter size	\$32.49	\$33.46	\$34.47	\$35.50	\$36.57	\$37.66	\$38.79	\$39.96	\$41.16	\$42.39	\$43.66	\$44.97
1" meter size	\$45.48	\$46.84	\$48.25	\$49.70	\$51.19	\$52.72	\$54.31	\$55.93	\$57.61	\$59.34	\$61.12	\$62.95
1 ½" meter size	\$58.48	\$60.23	\$62.04	\$63.90	\$65.82	\$67.79	\$69.83	\$71.92	\$74.08	\$76.30	\$78.59	\$80.95
2" meter size	\$94.21	\$97.04	\$99.95	\$102.95	\$106.03	\$109.22	\$112.49	\$115.87	\$119.34	\$122.92	\$126.61	\$130.41
3" meter size	\$357.35	\$368.07	\$379.11	\$390.49	\$402.20	\$414.27	\$426.69	\$439.50	\$452.68	\$466.26	\$480.25	\$494.66
4"+ meter size	\$454.81	\$468.45	\$482.51	\$496.98	\$511.89	\$527.25	\$543.07	\$559.36	\$576.14	\$593.42	\$611.23	\$629.56
Per Unit Charge	\$11.08	\$11.41	\$11.75	\$12.11	\$12.47	\$12.84	\$13.23	\$13.63	\$14.04	\$14.46	\$14.89	\$15.34
Annual Percentage Change		3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Volume Charge - Declining Block Rate (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m3)	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19
Block 2 (251 - 500 m3)	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m3)	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97
Block 4 (3,001+ m3)	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97
Annual Percentage Change		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Unmetered/Flat Rate (per month)</b>												
	\$79.06	\$82.95	\$83.96	\$84.99	\$86.06	\$87.15	\$88.28	\$89.45	\$90.65	\$91.88	\$93.15	\$94.46
Annual Percentage Change		5%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%



**Table ES-2**  
**Town of Minto**  
**Scenario 2 - Water and Wastewater Rate Forecast (Uniform Rate - Recommended)**

**Water**

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Base Charges (per month) by Meter Size</b>												
½" meter size	\$26.62	\$27.68	\$28.79	\$29.94	\$31.14	\$32.39	\$33.68	\$35.03	\$36.43	\$37.89	\$39.40	\$40.98
1" meter size	\$37.27	\$38.76	\$40.31	\$41.92	\$43.60	\$45.34	\$47.16	\$49.04	\$51.01	\$53.05	\$55.17	\$57.38
1 ½" meter size	\$47.92	\$49.84	\$51.83	\$53.90	\$56.06	\$58.30	\$60.63	\$63.06	\$65.58	\$68.21	\$70.93	\$73.77
2" meter size	\$77.20	\$80.29	\$83.50	\$86.84	\$90.31	\$93.93	\$97.68	\$101.59	\$105.65	\$109.88	\$114.27	\$118.85
3" meter size	\$292.84	\$304.55	\$316.74	\$329.41	\$342.58	\$356.28	\$370.54	\$385.36	\$400.77	\$416.80	\$433.47	\$450.81
4" + meter size	\$372.71	\$387.62	\$403.12	\$419.25	\$436.02	\$453.46	\$471.60	\$490.46	\$510.08	\$530.48	\$551.70	\$573.77
Per Unit Charge	\$9.08	\$9.44	\$9.82	\$10.21	\$10.62	\$11.05	\$11.49	\$11.95	\$12.43	\$12.92	\$13.44	\$13.98
<b>Increase to Block Rate (%)</b>		4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
<b>Charge - Constant Rate (\$/m³)</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m3)	\$2.53	\$2.53	\$2.61	\$2.69	\$2.78	\$2.87	\$2.96	\$3.05	\$3.15	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.46
Block 2 (251 - 500 m3)	\$1.82	\$2.53	\$2.61	\$2.69	\$2.78	\$2.87	\$2.96	\$3.05	\$3.15	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.46
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m3)	\$1.55	\$2.53	\$2.61	\$2.69	\$2.78	\$2.87	\$2.96	\$3.05	\$3.15	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.46
Block 4 (3,001+ m3)	\$1.55	\$2.53	\$2.61	\$2.69	\$2.78	\$2.87	\$2.96	\$3.05	\$3.15	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.46
<b>Increase to Volumetric Rate (%)</b>		n/a	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Bulk Water Rate (\$/m3)</b>	\$5.06	\$5.06	\$5.22	\$5.38	\$5.56	\$5.74	\$5.92	\$6.10	\$6.30	\$6.50	\$6.70	\$6.92
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		0%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Unmetered/Flat Rate (per month)</b>	\$65.87	\$66.93	\$69.28	\$71.68	\$74.27	\$76.91	\$79.60	\$82.35	\$85.30	\$88.31	\$91.38	\$94.66
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%

**Wastewater**

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Base Charges (per month) by Meter Size</b>												
½" meter size	\$32.49	\$33.14	\$33.80	\$34.48	\$35.17	\$35.87	\$36.59	\$37.32	\$38.07	\$38.83	\$39.61	\$40.40
1" meter size	\$45.48	\$46.39	\$47.32	\$48.26	\$49.23	\$50.21	\$51.22	\$52.24	\$53.29	\$54.35	\$55.44	\$56.55
1 ½" meter size	\$58.48	\$59.65	\$60.84	\$62.06	\$63.30	\$64.57	\$65.86	\$67.18	\$68.52	\$69.89	\$71.29	\$72.71
2" meter size	\$94.21	\$96.09	\$98.02	\$99.98	\$101.98	\$104.02	\$106.10	\$108.22	\$110.38	\$112.59	\$114.84	\$117.14
3" meter size	\$357.35	\$364.50	\$371.79	\$379.22	\$386.81	\$394.54	\$402.43	\$410.48	\$418.69	\$427.07	\$435.61	\$444.32
4" + meter size	\$454.81	\$463.91	\$473.18	\$482.65	\$492.30	\$502.15	\$512.19	\$522.43	\$532.88	\$543.54	\$554.41	\$565.50
Per Unit Charge	\$11.08	\$11.30	\$11.53	\$11.76	\$11.99	\$12.23	\$12.48	\$12.73	\$12.98	\$13.24	\$13.51	\$13.78
<b>Increase to Block Rate (%)</b>		2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
<b>Volume Charge - Constant Rate (\$/m3)</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m3)	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19
Block 2 (251 - 500 m3)	\$2.33	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m3)	\$1.97	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19
Block 4 (3,001+ m3)	\$1.97	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19
<b>Increase to Volumetric Rate (%)</b>		n/a	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Unmetered/Flat Rate (per month)</b>	\$79.06	\$82.63	\$83.29	\$83.97	\$84.66	\$85.36	\$86.08	\$86.81	\$87.56	\$88.32	\$89.09	\$89.89
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%



**Table ES-3**  
**Town of Minto**  
**Scenario 3 - Water and Wastewater Rate Forecast (Increasing Block Rate)**

**Water**

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Base Charges (per month) by Meter Size</b>												
¾" meter size	\$26.62	\$27.95	\$29.35	\$30.82	\$32.36	\$33.97	\$35.67	\$37.46	\$39.33	\$41.30	\$43.36	\$45.53
1" meter size	\$37.27	\$39.13	\$41.09	\$43.14	\$45.30	\$47.57	\$49.95	\$52.44	\$55.06	\$57.82	\$60.71	\$63.74
1 ½" meter size	\$47.92	\$50.32	\$52.83	\$55.47	\$58.25	\$61.16	\$64.22	\$67.43	\$70.80	\$74.34	\$78.06	\$81.96
2" meter size	\$77.20	\$81.06	\$85.11	\$89.37	\$93.84	\$98.53	\$103.46	\$108.63	\$114.06	\$119.76	\$125.75	\$132.04
3" meter size	\$292.84	\$307.48	\$322.86	\$339.00	\$355.95	\$373.75	\$392.43	\$412.06	\$432.66	\$454.29	\$477.01	\$500.86
4"+ meter size	\$372.71	\$391.35	\$410.91	\$431.46	\$453.03	\$475.68	\$499.47	\$524.44	\$550.66	\$578.20	\$607.11	\$637.46
Per Unit Charge	\$9.08	\$9.53	\$10.01	\$10.51	\$11.04	\$11.59	\$12.17	\$12.78	\$13.42	\$14.09	\$14.79	\$15.53
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
<b>Volume Charge - Increasing Block Rate (\$/m3)</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m3)	\$2.53	\$2.20	\$2.27	\$2.34	\$2.41	\$2.48	\$2.56	\$2.63	\$2.71	\$2.79	\$2.88	\$2.96
Block 2 (251 - 500 m3)	\$1.82	\$2.64	\$2.72	\$2.81	\$2.89	\$2.98	\$3.07	\$3.16	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.45	\$3.55
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m3)	\$1.55	\$3.09	\$3.18	\$3.27	\$3.37	\$3.47	\$3.58	\$3.68	\$3.79	\$3.91	\$4.03	\$4.15
Block 4 (3,001+ m3)	\$1.55	\$3.09	\$3.18	\$3.27	\$3.37	\$3.47	\$3.58	\$3.68	\$3.79	\$3.91	\$4.03	\$4.15
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Bulk Water Rate (\$/m3)</b>	\$5.06	\$4.41	\$4.54	\$4.68	\$4.82	\$4.96	\$5.11	\$5.26	\$5.42	\$5.58	\$5.75	\$5.92
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Unmetered/Flat Rate (per month)</b>	\$65.87	\$62.14	\$64.57	\$67.09	\$69.72	\$72.46	\$75.31	\$78.28	\$81.38	\$84.61	\$87.97	\$91.48
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%

**Wastewater**

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Base Charges (per month) by Meter Size</b>												
¾" meter size	\$32.49	\$33.46	\$34.47	\$35.50	\$36.57	\$37.66	\$38.79	\$39.96	\$41.16	\$42.39	\$43.66	\$44.97
1" meter size	\$45.48	\$46.84	\$48.25	\$49.70	\$51.19	\$52.72	\$54.31	\$55.93	\$57.61	\$59.34	\$61.12	\$62.95
1 ½" meter size	\$58.48	\$60.23	\$62.04	\$63.90	\$65.82	\$67.79	\$69.83	\$71.92	\$74.08	\$76.30	\$78.59	\$80.95
2" meter size	\$94.21	\$97.04	\$99.95	\$102.95	\$106.03	\$109.22	\$112.49	\$115.87	\$119.34	\$122.92	\$126.61	\$130.41
3" meter size	\$357.35	\$368.07	\$379.11	\$390.49	\$402.20	\$414.27	\$426.69	\$439.50	\$452.68	\$466.26	\$480.25	\$494.66
4"+ meter size	\$454.81	\$468.45	\$482.51	\$496.98	\$511.89	\$527.25	\$543.07	\$559.36	\$576.14	\$593.42	\$611.23	\$629.56
Per Unit Charge	\$11.08	\$11.41	\$11.75	\$12.11	\$12.47	\$12.84	\$13.23	\$13.63	\$14.04	\$14.46	\$14.89	\$15.34
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Volume Charge - Increasing Block Rate (\$/m3)</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m3)	\$3.19	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65
Block 2 (251 - 500 m3)	\$2.33	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m3)	\$1.97	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70
Block 4 (3,001+ m3)	\$1.97	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Unmetered/Flat Rate (per month)</b>	\$79.06	\$74.51	\$75.52	\$76.55	\$77.62	\$78.71	\$79.84	\$81.01	\$82.20	\$83.44	\$84.71	\$86.02
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%

Tables ES-4 and ES-5 summarize the annual billing impacts for representative customers. These tables are intended to provide context for the potential increases only. Actual billing impacts will vary by customer based on actual water consumption.

Table ES-4 shows annual bill impacts for a typical residential customer with a ¾ or 5/8 inch water meter and using 140 m³ per year. Based on 2025 rates, the annual bill is approximately \$1,510 (\$674 water, \$836 wastewater), or about \$4.24/day. Projected 2026 changes under the three scenarios are:

- Scenario 1: an increase of \$3.49/month (\$42/year)



- Scenario 2: an increase of \$2.04/month (\$24/year)
- Scenario 3: a decrease of \$7.85/month (\$94/year)

Over the remainder of the forecast period, average annual increases are projected to range from \$3.24/month (\$38.90/year) under Scenario 2 to \$3.64/month (\$43.67/year) under Scenario 1.

Table ES-5 shows similar analysis for a high-volume user (3-inch meter, 5,340 m<sup>3</sup>/year). Based on 2025 rates, the annual bill is approximately \$30,844 (\$13,666 water, \$17,178 wastewater), or approximately \$2,570/month. Projected 2026 increases under the three scenarios are as follows:

- Scenario 1: increase by \$59.20/month (\$710/year)
- Scenario 2: increase by \$644.11/month (\$7,729/year)
- Scenario 3: increase by \$762.94/month (\$9,155/year)

Average annual increases range from \$57.61/month (\$691/year) under Scenario 1 to \$66.85/month (\$802/year) under Scenario 3 for the remainder forecast period.



Table ES-4  
Town of Minto  
Annual Residential Customer Water and Wastewater Bill – Based on  $\frac{5}{8}$ " or  $\frac{3}{4}$ " water meter and 140 m<sup>3</sup> of Volume

Description	Current Rates	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Scenario 1 - Existing Rate Structure	\$1,510	\$1,552	\$1,596	\$1,641	\$1,688	\$1,737	\$1,784	\$1,833	\$1,883	\$1,931	\$1,981	\$2,032
Scenario 2 - Constant/Uniform Rate (Recommended)	\$1,510	\$1,535	\$1,571	\$1,609	\$1,648	\$1,689	\$1,731	\$1,773	\$1,819	\$1,865	\$1,912	\$1,962
Scenario 3 - Increasing Block Rate	\$1,510	\$1,416	\$1,454	\$1,494	\$1,535	\$1,577	\$1,622	\$1,668	\$1,716	\$1,766	\$1,817	\$1,871
<b>Average Increase (\$)/year</b>												
Scenario 1		\$42	\$44	\$45	\$47	\$49	\$47	\$49	\$51	\$48	\$50	\$52
Scenario 2 (Recommended)		\$24	\$37	\$37	\$40	\$41	\$42	\$43	\$45	\$46	\$47	\$50
Scenario 3		(\$94)	\$38	\$40	\$41	\$43	\$44	\$46	\$48	\$50	\$52	\$54
<b>Average Increase (\$)/month</b>												
Scenario 1		\$3.49	\$3.63	\$3.78	\$3.93	\$4.10	\$3.91	\$4.06	\$4.21	\$3.99	\$4.14	\$4.29
Scenario 2 (Recommended)		\$2.04	\$3.04	\$3.12	\$3.31	\$3.39	\$3.48	\$3.56	\$3.77	\$3.86	\$3.95	\$4.17
Scenario 3		(\$7.85)	\$3.17	\$3.30	\$3.42	\$3.56	\$3.70	\$3.84	\$3.99	\$4.15	\$4.31	\$4.48

Table ES-5  
Town of Minto  
Annual Residential Customer Water and Wastewater Bill – Based on 3" water meter and 5,340 m<sup>3</sup> of Volume

Description	Current Rates	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Scenario 1 - Existing Rate Structure	\$30,844	\$31,555	\$32,294	\$33,063	\$33,864	\$34,697	\$35,441	\$36,212	\$37,011	\$37,703	\$38,419	\$39,159
Scenario 2 - Constant/Uniform Rate (Recommended)	\$30,844	\$38,573	\$39,234	\$39,903	\$40,632	\$41,370	\$42,117	\$42,872	\$43,689	\$44,516	\$45,353	\$46,253
Scenario 3 - Increasing Block Rate	\$30,844	\$39,999	\$40,751	\$41,529	\$42,334	\$43,168	\$44,031	\$44,924	\$45,848	\$46,806	\$47,797	\$48,823
<b>Average Increase (\$)/year</b>												
Scenario 1		\$710	\$739	\$769	\$801	\$833	\$744	\$771	\$799	\$692	\$716	\$740
Scenario 2 (Recommended)		\$7,729	\$661	\$668	\$730	\$738	\$746	\$755	\$817	\$827	\$837	\$900
Scenario 3		\$9,155	\$752	\$778	\$805	\$833	\$863	\$893	\$925	\$957	\$991	\$1,026
<b>Average Increase (\$)/month</b>												
Scenario 1		\$59.20	\$61.61	\$64.12	\$66.73	\$69.45	\$61.99	\$64.23	\$66.55	\$57.71	\$59.65	\$61.66
Scenario 2 (Recommended)		\$644.11	\$55.07	\$55.71	\$60.81	\$61.49	\$62.19	\$62.92	\$68.12	\$68.90	\$69.71	\$75.00
Scenario 3		\$762.94	\$62.65	\$64.84	\$67.10	\$69.46	\$71.90	\$74.43	\$77.05	\$79.78	\$82.60	\$85.53



# Report



# Chapter 1

## Introduction





# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Background

---

The Town of Minto (Town) has a current population of approximately 9,950 people and approximately 3,540 jobs. There are approximately 3,150 water customers and 3,090 wastewater customers<sup>1</sup> using the Town's municipal systems.

Metered customers are charged a monthly base charge that varies based on the meter size, as well as a consumptive rate for both water and wastewater. The Town imposes a decreasing block rate structure (i.e. a volumetric rate that decreases with consumption within defined thresholds per bi-monthly billing cycle) for volumes utilized. For unmetered customers, the Town imposes a flat rate monthly. Furthermore, an additional charge is imposed on a per-unit basis for properties with multiple units that share a meter. Billing is on a bi-monthly basis. The water and wastewater rates currently imposed are summarized below in Table 1-1.

---

<sup>1</sup> Reflects the number of customers who pay a monthly base charge i.e. metered, unmetered (flat rate), and multiple unit properties.

---



Table 1-1  
Town of Minto  
2025 Water and Wastewater Rates

2025 - Water Billing Rates		2025 - Wastewater Billing Rates	
Base Charge (per month)		Base Charge (per month)	
¾"	\$26.62	¾"	\$32.49
1"	\$37.27	1"	\$45.48
1 ½"	\$47.92	1 ½"	\$58.48
2"	\$77.20	2"	\$94.21
3"	\$292.84	3"	\$357.35
4"+	\$372.71	4"+	\$454.81
Volume Charge (per m <sup>3</sup> ) Blocks (per billing cycle)		Volume Charge (per m <sup>3</sup> ) Blocks (per billing cycle)	
0 - 250 m <sup>3</sup>	\$2.53	0 - 250 m <sup>3</sup>	\$3.19
251 - 500 m <sup>3</sup>	\$1.82	251 - 500 m <sup>3</sup>	\$2.33
501 - 3,000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$1.55	501 - 3,000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$1.97
3,001+ m <sup>3</sup>	\$1.55	3,001+ m <sup>3</sup>	\$1.97
Unmetered Customers (per month)		Unmetered Customers (per month)	
Unmetered/Flat Rate	\$65.87	Unmetered/Flat Rate	\$79.06
Multiple Units (per unit, per month)		Multiple Units (per unit, per month)	
Multiple Units	\$9.08	Multiple Units	\$11.08
Bulk Water Purchases (per m <sup>3</sup> )			
Multiple Units	\$5.06		

## 1.2 Study Process

The Town retained Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. (Watson) to undertake a water and wastewater rate study and prepare a Water Financial Plan in accordance with Ontario Regulation (O.Reg.) 453/07. This current study is an update to the Town's 2021 Water and Wastewater Rate Study, dated March 12, 2021 (2021 Rate Study). Municipalities periodically undertake water and wastewater studies to ensure rates are reflective of the costs being incurred.

The objectives of the study and the steps involved in carrying out the assignment are summarized below:

- Update water and wastewater service demand assumptions based on analysis of historical consumption and recent trends;



- Estimate future consumption levels by applying demand assumptions to forecast growth identified in the Town's draft 2025 Development Charges (D.C.) Background Study report and adjusted to reflect the actual historical growth experienced in recent years;
- Identify all current and future water and wastewater system capital needs to assess the immediate and longer-term implications;
- Build a capital program that blends lifecycle needs and specific needs identified by staff;
- Identify potential methods of cost recovery for the capital needs listing. These recovery methods may include other statutory authorities (e.g., *Development Charges Act, 1997* (D.C.A.), *Municipal Act*, etc.) as an offset to recovery through the water and wastewater rates;
- Forecast annual operating costs and rate-based funding requirements;
- Develop a long-term water and wastewater rate forecast;
- Provide an impact assessment on rate payers; and
- Present findings to staff and Council for their consideration.

The following analysis is provided in this report:

- Chapter 2 – Forecast Growth and Service Demands
- Chapter 3 – Capital Infrastructure Needs
- Chapter 4 – Lifecycle Costing
- Chapter 5 – Capital Cost Financing Options
- Chapter 6 – Operating Expenditure and Revenue Forecast
- Chapter 7 – Forecast Water and Wastewater Rates
- Chapter 8 – Pricing Structures
- Chapter 9 – Recommendations

## 1.3 Legislative Context

---

Significant regulatory changes have been enacted in Ontario since the water crisis in Walkerton. These changes result from the Walkerton Commission and the 93 recommendations made in the Walkerton Inquiry Part II report. Areas of recommendation include:

- watershed management and source protection;



- quality management;
- preventative maintenance;
- research and development;
- new performance standards;
- sustainable asset management; and
- lifecycle costing.

The legislation which would have most impacted municipal water and wastewater rates was the *Sustainable Water and Sewage Systems Act, 2002* (S.W.S.S.A.), as it required municipalities to implement full-cost pricing. The legislation was enacted in 2002 and repealed as of January 1, 2013; however, it had not been implemented pending the approval of its regulations. It is expected that the provisions of the *Water Opportunities Act* will implement the requirements of S.W.S.S.A. Furthermore, on December 27, 2017, O. Reg. 588/17 was released under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015* (I.J.P.A.), which outlines the requirements for asset management for municipalities. The results of the asset management review under this Act will need to be considered in light of the recent investments undertaken by the Town and the capital spending plan provided herein.

The following sections describe these various resulting changes.

### **1.3.1 Safe Drinking Water Act**

The *Safe Drinking Water Act* was passed in December 2002. The *Safe Drinking Water Act* provides for 50 of the 93 Walkerton Part II recommendations. It focuses on the administrative and operational aspects of the provision of water.

The purposes of the *Safe Drinking Water Act* are to “recognize that the people of Ontario are entitled to expect their drinking water to be safe and to provide for the protection of human health and the prevention of drinking water health hazards through the control and regulation of drinking water systems and drinking water testing. 2002, c. 32, s. 1.”

The following is a brief summary of the key elements included in the *Safe Drinking Water Act*:

- Mandatory licensing and accreditation of testing laboratories;
- New standards for treatment, distribution quality, and testing;



- Mandatory operator training and certification;
- Mandatory licensing of municipal water providers;
- Stronger enforcement and compliance provisions; and
- “Standard of care” requirements for municipalities.

This legislation impacts the costs of operating a water system with the need for higher skilled operators including increased training costs, increased reporting protocols, and requirements, continuing enhancements to quality standards, and the costs to license each water system.

### **1.3.2 Financial Plans Regulation**

On August 16, 2007, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (M.O.E.C.P.) issued O. Reg 453/07, under the *Safe Drinking Water Act*, which requires the preparation of financial plans for water (and wastewater) systems. The M.O.E.C.P. has also provided a Financial Plan Guidance Document to assist in preparing the plans. A summary of the key elements of the regulation is provided below:

- The financial plan will represent one of the key elements for the municipality to obtain its Drinking Water Licence;
- The financial plans shall be for a period of at least six years, but longer planning horizons are encouraged;
- As the regulation is under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*, the preparation of the plan is mandatory for water and encouraged for wastewater;
- The plan is considered a living document (i.e., will be updated as annual budgets are prepared) but will need to be undertaken, at a minimum, every five years;
- The plans generally require the forecasting of capital, operating and reserve fund positions, providing detailed inventories, forecasting future users and volume usage, and corresponding calculation of rates. In addition, Public Sector Accounting Board (P.S.A.B.) information on the system must be provided for each year of the forecast (i.e., total non-financial assets, tangible capital asset acquisitions, tangible capital asset construction, betterments, write-downs, disposals, total liabilities, and net debt);
- The financial plans must be made available to the public (at no charge) upon request and be available on the municipality's website. The availability of this information must also be advertised; and



- The financial plans are to be approved by Resolution of the Council or governing body indicating that the drinking water system is financially viable.

In general, the financial principles of the draft regulations follow the intent of S.W.S.S.A. to move municipalities towards financial sustainability. Many of the prescriptive requirements, however, have been removed (e.g., preparation of two separate documents for provincial approval, auditor opinions, engineer certifications, etc.).

A Guideline (“Towards Financially Sustainable Drinking Shores – Water and Wastewater Systems”) had been developed to assist municipalities in understanding the Province’s direction and provided a detailed discussion on possible approaches to sustainability. The Province’s Principles of Financially Sustainable Water and Wastewater Services are provided below:

- Principle #1: Ongoing public engagement and transparency can build support for, and confidence in, financial plans, and the system(s) to which they relate.
- Principle #2: An integrated approach to planning for water, wastewater, and stormwater systems is desirable given the inherent relationship of these services.
- Principle #3: Revenues collected for the provision of water and wastewater services should ultimately be used to meet the needs of those services.
- Principle #4: Lifecycle planning with mid-course corrections is preferable to planning over the short term or not planning at all.
- Principle #5: An asset management plan is a key input to the development of a financial plan.
- Principle #6: A sustainable level of revenue allows for reliable service that meets or exceeds environmental protection standards, while providing sufficient resources for future rehabilitation and replacement needs.
- Principle #7: Ensuring users pay for the services they are provided leads to equitable outcomes and can improve conservation. In general, metering and the use of rates can help ensure users pay for services received.



Principle #8: Financial plans are “living” documents that require continuous improvement. Comparing the accuracy of financial projections with actual results can lead to improved planning in the future.

Principle #9: Financial plans benefit from the close collaboration of various groups, including engineers, accountants, auditors, utility staff, and municipal Council.

It is noted that this rate study does not include a water or wastewater financial plan, however, it has provided the basis to undertake the required water financial plan (under separate cover).

### **1.3.3 Water Opportunities Act, 2010**

Since the passage of the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*, further changes and refinements to the legislation have been introduced. Some of these Bills have found their way into law, while others have not been approved. Bill 72, the *Water Opportunities Act, 2010*, was introduced into legislation on May 18, 2010, and received Royal Assent on November 29, 2010.

The Act provides for the following elements:

- The fostering of innovative water, wastewater and stormwater technologies, services, and practices in the private and public sectors;
- Preparation of water conservation plans to achieve water conservation targets established by the regulations; and
- Preparation of sustainability plans for municipal water services, municipal wastewater services, and municipal stormwater services.

Regarding the sustainability plans:

- The Act extends from the water financial plans and requires a more detailed review of the water financial plan and requires a full plan for wastewater and stormwater services; and
- Regulations will provide performance targets for each service – these targets may vary based on the jurisdiction of the regulated entity or the class of entity.



The financial plan shall include:

- An asset management plan for the physical infrastructure;
- A financial plan;
- For water, a water conservation plan;
- An assessment of risks that may interfere with the future delivery of the municipal service, including, if required by the regulations, the risks posed by climate change and a plan to deal with those risks; and
- Strategies for maintaining and improving the municipal service, including strategies to ensure the municipal service can satisfy future demand, consider technologies, services and practices that promote the efficient use of water and reduce negative impacts on Ontario's water resources, and increase co-operation with other municipal service providers.

Performance indicators will be established by service, with the following considerations:

- Financing, operation, or maintenance of a municipal service, or to any other matter in respect of what information may be required to be included in a plan;
- Different municipal service providers or for municipal services in different areas of the Province.

Regulations will prescribe:

- Timing;
- Contents of the plans;
- Which identified portions of the plan will require certification;
- Public consultation process; and
- Limitations, updates, refinements, etc.

As noted earlier, it is expected that this Act will implement the principles of the S.W.S.S.A. once all regulations are put in place.

### **1.3.4 *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015***

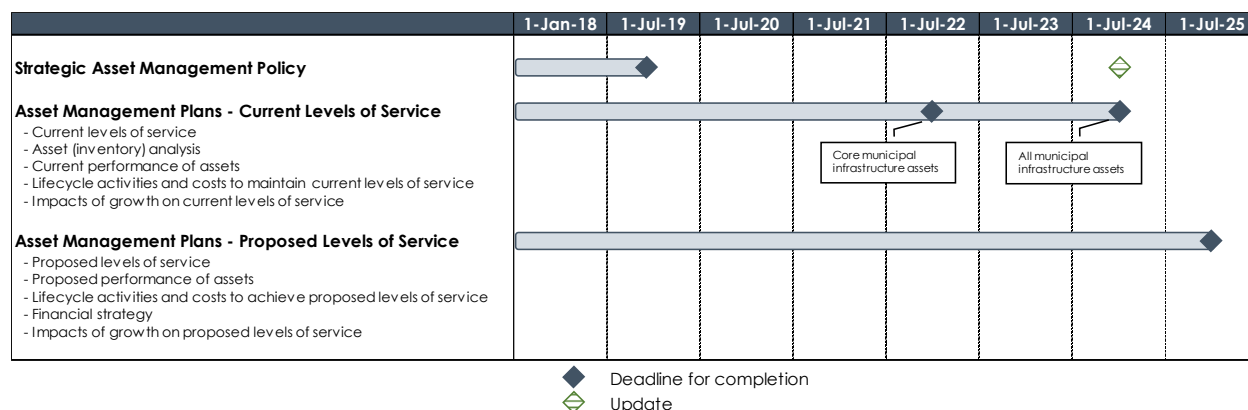
On June 4, 2015, the Province passed the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015* (I.J.P.A.) which, over time, will require municipalities to undertake and implement asset management plans for all infrastructure they own. On December 27, 2017, the Province of Ontario released Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 588/17 under I.J.P.A. which





has three phases that municipalities must meet. The timelines associated with the three phases were later extended by O. Reg. 193/21 which was filed on March 15, 2021. The timelines are presented in Figure 1-1 below.

**Figure 1-1**  
**Legislative Timelines set out by the Jobs and Prosperity Act**  
**Legislation related to Asset Management Plans**



Every municipality in Ontario will have to prepare a strategic asset management policy by July 1, 2019. Municipalities will be required to review their strategic asset management policies at least every five years and make updates, as necessary. The subsequent phases are as follows:

- Phase 1 – Asset Management Plan (by July 1, 2022) for core assets, municipalities must have the following:
  - Inventory of assets;
  - Current levels of service, including some prescribed measures; and
  - Lifecycle management strategies and associated costs to maintain current levels of service.
- Phase 2 – Asset Management Plan (by July 1, 2024):
  - Same steps as Phase 1, but for all assets.
- Phase 3 – Asset Management Plan (by July 1, 2025) builds on Phases 1 and 2, adding:
  - Proposed levels of service; and
  - Financial strategy that supports achieving proposed levels of service.

In relation to water and wastewater services (which are considered core assets), municipalities were required to have an asset management plan that addressed the



related infrastructure by July 1, 2022 (Phase 1). O. Reg. 588/17 specifies that the Town's asset management plan must include the following for each asset category:

- The current levels of service being provided, determined in accordance with the following qualitative descriptions and technical metrics and based on data from at most the two calendar years prior to the year in which all information required under this section is included in the asset management plan;
- The current performance of each asset category, including:
  - a summary of the assets in the category;
  - the replacement cost of the assets in the category;
  - the average age of the assets in the category, determined by assessing the average age of the components of the assets;
  - the information available on the condition of the assets in the category;
  - a description of the municipality's approach to assessing the condition of the assets in the category, based on recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices where appropriate; and
  - the lifecycle activities that would need to be undertaken to maintain the current levels of service.

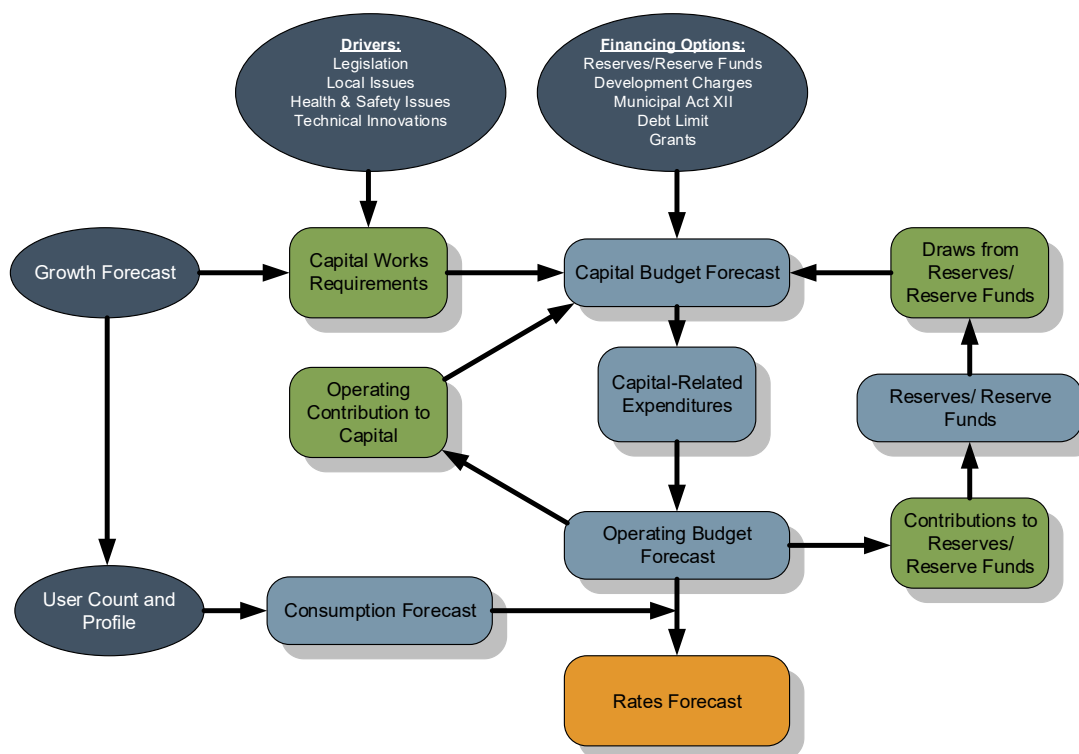
The Municipality recently approved its Asset Management Plan (A.M.P.), which identified water and wastewater infrastructure in June 2025 to meet the requirements outlined above (2025 A.M.P.). The 2025 A.M.P. identified the annual capital reinvestment rates, also referred to as annual lifecycle contributions, and noted that the findings of this rate study, if approved by the Council, would be incorporated into future plans.

### ***1.3.5 Water and Wastewater Rate Calculation Methodology***

Figure 1-2 illustrates the general methodology used in determining the full cost recovery of water and wastewater services.



Figure 1-2  
Water and Wastewater Rate Calculation Methodology



The methodology employed generally consists of 5 major elements:

## 1. Customer Demands and Consumption Forecast

As noted in Section 1.1, the Town employs a rate structure consisting of a monthly base charge and a consumptive rate. The base charge is imposed based on meter size with higher charges imposed for larger meters, generally reflective of higher average consumption and greater capital infrastructure demands. The consumptive rate is imposed at a decreasing block rate based on consumption.

This first step in the analysis is important as it produces the current base revenue by source and assumptions for forecasting purposes. The customer forecast is modelled for the water and wastewater systems independently to identify differences in service demands. The water and wastewater volume forecasts are prepared by applying average annual consumption/flow estimates to future development. Volume estimates were determined based on a review of historical average levels across the Town's water and wastewater systems.



## **2. Capital Needs Forecast**

The capital needs forecasts are developed to measure program/service level adjustments, lifecycle requirements, and growth-related needs. The Town's 2025 A.M.P., Water and Sanitary Systems Servicing Strategy (dated January 26, 2022), lifecycle analysis of tangible capital assets, and specific needs identified by Town staff provided the base capital forecast. The capital forecast includes the growth-related needs forecast based on the Town's draft 2025 D.C. background study, which is currently underway. This is in line with the water and wastewater customer growth forecast assumptions. Capital expenditures are forecast with inflationary adjustments based on capital cost indices.

## **3. Capital Funding Plan**

The capital funding plans consider the potential funding sources available to address the capital needs forecast. The sources of capital funding include rate-based support, reserves/reserve funds, grants, and debt for program/service level improvements. Growth-related sources of funding include D.C.s, if imposed by a municipality, and debt. The use of rate-based funding is measured against the revenue projections and affordability impacts. The reserve/reserve fund sources are measured against the sustainability of these funds, relative to lifecycle demands, revenue projections, and affordability impacts. Debt financing is considered for significant capital expenditures where funding is required beyond long-term lifecycle needs or to facilitate rate transition policies. Debt financing is measured against the municipality's debt policies and annual repayment limits to ensure a practical and sustainable funding mix.

## **4. Operating Budget Forecast**

The operating budget forecast considers adjustments to the municipality's base budget reflecting program/service level changes, operating fund impacts associated with infrastructure, and financing for capital projects. The operating expenditures are forecast with inflationary adjustments and growth in service demand, based on fixed and variable cost characteristics. The operating budget forecast ties the capital funding plan and reserve/reserve fund continuity forecast to the rate-based revenue projections. This ensures sufficient funding for both the ongoing annual operation and maintenance of water and wastewater services, as well as the capital cost requirements to ensure service sustainability. Operating revenues are projected to identify the base charge and volume rate parts, net of other operating revenues. Other operating revenues include



water meter fees, rental fees, revenue expected from other municipalities that buy services from the municipality (where applicable), and other miscellaneous revenues.

## **5. Rate Forecast and Structure**

The rate forecast and rate structure components of the analysis consider various rate structures to recover the forecast rate-based revenue from the projected customer demands. At this stage in the analysis, the full costs of service are measured against the customer growth and volume demands to determine full cost recovery rates. The analysis may consider alternative structures, consistent with municipal policies/strategies, industry practice, and customer affordability. The rate forecasts are applied against a range of customer types and in relation to other municipalities to measure the annual impacts on water and wastewater bills.



# Chapter 2

## Forecast Growth and Servicing Requirements



## 2. Forecast Growth and Servicing Requirements

As previously mentioned, the Town provides water services to 3,148 customers, comprising 3,145 metered customers and 3 unmetered customers, as well as 577 units that are subject to the multiple-unit charge. There is a total of 3,088 wastewater customers, comprising 3,085 metered customers and 3 unmetered customers. Table 2-1 provides a breakdown of customers by service and meter size, as well as the number of unmetered customers.

Table 2-1  
Town of Minto  
Existing Customer Profile

Description	Water	Wastewater
<b>Metered</b>		
¾"	1,582	1,543
5/8"	767	756
1"	183	174
1 ½"	9	8
2"	26	26
3"	1	1
4"+	-	-
<b>Total Metered</b>	<b>2,568</b>	<b>2,508</b>
<b>Non-Metered</b>		
<b>Flat Rate Customers</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Multiple Units</b>		
<b>Number of Units</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>577</b>
<b>Total Customers</b>	<b>3,148</b>	<b>3,088</b>

Water and wastewater customer growth for the 2025-2036 period is based on the Town's draft 2025 D.C. Background Study, which is currently underway. It is assumed all new customers will be fully serviced, (i.e., will receive both water and wastewater services) from the Town. The number of water and wastewater customers is expected to increase by approximately 750 new residential customers over the period 2036.

The Town's draft 2025 D.C. Background Study also provides a forecast of non-residential gross floor area (G.F.A.). It is challenging to accurately determine the annual water and wastewater usage of new non-residential buildings based solely on the amount of building space they occupy. Two different users with the same amount of



building space can use different amounts of water and wastewater. Therefore, to be conservative, the growth in the non-residential sector has not been included in the forecast of new customers or additional anticipated volumes. Where non-residential customers are added to the system, a surplus would be generated from the rates. This surplus would be used to mitigate other fluctuations in costs and/or to help build reserves for future asset management needs.

The Town provided Watson with water consumption records for 2020 to 2024 and the first five billing cycles of 2025. This data was analyzed to develop a forecast of water demand for the period 2026-2036. Based on a review of the data, it was determined that average consumption levels for 2022-2024 were reflective of the anticipated consumption of new customers connecting to the systems. Average annual consumption was 140 cubic metres ( $\text{m}^3$ ) for residential customers, excluding apartments, and 90  $\text{m}^3$  for multiple-unit customers. Based on the data and the increased efficiency of new appliances, all new consumption was estimated to fall into the first block volume rate. These average annual consumption levels by customer type were applied to the Town's growth projections as discussed above to forecast future service demands.

Overall, billable water consumption is expected to increase by approximately 102,000  $\text{m}^3$  from approximately 581,400  $\text{m}^3$  to approximately 683,400  $\text{m}^3$  in 2036. Similarly, billable wastewater flows, which are based on water consumption by customers with wastewater servicing, are forecasted to increase by approximately 102,000  $\text{m}^3$  from approximately 565,600  $\text{m}^3$  to approximately 667,900  $\text{m}^3$  over the forecast period.

Tables 2-1 and 2-2 provide the customer forecasts along with the detailed water consumption and wastewater flows forecasts, by volume block, for the period to 2036.





Table 2-1  
Town of Minto  
Water System Forecast

Water Customer Forecast	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Existing (Metered and Flat Rate)	3,148	3,148	3,148	3,148	3,148	3,148	3,148	3,148	3,148	3,148	3,148	3,148
New - Growth - Full Rate	14	42	70	98	133	175	228	308	403	499	595	692
New - Growth - Multi-Unit Rate	1	3	6	9	13	18	23	29	36	43	50	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,162</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>3,218</b>	<b>3,246</b>	<b>3,281</b>	<b>3,323</b>	<b>3,376</b>	<b>3,456</b>	<b>3,551</b>	<b>3,647</b>	<b>3,743</b>	<b>3,840</b>

Water Volume Forecast (m³)	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Block 1</b>												
Existing	411,421	411,421	411,421	411,421	411,421	411,421	411,421	411,421	411,421	411,421	411,421	411,421
New	2,050	6,150	10,340	14,530	19,790	26,120	33,990	45,730	59,660	73,730	87,800	102,010
<b>Subtotal Block 1</b>	<b>413,471</b>	<b>417,571</b>	<b>421,761</b>	<b>425,951</b>	<b>431,211</b>	<b>437,541</b>	<b>445,411</b>	<b>457,151</b>	<b>471,081</b>	<b>485,151</b>	<b>499,221</b>	<b>513,431</b>
<b>Block 2</b>												
Existing	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035
<b>Subtotal Block 2</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>
<b>Block 3</b>												
Existing	62,113	62,113	62,113	62,113	62,113	62,113	62,113	62,113	62,113	62,113	62,113	62,113
<b>Subtotal Block 3</b>	<b>62,113</b>	<b>62,113</b>	<b>62,113</b>	<b>62,113</b>	<b>62,113</b>	<b>62,113</b>	<b>62,113</b>	<b>62,113</b>	<b>62,113</b>	<b>62,113</b>	<b>62,113</b>	<b>62,113</b>
<b>Block 4</b>												
Existing	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833
<b>Subtotal Block 4</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>583,451</b>	<b>587,551</b>	<b>591,741</b>	<b>595,931</b>	<b>601,191</b>	<b>607,521</b>	<b>615,391</b>	<b>627,131</b>	<b>641,061</b>	<b>655,131</b>	<b>669,201</b>	<b>683,411</b>



Table 2-2  
Town of Minto  
Wastewater Customer Forecast

Wastewater Customer Forecast	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Existing (Metered and Flat Rate)	3,085	3,085	3,085	3,085	3,085	3,085	3,085	3,085	3,085	3,085	3,085	3,085
New - Growth - Full Rate	14	42	70	98	133	175	228	308	403	499	595	692
New - Growth - Multi-Unit Rate	1	3	6	9	13	18	23	29	36	43	50	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,099</b>	<b>3,127</b>	<b>3,155</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>3,218</b>	<b>3,260</b>	<b>3,313</b>	<b>3,393</b>	<b>3,488</b>	<b>3,584</b>	<b>3,680</b>	<b>3,777</b>

Wastewater Flows Forecast (m³)	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Block 1</b>												
Existing	398,400	398,400	398,400	398,400	398,400	398,400	398,400	398,400	398,400	398,400	398,400	398,400
New	2,050	6,150	10,340	14,530	19,790	26,120	33,990	45,730	59,660	73,730	87,800	102,010
<b>Subtotal Block 1</b>	<b>400,450</b>	<b>404,550</b>	<b>408,740</b>	<b>412,930</b>	<b>418,190</b>	<b>424,520</b>	<b>432,390</b>	<b>444,130</b>	<b>458,060</b>	<b>472,130</b>	<b>486,200</b>	<b>500,410</b>
<b>Block 2</b>												
Existing	23,785	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035	24,035
<b>Subtotal Block 2</b>	<b>23,785</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>24,035</b>
<b>Block 3</b>												
Existing	59,613	59,613	59,613	59,613	59,613	59,613	59,613	59,613	59,613	59,613	59,613	59,613
<b>Subtotal Block 3</b>	<b>59,613</b>	<b>59,613</b>	<b>59,613</b>	<b>59,613</b>	<b>59,613</b>	<b>59,613</b>	<b>59,613</b>	<b>59,613</b>	<b>59,613</b>	<b>59,613</b>	<b>59,613</b>	<b>59,613</b>
<b>Block 4</b>												
Existing	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833	83,833
<b>Subtotal Block 4</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>	<b>83,833</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>567,680</b>	<b>572,030</b>	<b>576,220</b>	<b>580,410</b>	<b>585,670</b>	<b>592,000</b>	<b>599,870</b>	<b>611,610</b>	<b>625,540</b>	<b>639,610</b>	<b>653,680</b>	<b>667,890</b>

Note: Above flows are water flows on which the wastewater billing will be calculated



# Chapter 3

## Capital Infrastructure Needs



### 3. Capital Infrastructure Needs

Capital forecasts have been provided for the water and wastewater systems. These forecasts are presented in Table 3-1 and Tables 3-2, respectively. The capital forecasts are based on the Town's Draft 2026 Capital Budget and Forecast, Water and Sanitary Systems Servicing Strategy, draft 2025 D.C. Background Study, and discussions with Town staff and the Town's engineer, Triton Engineering. These forecasts include lifecycle capital needs, major maintenance, and level of service/capacity improvements.

A summary of the capital works related to the water and wastewater services is provided in Tables 3-1 and 3-2. The total capital forecast for 2026 to 2036 includes approximately \$30.66 million in capital needs for water and \$52.31 million in capital needs for wastewater services, in current (uninflated) dollars. The capital forecast includes lifecycle renewal/replacement needs, major maintenance, level of service/capacity improvements, and growth-related capital works.



Table 3-1  
Town of Minto  
Water Services – 2025 Capital Budget and 2026 to 2036  
Capital Forecast Summary (Uninflated \$)

Description	Budget 2025	Total 2026-2036	Timing 2026-2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>			
King Street	-	18,400	2026
Tower Inspection - Clifford - Repairs, Interior Paint	-	275,000	2026
Tower Inspection - Palmerston - Repairs, Interior Paint	-	15,000	2026
Tower - Palmerston - Climbing Apparatus	-	15,000	2026
Chlorine Board	-	10,000	2026
Well Exploration - complete EA- Palmerston	-	50,000	2026
Well Construction - Harriston	-	380,000	2026
Webb St - Elizabeth St to Raglan St (285m)	-	500,000	2026
Palmerston Main Street	-	110,700	2026
SCADA	-	110,000	2026
Water Meters	-	20,000	2026
Pumps/ Valves	-	15,000	2026
Arthur St W	-	100,000	2026
Palmerston Well Inspections-Wells 3 & 4	-	60,000	2026, 2033
Data Loggers	-	4,000	2026
King St Harriston Design	-	50,000	2027
Chlorine Board	-	10,000	2027
SCADA	-	60,000	2027
Water Meters	-	20,000	2027
Pumps/Valves	-	15,000	2027
Pick-up Truck (#12)	-	75,000	2027
Harriston Watertower painting Design	-	350,000	2027
Boulton Street Engineering and Tender	-	50,000	2028
Service Truck	-	75,000	2028
Vac Truck	-	150,000	2028
Palmerston Well Construction	-	500,000	2028
Harriston King St S Construction	-	520,000	2028
2016 Ford F550 (#19)	-	75,000	2029
2019 Ford F150 (#12)	-	75,000	2034
2021 Chevy Silverado (#9)	-	150,000	2028, 2035
2023 Ford F150 (#21)	-	75,000	2030
2024 Ford F150 (#22)	-	75,000	2031
<b>Clifford</b>			
Chlorine Analyser	10,000	-	2025
Well Inspections	-	90,000	2027, 2034
Ann St N - Watermain Extension (155m)	-	272,800	2031
<b>Harriston</b>			
King Street North Development	18,400	-	2025
Tower Inspection & Repairs	35,000	25,000	2025, 2032
Water Tower Interior Touch Up	35,000	-	2025
Chlorine Board	4,000	-	2025
Well Exploration	107,500	-	2025
Well Inspections	-	75,000	2028, 2030, 2035



Table 3-1 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Water Services – 2025 Capital Budget and 2025 to 2036  
Capital Forecast Summary (Uninflated \$)

Description	Budget 2025	Total 2026-2036	Timing 2026-2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>			
Well 4 - Increase Source Capacity	-	4,800,000	2027-2028
Arthur St W - 40m S of Wilson St to 140m S of Wilson St (100m)	-	216,000	2026-2027
King St S - Pellister St E to Jessie St (430m)	-	928,800	2032
Queen St S - Lorne St E to Jessie St (210m)	-	453,600	2031
Queen St S - Yonge St E to Pellister St E (240m)	-	518,400	2031
Lorne St E - King St S to dead end at ROW (90m)	-	194,400	2032
King St S - Arthur St E to Maitland St (140m)	-	302,400	2033
Jessie St - Queen St S to King St S (90m)	-	194,400	2034
Queen St S and Queen St N - Dead End to Maitland St (550m)	-	1,188,000	2035
King St S - Maitland St to Young St E (290m)	-	626,400	2032
John St N - Adelaide St to John St Wellhouse (200m)	-	450,000	2034
<b>Palmerston</b>			
Main Street	100,000	-	2025
Water Tower Inspection	-	25,000	2030
Well Inspections	-	60,000	2028- 2029, 2035, 2036
Well Exploration	207,500	-	2025
Main St W (210m)	-	369,600	2026
Main St W	-	1,514,500	2026
Mary St Extension to Dead End (185m)	-	312,650	2028
Well 5 - Increase Source Capacity	-	5,200,000	2030
King St - Main St W to King St. Hotel (95m)	-	205,200	2026
Boulton St - Norman St to Whites Rd (380m)	-	820,800	2030
Queen St S - 250m S of Walker St to 35m N of Victoria St (680m)	-	1,468,800	2033
William St - Queen St S to Main St W (310m)	-	669,600	2033
Daly St - Norman St to Whites Rd (380m)	-	820,800	2034
Cumberland St - Queen St to Main St E (170m)	-	367,200	2036
Norman St - Main St E to Nelson St (440m)	-	977,400	2035
Dufferin St - Norman St to Whites Rd (360m)	-	777,600	2036
<b>Rural</b>			
Minto Pines Well Infrastructure Inspection	-	20,000	2030
<b>General</b>			
Engineering	-	120,000	2029-2036
Consulting	20,000	-	2025
Servicing Strategy	-	12,000	2029-2030, 2032-2035
SCADA - Water	10,000	90,000	2028-2036
Water Meters	20,000	2,121,000	2028-2036
Pumps / Valves	15,000	120,000	2029-2036
<b>Studies:</b>			
Water Rate Study and Financial Plan	21,257	42,513	2030, 2035
Servicing Strategy Updates	-	45,000	2026, 2031, 2036
Servicing Standards Update	-	22,500	2026, 2031, 2036
Allocations By-Law Study	-	10,000	2027
Minto Water Systems Class EA	-	100,000	2034
Water Model/Sewer Model	-	22,000	2026-2036
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>\$603,657</b>	<b>\$30,657,463</b>	



Table 3-2  
Town of Minto  
Wastewater Services – 2025 Capital Budget and 2026 to 2036  
Capital Forecast Summary (Uninflated \$)

Description	Budget 2025	Total 2026-2036	Timing 2026-2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>			
Ultra-Rib Inspection/Lining	-	50,000	2026
Clifford Pump	-	18,000	2026
King Street	-	20,000	2026
Harriston Pumping Station upgrade & pump	-	30,000	2026
Palmerston Main Street	-	118,950	2026
Palmerston Plant upgrades, expansion	-	100,000	2026
Assimilated Capacity	-	30,000	2026
Servicing Strategy	-	2,500	2026
Equipment	-	10,000	2026
SCADA	-	60,000	2026
Pumps/Valves	-	35,000	2026
Chemical Pump	-	12,000	2026
CLI ECA Sanitary	-	12,000	2026
Arthur St W	-	125,000	2026
Computer Hardware & Software	-	4,000	2026
Inflow & Infiltration Studies	-	62,000	2026
Safety Equipment	-	20,000	2026
Jane & Norman Easement-town sh-\$180, Developer-\$30k;	-	210,000	2026
Raglan St/Webb St	-	520,000	2026
Inflow and Infiltration Studies (H&P)	-	60,000	2027
Ultra-Rib Inspection/Lining	-	24,000	2027
Assimilative Capacity	-	50,000	2027
SCADA	-	10,000	2027
Pumps/Valves	-	35,000	2027
Chemical Pump	-	5,000	2027
CLI ECA Sanitary	-	10,000	2027
Computer Hardware & Software	-	4,000	2027
King St Harriston Design	-	50,000	2027
Norman St	-	100,000	2027
Boulton Street Engineering and Tender	-	50,000	2028
Vac Truck	-	150,000	2028
Harriston - King St S Construction	-	500,000	2028
2016 Ford F550 (#19)	-	75,000	2029
2021 Chevy Silverado (#3)	-	150,000	2028, 2035
2023 Ford F250 (#2)	-	100,000	2030
2023 Ford F150 (#8)	-	150,000	2028, 2035
Ultra-Rib Inspection / Lining	23,000	249,000	2025, 2029-2036
Clifford Pump	12,000	-	2025
Lagoon Rehabilitation	45,000	-	2025
King Street North Development	20,000	-	2025
Wastewater Inflow and Infiltration (study and work)	-	297,000	2029-2036
Pumping Station Upgrade & Pump	20,000	-	2025
Lagoon - WSER Effluent Quality Upgrade	-	1,430,000	2030
Bank Stabilization	60,000	-	2025
Sludge Removal (Mapping)	5,000	-	2025



Table 3-2 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Wastewater Services – 2025 Capital Budget and 2026 to 2036  
Capital Forecast Summary (Uninflated \$)

Description	Budget 2025	Total 2026-2036	Timing 2026-2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>			
Webb St - 20m E of Raglan St W to Pellister St W (100m)	-	220,000	2026
King St S - Arthur St E to 70m E of Arthur St E (70m)	-	159,600	2033
King St S - Marklane St to Young St E (200m)	-	470,000	2032
King St S - Raglan St E to Jessie St (550m)	-	1,210,000	2032
Queen St S - Young St E to Jessie St (670m)	-	1,474,000	2031
Louise St - Elora St N to 120m S of John St N (310m)	-	682,000	2034
John St N - Adelaide St to William St W (380m)	-	836,000	2034
Queen St N - 70m W of William St E to William St E (70m)	-	154,000	2035
Queen St N - 20m E of William St E to 30m E of Union St E (130m)	-	286,000	2035
Queen St N - 30m E of Union St E to Arthur St E (140m)	-	308,000	2035
<b>Palmerston</b>		-	
Main Street	81,000	-	2025
Henry Lane Loop Development Phase 2	-	-	
Wastewater Inflow and Infiltration (Study and Work)	-	302,000	2029-2036
Plant Upgrades, Expansion & Clarifier	60,000	-	2025
Main St W (381m)	-	781,050	2026
SANMH P112A to P112C (150m)	-	307,500	2027
Queen Street South (215m)	-	440,750	2035
Increase Treatment Capacity	-	36,876,500	2035, 2036
Queen St S - 30m N of King St to Victoria St (80m)	-	176,000	2033
Queen St S - William St to 50m N of William St (50m)	-	110,000	2033
Daly St - 90m E of Whites Rd to 20m E of Whites Rd (70m)	-	154,000	2034
Norman St - 50m N of Main St W to 30m S of Boulton St (130m)	-	286,000	2035
Cumberland St - Main St E to 50m S of Main St E (50m)	-	110,000	2036
King St - Main St W to King St. Hotel (95m)	-	209,000	2026
Boulton St - Norman St to Whites Rd (380m)	-	836,000	2030
<b>General</b>		-	
Engineering	-	200,000	2029-2036
Consulting	20,000	100,000	2025, 2030, 2035
Servicing Strategy	2,000	12,000	2025, 2029-2030, 2032-2035
2024 - Harriston Webb Street Extension	52,000	-	2025
Equipment	10,000	56,000	2025, 2029-2036
Computer Hardware/Software	-	40,000	2029-2036
SCADA - Sewer	10,000	80,000	2025, 2029-2036
Pumps / Valves	90,000	280,000	2025, 2029-2036
Chemical Pumps	30,000	15,000	2025, 2029, 2032, 2035
CLI ECA - Sanitary	10,000	80,000	2025, 2029-2036
Wastewater Rate Study	12,717	25,433	2025, 2030, 2035
Servicing Strategy Updates	-	45,000	2026, 2031, 2036
Servicing Standards Update	-	22,500	2026, 2031, 2036
Allocations By-Law Study	-	10,000	2027
Water Model/Sewer Model	-	22,000	2026-2036
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>\$562,717</b>	<b>\$52,314,783</b>	





# Chapter 4

## Lifecycle Costing



## 4. Lifecycle Costing

### 4.1 Overview of Lifecycle Costing

---

#### 4.1.1 Definition

Lifecycle costing has been used in the field of maintenance engineering and to evaluate the advantages of using alternative materials in construction or production design. The method has gained wider acceptance and use in the areas of industrial decision-making and the management of physical assets.

Lifecycle costs include all of the costs which are incurred during the service life of a physical asset. This service life spans the period; from the time its acquisition is first considered to the time it is taken out of service for disposal or redeployment. The asset goes through several stages in its lifecycle. These include specification, design, manufacture (or build), install, commission, operate, maintain, and disposal. Figure 4-1 depicts these stages in schematic form.

#### 4.1.2 Financing Costs

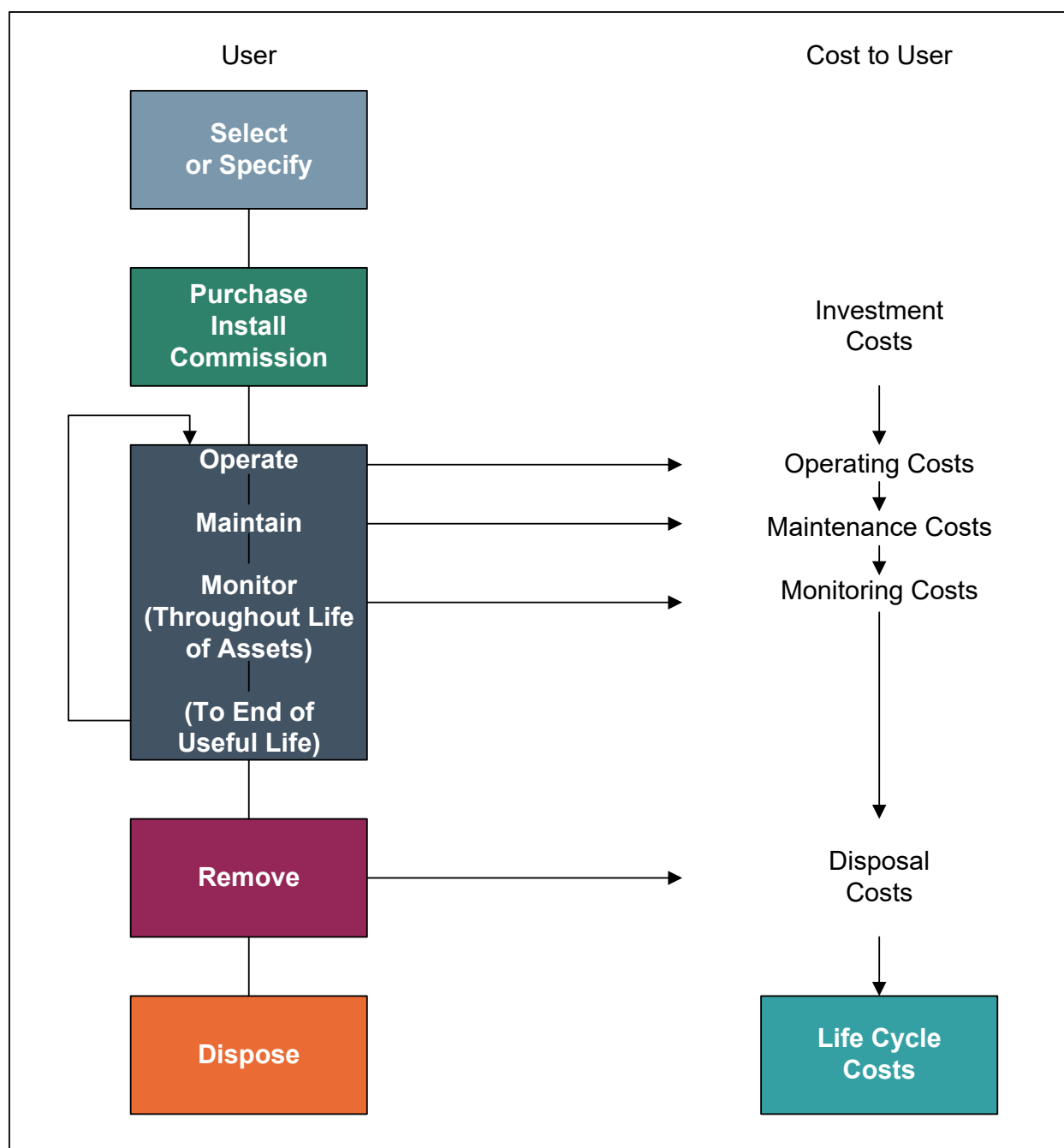
This section will focus on financing mechanisms in place to fund the costs incurred throughout the asset's life.

In a municipal context, services are provided to benefit rate payers. Acquisition of assets is normally timed in relation to direct needs within the community. At times, economies of scale or technical efficiencies will lead to oversizing an asset to accommodate future growth within the Town. Over the past few decades, new financing techniques such as D.C.s have been employed based on the underlying principle of having those that require and directly benefit from expansionary needs, to pay for those needs, vs. having the costs spread amongst existing rate payers (i.e., growth paying for growth needs). Operating costs, which reflect the cost of the service for that year, are charged directly to all existing rate payers who have received the benefit. Operating costs are normally charged through the tax base or user rates.

Capital expenditures are recouped through several methods, with operating budget contributions, D.C.s, connection charges, reserves, developer contributions, grants, and debentures being the most common.



Figure 4-1  
Lifecycle Costing



Construction related to growth could produce D.C.s and developer contributions (e.g., works internal to a subdivision which are the responsibility of the developer to construct) to fund a significant portion of projects, where new assets are being acquired to allow growth within the municipality to continue. As well, debentures could be used to fund



such works, with the debt charge carrying costs recouped from growth and/or rate payers in the future.

Capital construction to replace existing infrastructure, however, is largely not growth-related and will therefore not yield D.C.s or developer contributions to assist in financing these works. Hence, a municipality is typically dependent upon debentures, reserves, and contributions from the operating budget to fund these works.

Figure 4-2 depicts the costs of an asset from its initial conception through to replacement. It then follows the costs through to the next replacement.

As referred to earlier, growth-related financing methods such as D.C.s and developer contributions could be used to finance the growth-related component of the new asset. These revenues are collected (indirectly) from the new homeowner who benefits directly from the installation of this asset. Other financing methods may be used to address the non-growth-related component of this project. These methods include reserves which have been collected from past rate payers, operating budget contributions collected from existing rate payers, and debentures which future rate payers will carry. Ongoing costs for monitoring, operating, and maintaining the asset will be charged annually to the existing rate payer.

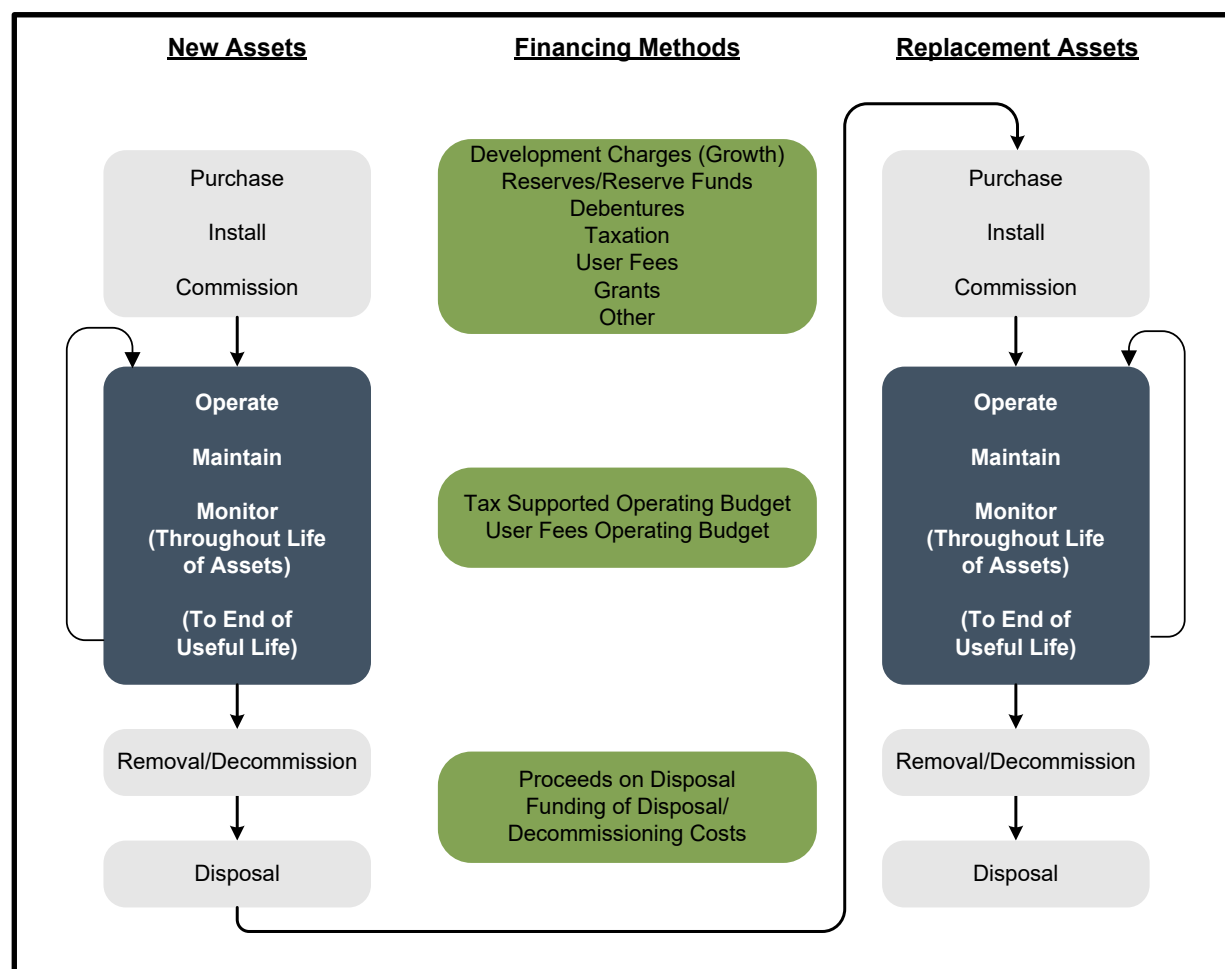
When the asset requires replacement, the sources of financing will be limited to reserves, debentures, and contributions from the operating budget. At this point, the question is raised: "If the cost of replacement is to be assessed against the rate payer who benefits from the replacement of the asset, should the past rate payer pay for this cost, or should future rate payers assume this cost?" If the position is taken that the past user has used up the asset, hence they should pay for the cost of replacement, then a charge should be assessed annually through the life of the asset, to have funds available to replace it when the time comes. If the position is taken that the future rate payer should assume this cost, then debentures and a contribution from the operating budget should be used to fund this work.

Charging for the cost of using up an asset is the basic concept behind depreciation methods utilized by the private sector. This concept allows for expending the asset as it is used up in the production process. The tracking of these costs forms part of the product's selling price and, hence, end-users are charged for the asset's depreciation. The same concept can be applied in a municipal setting to charge existing users for the



asset's use and set those funds aside in a reserve to finance the cost of replacing the asset in the future.

Figure 4-2  
Financing Lifecycle Costs



### 4.1.3 Costing Methods

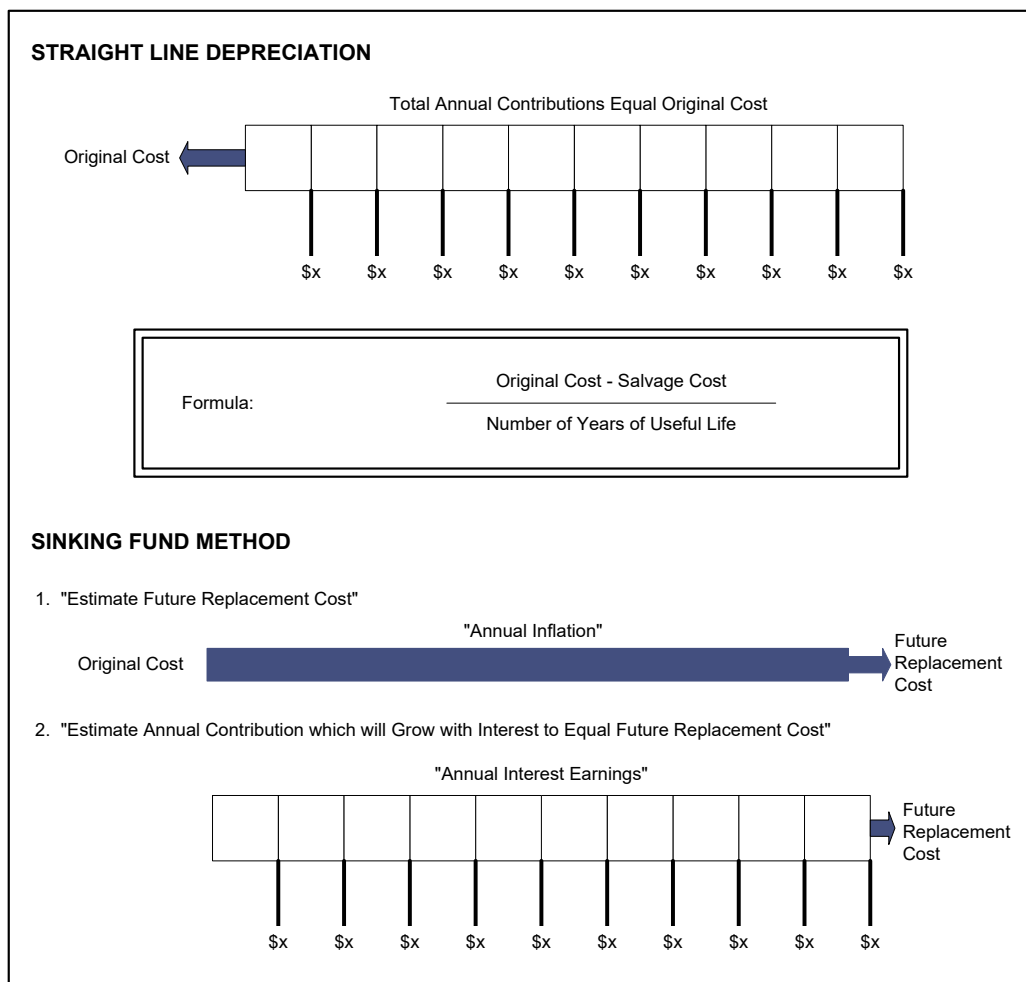
There are two basic methods of calculating the cost of the usage of an asset and for the provision of the revenue required when the time comes to retire and replace it. The first method is the Depreciation Method. This method recognizes the reduction in the value of the asset through wear and tear and aging. There are two commonly used forms of depreciation: the straight-line method and the reducing balance method (shown graphically in Figure 4-3).



The straight-line method is calculated by taking the original cost of the asset, subtracting its estimated salvage value (estimated value of the asset at the time it is disposed of) and dividing this by the estimated number of years of useful life. The reducing balance method is calculated by utilizing a fixed percentage rate, and this rate is applied annually to the undepreciated balance of the asset value.

The second method of lifecycle costing is the sinking fund method. This method first estimates the future value of the asset at the time of replacement. This is done by inflating the original cost of the asset at an assumed annual inflation rate. A calculation is then performed to determine annual contributions (equal or otherwise) which, when invested, will grow with interest to equal the future replacement cost. The preferred method used herein for forecasting purposes is the sinking fund method of lifecycle costing.

Figure 4-3





## 4.2 Impacts on Budgets

---

Detailed information on water and wastewater assets was obtained from the Town's asset management database and the 2025 A.M.P. As noted in the 2025 A.M.P., the total replacement value of existing water infrastructure across the Town is approximately \$76.86 million, which translates to an investment of approximately \$24,400 per customer based the existing number of customers (including multiple units). For wastewater, the total replacement value of existing infrastructure is \$88.95 million, equating to an investment of approximately \$28,800 per customer.

The 2025 A.M.P. identified the annual capital reinvestment required to maintain 60 percent of the Town's assets in good condition, which is the Town's target. These amounts reflect the level of investment the Town may wish to consider as part of its budgeting practices and are summarized in Table 4-1 below. For water assets, the annual capital reinvestment rate is approximately \$1.03 million. Similarly, for wastewater, the annual capital reinvestment amount is approximately \$1.39 million. In theory, if the Town were to transfer this amount of funding to reserves annually and invest the funds, the funds would be available to finance the capital expenditures when the infrastructure needs arise and ensure the condition of the Town's assets does not deteriorate below the desired target.

Table 4-1  
Town of Minto  
Summary of Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Service	Replacement Cost	Annual Capital Reinvestment/ Lifecycle Amount
Water	76,862,992	1,034,328
Wastewater	88,954,398	1,391,066
Total	<b>\$165,817,390</b>	<b>\$2,425,394</b>



# Chapter 5

## Capital Costs Financing





## 5. Capital Cost Financing Options

### 5.1 Summary of Capital Cost Financing Alternatives

---

Historically, the powers that municipalities had to raise alternative revenues to taxation to fund capital costs have been restrictive. Over the past number of years, several legislative reforms have been introduced. Some of these have expanded municipal powers (e.g., Bill 26, introduced in 1996 to provide for expanded powers for imposing fees and charges), while others appear to limit them (e.g., Bill 98 in 1997 and Bill 23 in 2022 providing amendments to the D.C.A.).

The current *Municipal Act* came into force on January 1, 2003, with significant amendments in 2006 through the *Municipal Statute Law Amendment Act*. Part XII of the Act and O. Reg. 584/06 govern a municipality's ability to impose fees and charges. This legislation provides municipalities with broadly defined powers and the ability to impose fees for both operating and capital purposes. Under s.484 of *Municipal Act, 2001*, the *Local Improvement Act* was repealed with the in-force date of the *Municipal Act* (January 1, 2003). The municipal powers granted under the *Local Improvement Act* now fall under the jurisdiction of the *Municipal Act*.

The methods of capital cost recovery available to municipalities are provided as follows:

Recovery Methods	Section Reference
• <i>Development Charges Act, 1997</i> , as amended	5.2
• <i>Municipal Act</i>	5.3
○ Fees and Charges	
○ Stormwater Area Charges	
○ Connection Fees	
○ Local Improvements	
• Grant Funding Availability	5.4
• Existing Reserves/Reserve Funds	5.5
• Debenture Financing	5.6
• Recommended Capital Financing Approach	5.7



## 5.2 Development Charges Act, 1997

---

D.C.s are a revenue tool used by municipalities to recover the capital costs associated with new development and redevelopment. These costs are in addition to what a developer/builder normally constructs as part of their subdivision (i.e., Local Services). Empowered by the D.C.A., as amended (D.C.A.), municipalities may pass by-laws to impose charges to recover the capital costs associated with development and redevelopment. The Town imposes D.C.s on new development, and the capital funding plan incorporates D.C.s as a funding source for anticipated capital needs. The forecast in this study includes \$19.88 million for water services and \$4.57 million for wastewater services in D.C. funded capital.

## 5.3 Municipal Act

---

Part XII of the *Municipal Act* provides municipalities with broad powers to impose fees and charges via passage of a by-law. These powers, as presented in s.391(1), include imposing fees or charges:

“for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;

for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or local board; and

for the use of its property including property under its control.”

Restrictions are provided to ensure that the form of the charge is not akin to a poll tax. Any charges not paid under this authority may be added to the tax roll and collected in a like manner. The fees and charges imposed under this part are not appealable to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

Section 221 of the previous *Municipal Act* permitted municipalities to impose charges, by by-law, on owners or occupants of land who would or might derive benefit from the construction of sewage (storm and sanitary) or water works being authorized (in a specific benefit area). For a by-law imposed under this section of the previous Act:

- A variety of different means could be used to establish the rate and recovery of the costs;



- The charges could be imposed by a number of methods at the discretion of Council (i.e., lot size, frontage, number of benefiting properties, etc.);
- Rates could be imposed with respect to the costs of major capital works, even though an immediate benefit was not enjoyed;
- Non-abutting owners could be charged;
- Recovery was authorized against existing works, where a new water or sewer main was added to such works, "notwithstanding that the capital costs of existing works have in whole or in part been paid;"
- Charges on individual parcels could be deferred;
- Exemptions could be established;
- Repayment was secured; and
- OLT approval was not required.

While under the new *Municipal Act* no provisions are provided specific to the previous s.221, the intent to allow capital cost recovery through fees and charges is embraced within s.391. The new *Municipal Act* also maintains the ability of municipalities to impose capital charges for water and sewer services on landowners not receiving an immediate benefit from the works. Under s.391(2) of the Act, "a fee or charge imposed under subsection (1) for capital costs related to sewage or water services or activities may be imposed on persons not receiving an immediate benefit from the services or activities but who will receive a benefit at some later point in time." Also, capital charges imposed under s.391 are not appealable to the OLT because the charges are "unfair or unjust."

Section 222 of the previous *Municipal Act* permitted municipalities to pass a by-law requiring buildings to connect to the municipality's sewer and water systems, charging the owner for the cost of constructing services from the mains to the property line. Under the new *Municipal Act*, this power still exists under Part II, General Municipal Powers (s.9 (3) b of the *Municipal Act*). Enforcement and penalties for this use of power are contained in s.427 (1) of the *Municipal Act*.

Under the previous *Local Improvement Act*:

- A variety of different types of works could be undertaken, such as watermain, storm and sanitary sewer projects, supply of electrical light or power, bridge construction, sidewalks, road widening, and paving;



- Council could pass a by-law for undertaking such work on petition of a majority of benefiting taxpayers, on a 2/3 vote of Council, and on sanitary grounds, based on the recommendation of the Minister of Health. The by-law was required to go to the OLT, which might hold hearings and alter the by-law, particularly if there were objections;
- The entire cost of a work was assessed only upon the lots abutting directly on the work, according to the extent of their respective frontages, using an equal special rate per metre of frontage; and
- As noted, this Act was repealed as of April 1, 2003; however, O. Reg. 119/03 was enacted on April 19, 2003, which restores many of the previous *Local Improvement Act* provisions; however, the authority is now provided under the *Municipal Act*.

## 5.4 Grant Funding Availability

---

### Federal Infrastructure Funding

The Government of Canada has provided funding to assist municipalities with their water and wastewater systems, including repair and rehabilitation projects. Some funding programs are time-limited, for example the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund and the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

Other programs are ongoing and provide a permanent source of funding. For example, the Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly known as the Federal Gas Tax Fund). The Canada Community-Building Fund provides over \$2 billion each year to communities across Canada. Each municipality then chooses how to use the money. They can make strategic investments in 18 different projects, including water and wastewater services.

The 2026 Federal budget has indicated that additional funding will be made available to municipalities, related to capital infrastructure needs.

### Ontario Government

The Province has taken steps to increase municipal infrastructure funding. The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (O.C.I.F.) was launched in 2014 and currently provides \$400 million in formula-based funding to help eligible communities renew and rehabilitate their infrastructure. The Ontario government also provides funding through



the Connecting Links program (\$30 million in 2023-2024) to help pay for the construction and repair costs of municipal roads that connect communities to provincial highways. This is on top of the Building Ontario Up investment of \$130 billion in public infrastructure over 10 years starting in 2015.

Additionally, in the 2023 budget, the Province announced it was providing \$825 million over three years through the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (H.E.W.S.F.). Funding through the H.E.W.S.F. would help municipalities repair, rehabilitate, and expand drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure needed to build more homes. Since the original announcement, the Province increased the total available funding through the H.E.W.S.F. to over \$1.0 billion. The Town received a grant of approximately \$2.3 million through the H.E.W.S.F.

The rate calculations provided in subsequent chapters incorporate the funding secured through H.E.W.S.F. as well as other grants the Town anticipates receiving. In total, the rate calculations include approximately \$8.39 in grant funding from the federal and provincial governments for water and wastewater capital projects.

The Town is encouraged to continue to pursue funding opportunities as they are announced or made available to assist with funding its water and wastewater infrastructure.

## **5.5 Existing Reserves/Reserve Funds**

---

The Town has established reserves and reserve funds for water and wastewater capital costs. These reserves have been used in the capital funding forecast for rate-based needs. D.C. reserve funds for water and wastewater have been used for growth-related capital purposes. The following table shows the water and wastewater reserves used in this analysis and their balances as of December 31, 2024.



Table 5-1  
Town of Minto  
Uncommitted Reserve/Reserve Fund Balances as at December 31, 2024

Reserve	Dec. 31 2024
<b>Water</b>	
Capital Reserve	3,701,475
Development Charges Reserve Fund	(60,951)
Contingency Reserve Fund	500,000
<b>Wastewater</b>	
Capital Reserve	3,302,682
Development Charges Reserve Fund	1,669,930
Contingency Reserve Fund	500,000

## 5.6 Debenture Financing

---

Although it is not a direct way to reduce the overall cost to ratepayers, municipalities use debentures to help them pay for large capital expenditures. In addition, debenture financing can promote inter-generational equity whereby future tax and rate payers who will benefit from the infrastructure pay for the cost of the infrastructure.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing controls the amount of debt Ontario municipalities can incur. This is done through its powers under the *Municipal Act*. O. Reg. 403/02 provides the current rules respecting municipal debt and financial obligations. Under these rules, a municipality's debt capacity is capped at 25% of the municipality's own purpose revenue. That is, only 25% of these revenues may be allotted for servicing debt (i.e., debt charges). The Town's 2025 Annual Repayment Limit (A.R.L.) is \$2.06 million based on calculations by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The schedule from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing notes that the available debt for the Town is approximately \$25.71 million based on 20-year financing at an assumed rate of 5%.

It should be noted, however, that the issuance of debt should be managed at levels sustainable by the municipality. Issuance of large amounts of debt in any one year can have dramatic impacts on taxes and rates. Hence, proper management of capital spending and the level of debt issued annually must be monitored and evaluated over the longer-term period.



Within the context of the Town's 11-year water and wastewater capital program, projections show that additional debt financing totalling approximately \$51.13 million would be required over the forecast period. Of this amount, \$50.71 million relates to growth-related capital works and would be funded through D.C.s. While this projected debt may exceed the Town's A.R.L., debt financing was assumed to address affordability concerns that would arise if wastewater rates were increased to cash flow D.C. projects. Town staff will continue to monitor D.C. collections, growth trends, and system capacity to ensure that projects are undertaken at the appropriate time to minimize debt financing needs. They will also continue to pursue funding from higher levels of government.

### **5.6.1 Infrastructure Ontario**

Infrastructure Ontario (I.O.) is an arms-length crown corporation, which has been set up as a tool to offer low-cost and longer-term financing to assist municipalities in renewing their infrastructure (this corporation merged the former Ontario Strategic Infrastructure Financing Authority (O.S.I.F.A.) into its operations). I.O. combines the infrastructure renewal needs of municipalities into an infrastructure investment "pool." I.O. will raise investment capital to finance loans to the public sector by selling Infrastructure Renewal Bonds to individual and institutional investors.

I.O. provides access to infrastructure capital that would not otherwise be available to smaller borrowers. Larger borrowers receive longer loan terms than they could get in the financial markets. They can also save on costs such as legal fees and underwriting commissions. Under the I.O. approach, all borrowers receive the same low interest rate. I.O. will enter into a financial agreement with each municipality, subject to technical and credit reviews, for a loan up to the maximum amount of the loan request.

To be eligible to receive these loans, municipalities must submit a formal application along with pertinent financial information. Allotments are prioritized and distributed based upon the Province's assessment of need. The analysis provided herein assumes that the Town will not provide debt financing for the capital projects identified.

### **5.6.2 Ontario Investment Bank**

The Province, through the *Building Ontario Fund Act, 2024* established funding through a new Ontario Infrastructure Bank. This arms-length, board-governed agency will assist



investors and institutions in participating in large-scale infrastructure projects. The bank is newly established and currently in the process of being operationalized.

## **5.7 Recommended Capital Financing Approach**

---

Tables 5-2 and 5-3 provide for the full capital expenditures (inflated \$) for water and wastewater services as discussed in Chapter 2. These tables also include various funding alternatives recommended for further consideration by the Town. Additional detailed information on the forecasts is provided in Appendix A and Appendix B.





Table 5-2  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast and Recommended Capital Financing (inflated \$) – Water

Description	Budget 2025	Total	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>													
King Street	-	18,400	18,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tower Inspection - Clifford - Repairs, Interior Paint	-	275,000	275,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tower Inspection - Palmerston - Repairs, Interior Paint	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tower - Palmerston - Climbing Apparatus	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chlorine Board	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Exploration - complete EA- Palmerston	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Construction - Harriston	-	380,000	380,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Webb St- Elizabeth St to Raglan St (285m)	-	500,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Main Street	-	110,700	110,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCADA	-	110,000	110,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Meters	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pumps/ Valves	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur StW	-	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Well Inspections-Wells 3 & 4	-	70,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	-	-	-
Data Loggers	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St Harriston Design	-	52,000	-	52,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chlorine Board	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCADA	-	62,000	-	62,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Meters	-	21,000	-	21,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pumps/Valves	-	16,000	-	16,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pick-up Truck (#12)	-	78,000	-	78,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harriston Watertower painting Design	-	364,000	-	364,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boulton Street Engineering and Tender	-	54,000	-	-	54,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service Truck	-	81,000	-	-	81,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vac Truck	-	162,000	-	-	162,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Well Construction	-	542,000	-	-	542,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harriston King St S Construction	-	563,000	-	-	563,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2016 Ford F550 (#19)	-	85,000	-	-	-	85,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019 Ford F150 (#12)	-	103,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	103,000	-	-
2021 Chevy Silverado (#9)	-	188,000	-	-	81,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,000	-
2023 Ford F150 (#21)	-	88,000	-	-	-	-	88,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024 Ford F150 (#22)	-	92,000	-	-	-	-	-	92,000	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Clifford</b>													
Chlorine Analyser	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Inspections	-	109,000	-	47,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,000	-	-
Ann St N - Watermain Extension (320m)	-	333,000	-	-	-	-	-	333,000	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Harriston</b>													
King Street North Development	18,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tower Inspection & Repairs	35,000	32,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,000	-	-	-	-
Water Tower Interior Touch Up	35,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chlorine Board	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Exploration	107,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Inspections	-	93,000	-	-	32,000	-	18,000	-	-	-	-	43,000	-



Table 5-2 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast and Recommended Capital Financing (inflated \$) – Water

Description	Budget 2025	Total	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Capital Expenditures													
Well 4 - Increase Source Capacity	-	5,098,000	-	2,498,000	2,600,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur St W - 40m S of Wilson St to 140m S of Wilson St (100m)	-	221,000	100,000	121,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St S - Pellister St E to Jessie St (430m)	-	1,180,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,180,000	-	-	-	-
Queen St S - Lorne St E to Jessie St (210m)	-	554,000	-	-	-	-	-	554,000	-	-	-	-	-
Queen St S - Yonge St E to Pellister St E (240m)	-	633,000	-	-	-	-	-	633,000	-	-	-	-	-
Lorne St E - King St S to dead end at ROW (90m)	-	247,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	247,000	-	-	-	-
King St S - Arthur St E to Maitland St (140m)	-	400,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400,000	-	-	-
Jessie St - Queen St S to King St S (90m)	-	268,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	268,000	-	-
Queen St S and Queen St N - Dead End to Maitland St (550m)	-	1,702,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,702,000	-
King St S - Maitland St to Young St E (290m)	-	796,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	796,000	-	-	-	-
John St N - Adelaide St to John St Wellhouse (200m)	-	619,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	619,000	-	-
Palmerston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Main Street	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Tower Inspection	-	29,000	-	-	-	-	-	29,000	-	-	-	-	-
Well Inspections	-	76,000	-	-	16,000	17,000	-	-	-	-	-	21,000	22,000
Well Exploration	207,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Main St W (210m)	-	369,600	369,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Main St W	-	1,514,500	1,514,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mary St Extension to Dead End (185m)	-	339,000	-	-	339,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well 5 - Increase Source Capacity	-	6,101,000	-	-	-	-	6,101,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St - Main St W to King St. Hotel (95m)	-	205,200	205,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boulton St - Norman St to Whites Rd (380m)	-	963,000	-	-	-	-	963,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Queen St S - 250m S of Walker St to 35m N of Victoria St (680m)	-	1,942,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,942,000	-	-	-
William St - Queen St S to Bell (310m)	-	886,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	886,000	-	-	-
Daly St - Norman St to Whites Rd (380m)	-	1,130,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,130,000	-	-
Cumberland St - Queen St to Main St E (170m)	-	547,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	547,000
Norman St - Main St E to Nelson St (440m)	-	1,400,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,400,000	-
Dufferin St - Norman St to Whites Rd (360m)	-	1,159,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,159,000
Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minto Pines Well Infrastructure Inspection	-	23,000	-	-	-	-	23,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Engineering	-	156,000	-	-	-	17,000	18,000	18,000	19,000	20,000	21,000	21,000	22,000
Consulting	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Servicing Strategy	-	16,000	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
SCADA - Water	10,000	115,000	-	-	11,000	11,000	12,000	12,000	13,000	13,000	14,000	14,000	15,000
Water Meters	20,000	3,010,000	-	-	22,000	23,000	23,000	24,000	25,000	26,000	918,000	955,000	994,000
Pumps / Valves	15,000	156,000	-	-	-	17,000	18,000	18,000	19,000	20,000	21,000	21,000	22,000



Table 5-2 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast and Recommended Capital Financing (inflated \$) – Water

Description	Budget 2025	Total	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Capital Expenditures													
Studies:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Rate Study and Financial Plan	21,257	55,000	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	30,000	-
Servicing Strategy Updates	-	55,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	18,000	-	-	-	-	22,000
Servicing Standards Update	-	27,500	7,500	-	-	-	-	9,000	-	-	-	-	11,000
Allocations By-Law Study	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minto Water Systems Class EA	-	138,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	138,000	-	-
Water Model/Sewer Model	-	27,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total Capital Expenditures	603,657	36,988,900	3,866,900	3,281,000	4,505,000	174,000	7,322,000	1,713,000	2,337,000	3,353,000	3,300,000	4,320,000	2,817,000
Capital Financing													
Provincial/Federal Grants - Non-Growth Related	-	973,691	973,691	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provincial/Federal Grants - Growth Related	-	991,309	991,309	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Development Charges Reserve Fund	283,500	4,620,125	126,125	256,200	394,750	500	691,400	218,600	214,800	1,031,750	144,450	1,532,550	9,000
Non-Growth Related Debenture Requirements	-	166,259	166,259	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Growth Related Debenture Requirements	-	9,713,741	713,741	2,000,000	2,200,000	-	4,800,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Reserve	320,157	20,523,775	895,775	1,024,800	1,910,250	173,500	1,830,600	1,494,400	2,122,200	2,321,250	3,155,550	2,787,450	2,808,000
Total Capital Financing	603,657	36,988,900	3,866,900	3,281,000	4,505,000	174,000	7,322,000	1,713,000	2,337,000	3,353,000	3,300,000	4,320,000	2,817,000



Table 5-3  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast and Recommended Capital Financing (inflated \$) – Wastewater

Description	Budget 2025	Total	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Capital Expenditures													
Ultra-Rib Inspection/Lining	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clifford Pump	-	18,000	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King Street	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harriston Pumping Station upgrade & pump	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Main Street	-	118,950	118,950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Plant upgrades, expansion	-	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assimilated Capacity	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Servicing Strategy	-	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCADA	-	60,000	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pumps/Valves	-	35,000	35,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chemical Pump	-	12,000	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLI ECA Sanitary	-	12,000	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur St W	-	125,000	125,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Hardware & Software	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inflow & Infiltration Studies	-	62,000	62,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Safety Equipment	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jane & Norman Easement-town sh-\$180, Developer-\$30k;	-	210,000	210,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raglan St/Webb St	-	520,000	520,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inflow and Infiltration Studies (H&P)	-	62,000	-	62,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ultra-Rib Inspection/Lining	-	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assimilative Capacity	-	52,000	-	52,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCADA	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pumps/Valves	-	36,000	-	36,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chemical Pump	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLI ECA Sanitary	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Hardware & Software	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St Harriston Design	-	52,000	-	52,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norman St	-	104,000	-	104,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boulton Street Engineering and Tender	-	54,000	-	-	54,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vac Truck	-	162,000	-	-	162,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harriston - King St S Construction	-	542,000	-	-	542,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2016 Ford F550 (#19)	-	85,000	-	-	-	85,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021 Chevy Silverado (#3)	-	188,000	-	-	81,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,000	-
2023 Ford F250 (#2)	-	117,000	-	-	-	-	117,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023 Ford F150 (#8)	-	188,000	-	-	81,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,000	-
Clifford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ultra-Rib Inspection / Lining	23,000	330,000	-	-	-	28,000	31,000	32,000	34,000	37,000	54,000	56,000	58,000
Clifford Pump	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lagoon Rehabilitation	45,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Table 5-3  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast and Recommended Capital Financing (inflated \$) – Wastewater

Description	Budget 2025	Total	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>													
<i>Harriston</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King Street North Development	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wastewater Inflow and Infiltration (study and work)	-	388,000	-	-	-	38,000	41,000	44,000	47,000	50,000	54,000	56,000	58,000
Pumping Station Upgrade & Pump	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lagoon - WSER Effluent Quality Upgrade	-	1,678,000	-	-	-	-	1,678,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Stabilization	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sludge Removal (Mapping)	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Webb St - 20m E of Raglan St W to Pellister St W (100m)	-	220,000	220,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St S - Arthur St E to 70m E of Arthur St E (70m)	-	211,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	211,000	-	-	-
King St S - Marklane St to Young St E (200m)	-	597,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	597,000	-	-	-	-
King St S - Raglan St E to Jessie St (550m)	-	1,538,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,538,000	-	-	-	-
Queen St S - Young St E to Jessie St (670m)	-	1,800,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,800,000	-	-	-	-	-
Louise St - Elora St N to 120m S of John St N (310m)	-	939,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	939,000	-	-
John St N - Adelaide St to William St W (380m)	-	1,151,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,151,000	-	-
Queen St N - 70m W of William St E to William St E (70m)	-	221,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	221,000	-
Queen St N - 20m E of William St E to 30m E of Union St E (130m)	-	410,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	410,000	-
Queen St N - 30m E of Union St E to Arthur St E (140m)	-	441,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	441,000	-
<i>Palmerston</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Main Street	81,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wastewater Inflow and Infiltration (Study and Work)	-	395,000	-	-	-	38,000	41,000	44,000	47,000	53,000	55,000	57,000	60,000
Plant Upgrades, Expansion & Clarifier	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Main St W (381m)	-	781,050	781,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SANMH P112A to P112C (150m)	-	320,000	-	320,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Queen Street South (215m)	-	631,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	631,000	-
Increase Treatment Capacity	-	53,900,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,412,000	27,488,000
Queen St S - 30m N of King St to Victoria St (80m)	-	233,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	233,000	-	-	-
Queen St S - William St to 50m N of William St (50m)	-	145,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	145,000	-	-	-
Daly St - 90m E of Whites Rd to 20m E of Whites Rd (70m)	-	212,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	212,000	-	-
Norman St - 50m N of Main St W to 30m S of Boulton St (130m)	-	410,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	410,000	-
Cumberland St - Main St E to 50m S of Main St E (50m)	-	164,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	164,000
King St - Main St W to King St. Hotel (95m)	-	209,000	209,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boulton St - Norman St to Whites Rd (380m)	-	981,000	-	-	-	-	981,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>General</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Engineering	-	260,000	-	-	-	28,000	29,000	31,000	32,000	33,000	34,000	36,000	37,000
Consulting	20,000	131,000	-	-	-	-	59,000	-	-	-	-	72,000	-
Servicing Strategy	2,000	16,000	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
2024 - Harriston Webb Street Extension	52,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	10,000	73,000	-	-	-	8,000	8,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Computer Hardware/Software	-	52,000	-	-	-	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
SCADA - Sewer	10,000	104,000	-	-	-	11,000	12,000	12,000	13,000	13,000	14,000	14,000	15,000
Pumps / Valves	90,000	363,000	-	-	-	39,000	41,000	43,000	44,000	46,000	48,000	50,000	52,000
Chemical Pumps	30,000	19,000	-	-	-	6,000	-	-	6,000	-	-	7,000	-
CLIECA - Sanitary	10,000	104,000	-	-	-	11,000	12,000	12,000	13,000	13,000	14,000	14,000	15,000



Table 5-3  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast and Recommended Capital Financing (inflated \$) – Wastewater

Description	Budget 2025	Total	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>													
Studies:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wastewater Rate Study	12,717	33,000	-	-	-	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	18,000	-
Servicing Strategy Updates	-	55,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	18,000	-	-	-	-	22,000
Servicing Standards Update	-	27,500	7,500	-	-	-	-	9,000	-	-	-	-	11,000
Allocations By-Law Study	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Model/Sewer Model	-	27,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>562,717</b>	<b>72,715,000</b>	<b>2,674,000</b>	<b>692,000</b>	<b>922,000</b>	<b>302,000</b>	<b>3,075,000</b>	<b>2,062,000</b>	<b>2,392,000</b>	<b>856,000</b>	<b>2,598,000</b>	<b>29,142,000</b>	<b>28,000,000</b>
<b>Capital Financing</b>													
Provincial/Federal Grants - Non-Growth Related	-	580,000	580,000										
Provincial/Federal Grants - Growth Related	-	5,840,000	450,000									2,641,200	2,748,800
Development Charges Reserve Fund	-	8,046,350	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,307,150	739,200
Non-Growth Related Debenture Requirements	-	250,000	250,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Growth Related Debenture Requirements	-	41,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,000,000	24,000,000
Wastewater Reserve	562,717	16,998,650	1,394,000	692,000	922,000	302,000	3,075,000	2,062,000	2,392,000	856,000	2,598,000	2,193,650	512,000
<b>Total Capital Financing</b>	<b>562,717</b>	<b>72,715,000</b>	<b>2,674,000</b>	<b>692,000</b>	<b>922,000</b>	<b>302,000</b>	<b>3,075,000</b>	<b>2,062,000</b>	<b>2,392,000</b>	<b>856,000</b>	<b>2,598,000</b>	<b>29,142,000</b>	<b>28,000,000</b>



# Chapter 6

## Operating Expenditures and Revenues



## 6. Operating Expenditures and Revenues

### 6.1 Operating Expenditures

---

The approved 2025 Operating Budget and Draft 2026 operating budget were provided by Town staff for use in this study. The operating budget forecast generally includes two components: the operating expenditures and capital-related expenditures. The former is based on the Town's projected annual spending for ongoing operations and maintenance. The latter is based on the capital funding plan decisions (i.e., transfers to reserve funds, debt repayment, and capital fund transfers) presented earlier.

Operating expenditures for 2026 reflect the Town's draft 2026 budget. The remaining 10 years of the forecast are based on the 2026 draft budget with adjustments for inflation. The costs for each component of the operating budget have been reviewed with staff to establish forecast inflationary adjustments. The cost adjustments are summarized below.

- Expenditures related to utilities, insurance, and taxes are assumed to increase at a rate of 5% annually;
- Expenditures related to chemicals and water sampling/testing costs are assumed to increase at a rate of 7.5% annually; and
- All other expenditures are assumed to increase at a rate of 2.0% annually from 2027 to 2036.

Capital-related annual expenditures in the forecast include annual debt repayments and contributions to reserves/reserve funds to support the forecast and future needs. Annual transfers to the capital reserve fund have been built into the operating expenditure forecasts to minimize the need for debt to finance the capital program. Compared to the annual lifecycle contribution discussed in Section 4-2 of this report, the annual capital-related expenditures (non-growth capital only) for water services will total \$2.43 million in 2036, which is approximately \$829,000 higher than the inflated annual lifecycle contribution of \$1.60 million identified in Table 4-1. Similarly, for wastewater services, capital-related expenditures (non-growth only) are projected to be \$2.90 million in 2036, which is approximately \$745,000 higher than the inflated annual lifecycle contribution of \$2.16 million identified in Table 4-1. The additional funds will be invested to provide the Town with funding to address future cost fluctuations, assistance in cash flowing growth-related needs until such times as the D.C.s can be collected and funding the





portion of growth projects that will not generate D.C. revenue due to discounts and exemptions provided in the D.C.A. and/or the Town's D.C. by-law.

Gross operating expenditures for water services are expected to increase from \$2.49 million in 2025 to \$4.92 million in 2036. Similarly, for wastewater services, annual gross expenditures are forecast to increase from \$2.77 million to \$5.09 million in 2036. Tables 6-1 and 6-2 provide operating expenditure forecasts for water and wastewater services.

## **6.2 Operating Revenues**

---

The Town has revenue from base charges, municipal service agreements, and miscellaneous revenue sources to help contribute towards operating expenditures.

Base charge revenues from Town's customers have been forecasted based on the underlying system growth assumptions provided in Section 2 of this report.

Furthermore, 4% annual increases to the water base charges and 2% annual increases to the wastewater base charges are forecast over the period to provide funding for the projected capital and operating expenditures. The Town has miscellaneous revenues that help fund water and wastewater services. These revenues are assumed to increase by 2% each year over the forecast period.

Tables 6-1 and 6-2 provide for the operating revenues for water and wastewater services. The tables also provide the net operating expenditures to be recovered from the volumetric rates. Additional detailed information on the forecasts is provided in Appendix A and Appendix B.



Table 6-1  
Town of Minto  
Operating Budget Forecast – Water (inflated \$)

Description	Budget 2025	Forecast										
		2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Expenditures</b>												
<b>Operating Costs</b>												
SALARIES & WAGES	499,600	531,500	542,130	552,973	564,032	575,313	586,819	598,555	610,526	622,737	635,192	647,896
BENEFITS - FULL TIME	159,800	169,100	172,482	175,932	179,451	183,040	186,701	190,435	194,244	198,129	202,092	206,134
CONFERENCES & MEETINGS	4,000	4,000	4,080	4,162	4,245	4,330	4,417	4,505	4,595	4,687	4,781	4,877
TRAINING	15,000	12,000	12,240	12,485	12,735	12,990	13,250	13,515	13,785	14,061	14,342	14,629
MILEAGE	500	500	510	520	530	541	552	563	574	585	597	609
ADMINISTRATION ALLOCATION	98,600	102,300	104,346	106,433	108,562	110,733	112,948	115,207	117,511	119,861	122,258	124,703
CLOTHING	1,000	1,100	1,122	1,144	1,167	1,190	1,214	1,238	1,263	1,288	1,314	1,340
LEGAL SERVICES	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
CERTIFICATIONS	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,792	1,828
OUTSIDE SERVICES	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,792	1,828
ENGINEERING SERVICES	15,000	15,000	15,300	15,606	15,918	16,236	16,561	16,892	17,230	17,575	17,927	18,286
SPECIAL CONSULTING SERVICES	12,000	12,000	12,240	12,485	12,735	12,990	13,250	13,515	13,785	14,061	14,342	14,629
PERMITS & ACCREDITATION - DWQMS	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
AUDITING - DWQMS	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
MEMBERSHIP FEES	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
CLEANING SUPPLIES	1,600	1,800	1,836	1,873	1,910	1,948	1,987	2,027	2,068	2,109	2,151	2,194
WATER METER CONTRACTOR INSTALL	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
WATER METER R&M	2,000	2,000	2,040	2,081	2,123	2,165	2,208	2,252	2,297	2,343	2,390	2,438
OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
COMPUTER HARDWARE / SOFTWARE	10,000	10,000	10,200	10,404	10,612	10,824	11,040	11,261	11,486	11,716	11,950	12,189
SCADA MAINTENANCE	10,000	10,000	10,200	10,404	10,612	10,824	11,040	11,261	11,486	11,716	11,950	12,189
PUBLICATIONS & DATA RECEIVED	500	500	510	520	530	541	552	563	574	585	597	609
ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,792	1,828
TELEPHONE SERVICES & CHARGES	2,800	2,800	2,856	2,913	2,971	3,030	3,091	3,153	3,216	3,280	3,346	3,413
RADIO/GPS SERVICE & MAINT.	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,792	1,828
LOCATES - ON 1 CALL	2,000	2,000	2,040	2,081	2,123	2,165	2,208	2,252	2,297	2,343	2,390	2,438
MACHINE TIME CHARGE	240,000	240,000	244,800	249,696	254,690	259,784	264,980	270,280	275,686	281,200	286,824	292,560
BAD DEBTS	500	500	510	520	530	541	552	563	574	585	597	609
SMALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	11,600	11,600	11,832	12,069	12,310	12,556	12,807	13,063	13,324	13,590	13,862	14,139
EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,792	1,828
SAFETY EQUIPMENT	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
SAFETY CLOTHING	2,500	2,500	2,550	2,601	2,653	2,706	2,760	2,815	2,871	2,928	2,987	3,047



Table 6-1 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Operating Budget Forecast – Water (inflated \$)

Description	Budget 2025	Forecast										
		2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Expenditures</b>												
<u>Operating Costs</u>												
ANNUAL INSURANCE COVERAGE	29,400	30,900	32,445	34,067	35,770	37,559	39,437	41,409	43,479	45,653	47,936	50,333
ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES	3,500	3,500	3,675	3,859	4,052	4,255	4,468	4,691	4,926	5,172	5,431	5,703
HYDRO	81,000	85,900	90,195	94,705	99,440	104,412	109,633	115,115	120,871	126,915	133,261	139,924
GROUPS MAINTENANCE - WINTER	8,800	9,000	9,180	9,364	9,551	9,742	9,937	10,136	10,339	10,546	10,757	10,972
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	2,000	2,000	2,040	2,081	2,123	2,165	2,208	2,252	2,297	2,343	2,390	2,438
SECURITY SYSTEM MONITORING / MAINTENANCE	18,500	18,500	18,870	19,247	19,632	20,025	20,426	20,835	21,252	21,677	22,111	22,553
VEHICLE FUEL & SUPPLIES	2,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P.H. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	41,000	41,000	41,820	42,656	43,509	44,379	45,267	46,172	47,095	48,037	48,998	49,978
WATER SAMPLING	56,450	56,000	60,200	64,715	69,569	74,787	80,396	86,426	92,908	99,876	107,367	115,420
WATER TREATMENT	74,000	76,000	81,700	87,828	94,415	101,496	109,108	117,291	126,088	135,545	145,711	156,639
TOWER REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,700	1,700	1,734	1,769	1,804	1,840	1,877	1,915	1,953	1,992	2,032	2,073
SUPPLIES	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,792	1,828
RENTAL EQUIPMENT	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
W.M. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	36,500	36,500	37,230	37,975	38,735	39,510	40,300	41,106	41,928	42,767	43,622	44,494
HYD. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	5,500	5,500	5,610	5,722	5,836	5,953	6,072	6,193	6,317	6,443	6,572	6,703
Vehicle Costs	(207,000)	(207,000)	(211,140)	(215,363)	(219,670)	(224,063)	(228,544)	(233,115)	(237,777)	(242,533)	(247,384)	(252,332)
<b>Sub Total Operating</b>	<b>1,277,650</b>	<b>1,324,700</b>	<b>1,362,063</b>	<b>1,400,901</b>	<b>1,441,282</b>	<b>1,483,309</b>	<b>1,527,058</b>	<b>1,572,625</b>	<b>1,620,123</b>	<b>1,669,646</b>	<b>1,721,320</b>	<b>1,775,269</b>
<u>Capital-Related</u>												
Existing Debt (Principal) - Growth Related												
Existing Debt (Interest) - Growth Related												
New Growth Related Debt (Principal)		-	23,969	92,091	169,654	176,441	344,691	358,478	372,817	387,730	403,239	403,239
New Growth Related Debt (Interest)		-	28,550	107,591	191,907	185,121	370,063	356,276	341,937	327,024	311,515	311,515
Existing Debt (Principal) - Non-Growth Related	194,393	198,303	176,072	179,873	179,664	183,561	187,555	191,648	195,843	200,142	204,547	209,061
Existing Debt (Interest) - Non-Growth Related	76,058	72,034	67,596	63,547	58,495	53,919	49,247	44,475	39,602	34,625	29,542	24,349
New Non-Growth Related Debt (Principal)		-	5,583	5,807	6,039	6,280	6,532	6,793	7,065	7,347	7,641	7,641
New Non-Growth Related Debt (Interest)		-	6,650	6,427	6,195	5,953	5,702	5,441	5,169	4,886	4,593	4,593
Transfer to Contingency Reserve	-	174,008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Capital Reserve	942,266	757,981	1,017,127	1,089,605	1,180,271	1,274,322	1,379,918	1,511,897	1,668,627	1,832,612	2,003,067	2,187,987
<b>Sub Total Capital Related</b>	<b>1,212,717</b>	<b>1,202,326</b>	<b>1,325,547</b>	<b>1,544,940</b>	<b>1,792,225</b>	<b>1,885,597</b>	<b>2,343,708</b>	<b>2,475,008</b>	<b>2,631,059</b>	<b>2,794,366</b>	<b>2,964,144</b>	<b>3,148,385</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,490,367</b>	<b>2,527,026</b>	<b>2,687,610</b>	<b>2,945,841</b>	<b>3,233,507</b>	<b>3,368,906</b>	<b>3,870,766</b>	<b>4,047,633</b>	<b>4,251,182</b>	<b>4,464,012</b>	<b>4,685,464</b>	<b>4,923,654</b>



Table 6-1 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Operating Budget Forecast – Water (inflated \$)

Description	Budget 2025	Forecast										
		2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Revenues</b>												
Base Charge	869,457	913,538	959,754	1,008,205	1,061,613	1,120,400	1,186,638	1,267,733	1,359,974	1,458,021	1,561,735	1,671,905
Per Unit Charges	62,870	65,385	68,000	70,720	73,549	76,491	79,551	82,733	86,042	89,483	93,063	96,785
Other Revenue	59,229	59,190	60,400	61,600	62,800	64,100	65,400	66,700	68,000	69,400	70,800	72,200
Flat Rate/Unmetered Customers	2,371	2,410	2,494	2,580	2,674	2,769	2,866	2,965	3,071	3,179	3,290	3,408
Contributions from Development Charges Reserve Fund	-	-	52,518	199,682	361,562	361,562	714,754	714,754	714,754	714,754	714,754	714,754
Contributions from Reserves / Reserve Funds	180,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>1,174,327</b>	<b>1,040,523</b>	<b>1,143,166</b>	<b>1,342,787</b>	<b>1,562,197</b>	<b>1,625,322</b>	<b>2,049,209</b>	<b>2,134,884</b>	<b>2,231,841</b>	<b>2,334,837</b>	<b>2,443,641</b>	<b>2,559,052</b>
<b>Water Billing Recovery - Total</b>	<b>1,316,039</b>	<b>1,486,504</b>	<b>1,544,444</b>	<b>1,603,054</b>	<b>1,671,311</b>	<b>1,743,585</b>	<b>1,821,557</b>	<b>1,912,749</b>	<b>2,019,342</b>	<b>2,129,175</b>	<b>2,241,823</b>	<b>2,364,601</b>



**Table 6-2**  
**Town of Minto**  
**Operating Budget Forecast – Wastewater (inflated \$)**

Description	Budget 2025	Forecast										
		2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Expenditures</b>												
<u>Operating Costs</u>												
SALARIES & WAGES	423,700	503,000	513,060	523,321	533,787	544,463	555,352	566,459	577,788	589,344	601,131	613,154
BENEFITS - FULL TIME	135,600	166,100	169,422	172,810	176,266	179,791	183,387	187,055	190,796	194,612	198,504	202,474
BENEFITS - PART TIME	3,200	2,700	2,754	2,809	2,865	2,922	2,980	3,040	3,101	3,163	3,226	3,291
WAGES - PART TIME	19,000	19,000	19,380	19,768	20,163	20,566	20,977	21,397	21,825	22,262	22,707	23,161
CONFERENCES & MEETINGS	3,500	3,500	3,570	3,641	3,714	3,788	3,864	3,941	4,020	4,100	4,182	4,266
TRAINING	8,000	8,000	8,160	8,323	8,489	8,659	8,832	9,009	9,189	9,373	9,560	9,751
MILEAGE	400	400	408	416	424	432	441	450	459	468	477	487
ADMINISTRATION ALLOCATION	99,000	101,700	103,734	105,809	107,925	110,084	112,286	114,532	116,823	119,159	121,542	123,973
CLOTHING	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
LEGAL SERVICES	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
CERTIFICATIONS	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
ENGINEERING SERVICES	16,500	16,500	16,830	17,167	17,510	17,860	18,217	18,581	18,953	19,332	19,719	20,113
SPECIAL CONSULTING SERVICES	5,000	5,000	5,100	5,202	5,306	5,412	5,520	5,630	5,743	5,858	5,975	6,095
MEMBERSHIP FEES	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
CLEANING SUPPLIES	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,792	1,828
OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,500	2,500	2,550	2,601	2,653	2,706	2,760	2,815	2,871	2,928	2,987	3,047
COMPUTER HARDWARE / SOFTWARE	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
SCADA MAINTENANCE	30,000	20,000	20,400	20,808	21,224	21,648	22,081	22,523	22,973	23,432	23,901	24,379
PUBLICATIONS & DATA RECEIVED	100	100	102	104	106	108	110	112	114	116	118	120
ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS	900	900	918	936	955	974	993	1,013	1,033	1,054	1,075	1,097
TELEPHONE SERVICES & CHARGES	1,200	1,200	1,224	1,248	1,273	1,298	1,324	1,350	1,377	1,405	1,433	1,462
RADIO/GPS SERVICE & MAINT.	600	600	612	624	636	649	662	675	689	703	717	731
MACHINE TIME CHARGE	192,000	192,000	195,840	199,757	203,752	207,827	211,984	216,224	220,548	224,959	229,458	234,047
LEAK ADJUSTMENTS	5,000	5,000	5,100	5,202	5,306	5,412	5,520	5,630	5,743	5,858	5,975	6,095
SMALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	6,000	6,000	6,120	6,242	6,367	6,494	6,624	6,756	6,891	7,029	7,170	7,313
EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	15,600	15,600	15,912	16,230	16,555	16,886	17,224	17,568	17,919	18,277	18,643	19,016
SAFETY EQUIPMENT	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
SAFETY CLOTHING	3,500	3,500	3,570	3,641	3,714	3,788	3,864	3,941	4,020	4,100	4,182	4,266
ANNUAL INSURANCE COVERAGE	37,100	38,900	40,845	42,887	45,031	47,283	49,647	52,129	54,735	57,472	60,346	63,363
ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES	73,200	75,600	79,380	83,349	87,516	91,892	96,487	101,311	106,377	111,696	117,281	123,145
HYDRO	203,800	213,900	224,595	235,825	247,616	259,997	272,997	286,647	300,979	316,028	331,829	348,420
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE - WINTER	7,000	7,000	7,140	7,283	7,429	7,578	7,730	7,885	8,043	8,204	8,368	8,535
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	6,500	6,500	6,630	6,763	6,898	7,036	7,177	7,321	7,467	7,616	7,768	7,923
SECURITY SYSTEM MONITORING / MAINTENANCE	4,100	4,100	4,182	4,266	4,351	4,438	4,527	4,618	4,710	4,804	4,900	4,998
VEHICLE FUEL & SUPPLIES	3,500	3,500	3,570	3,641	3,714	3,788	3,864	3,941	4,020	4,100	4,182	4,266



Table 6-2 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Operating Budget Forecast – Wastewater (inflated \$)

Description	Budget 2025	Forecast										
		2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Expenditures</b>												
<u>Operating Costs</u>												
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	4,100	4,100	4,182	4,266	4,351	4,438	4,527	4,618	4,710	4,804	4,900	4,998
SUPPLIES	5,300	5,300	5,406	5,514	5,624	5,736	5,851	5,968	6,087	6,209	6,333	6,460
RENTAL EQUIPMENT	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
RISK MANAGEMENT	11,100	11,100	11,322	11,548	11,779	12,015	12,255	12,500	12,750	13,005	13,265	13,530
WASHROOM SUPPLIES	500	500	510	520	530	541	552	563	574	585	597	609
ePOST FEES	300	300	306	312	318	324	330	337	344	351	358	365
HEALTH & SAFETY	5,000	5,000	5,100	5,202	5,306	5,412	5,520	5,630	5,743	5,858	5,975	6,095
WATER & SEWER	37,300	39,100	39,882	40,680	41,494	42,324	43,170	44,033	44,914	45,812	46,728	47,663
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS	500	500	510	520	530	541	552	563	574	585	597	609
VEHICLE INSPECTIONS & LICENSES	500	500	510	520	530	541	552	563	574	585	597	609
PLANT REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	60,000	60,000	61,200	62,424	63,672	64,945	66,244	67,569	68,920	70,298	71,704	73,138
WASTEWATER TESTING	38,800	38,800	41,710	44,838	48,201	51,816	55,702	59,880	64,371	69,199	74,389	79,968
WASTEWATER TREATMENT	84,500	84,500	90,838	97,651	104,975	112,848	121,312	130,410	140,191	150,705	162,008	174,159
SEWER MAIN REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	21,000	21,000	22,575	24,268	26,088	28,045	30,148	32,409	34,840	37,453	40,262	43,282
INSPECTIONS/CAMERA	3,000	2,000	2,040	2,081	2,123	2,165	2,208	2,252	2,297	2,343	2,390	2,438
SLUDGE REMOVAL	29,900	36,000	36,720	37,454	38,203	38,967	39,746	40,541	41,352	42,179	43,023	43,883
INSPECTIONS	500	500	510	520	530	541	552	563	574	585	597	609
FLOOD CONTROL EXPENSES	5,000	7,500	7,650	7,803	7,959	8,118	8,280	8,446	8,615	8,787	8,963	9,142
Vehicle Costs	(161,900)	(160,950)	(164,200)	(167,500)	(170,900)	(174,300)	(177,800)	(181,400)	(185,000)	(188,700)	(192,500)	(196,400)
<b>Sub Total Operating</b>	<b>1,460,400</b>	<b>1,587,050</b>	<b>1,636,549</b>	<b>1,688,135</b>	<b>1,741,877</b>	<b>1,797,994</b>	<b>1,856,516</b>	<b>1,917,569</b>	<b>1,981,402</b>	<b>2,048,056</b>	<b>2,117,699</b>	<b>2,190,506</b>
<u>Capital-Related</u>												
Existing Debt (Principal) - Growth Related												
Existing Debt (Interest) - Growth Related												
New Growth Related Debt (Principal)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	642,173
New Growth Related Debt (Interest)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	608,716
Existing Debt (Principal) - Non-Growth Related	201,810	110,741	92,863	94,643	54,774	55,207	55,651	56,106	56,572	57,049	57,539	58,040
Existing Debt (Interest) - Non-Growth Related	28,489	23,951	20,865	18,175	15,566	13,998	12,418	10,828	9,226	7,613	5,988	4,351
New Non-Growth Related Debt (Principal)		-	8,395	8,731	9,081	9,444	9,821	10,214	10,623	11,048	11,490	11,949
New Non-Growth Related Debt (Interest)		-	10,000	9,664	9,315	8,952	8,574	8,181	7,773	7,348	6,906	6,446
Transfer to Contingency Reserve		30,732										
Transfer to Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Capital Reserve	1,081,791	1,222,937	1,254,409	1,252,317	1,296,941	1,305,350	1,322,324	1,362,653	1,416,014	1,469,767	1,522,912	1,576,274
<b>Sub Total Capital Related</b>	<b>1,312,090</b>	<b>1,388,361</b>	<b>1,386,532</b>	<b>1,383,530</b>	<b>1,385,676</b>	<b>1,392,951</b>	<b>1,408,788</b>	<b>1,447,982</b>	<b>1,500,207</b>	<b>1,552,824</b>	<b>1,604,835</b>	<b>2,907,950</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,772,490</b>	<b>2,975,411</b>	<b>3,023,081</b>	<b>3,071,665</b>	<b>3,127,553</b>	<b>3,190,945</b>	<b>3,265,304</b>	<b>3,365,551</b>	<b>3,481,609</b>	<b>3,600,880</b>	<b>3,722,534</b>	<b>5,098,456</b>



Table 6-2 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Operating Budget Forecast – Wastewater (inflated \$)

Description	Budget 2025	Forecast										
		2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Revenues</b>												
Base Charge	1,036,050	1,067,906	1,100,622	1,134,220	1,171,675	1,213,187	1,260,722	1,321,764	1,391,596	1,464,158	1,539,067	1,616,870
Per Unit Charges	76,718	78,252	79,817	81,414	83,042	84,703	86,397	88,125	89,887	91,685	93,519	95,389
Flat Rate/Unmetered Customers	2,846	2,975	2,999	3,023	3,048	3,073	3,099	3,125	3,152	3,179	3,207	3,236
Other Revenue	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Contributions from Development Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,250,890
Reserve Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions from Reserves / Reserve Funds	39,933	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>1,157,048</b>	<b>1,150,633</b>	<b>1,184,938</b>	<b>1,220,156</b>	<b>1,259,264</b>	<b>1,302,463</b>	<b>1,351,717</b>	<b>1,414,514</b>	<b>1,486,135</b>	<b>1,560,523</b>	<b>1,637,293</b>	<b>2,967,885</b>
<b>Wastewater Billing Recovery - Total</b>	<b>1,615,442</b>	<b>1,824,777</b>	<b>1,838,143</b>	<b>1,851,509</b>	<b>1,868,289</b>	<b>1,888,481</b>	<b>1,913,587</b>	<b>1,951,037</b>	<b>1,995,474</b>	<b>2,040,357</b>	<b>2,085,241</b>	<b>2,130,571</b>



# Chapter 7

## Pricing Structures





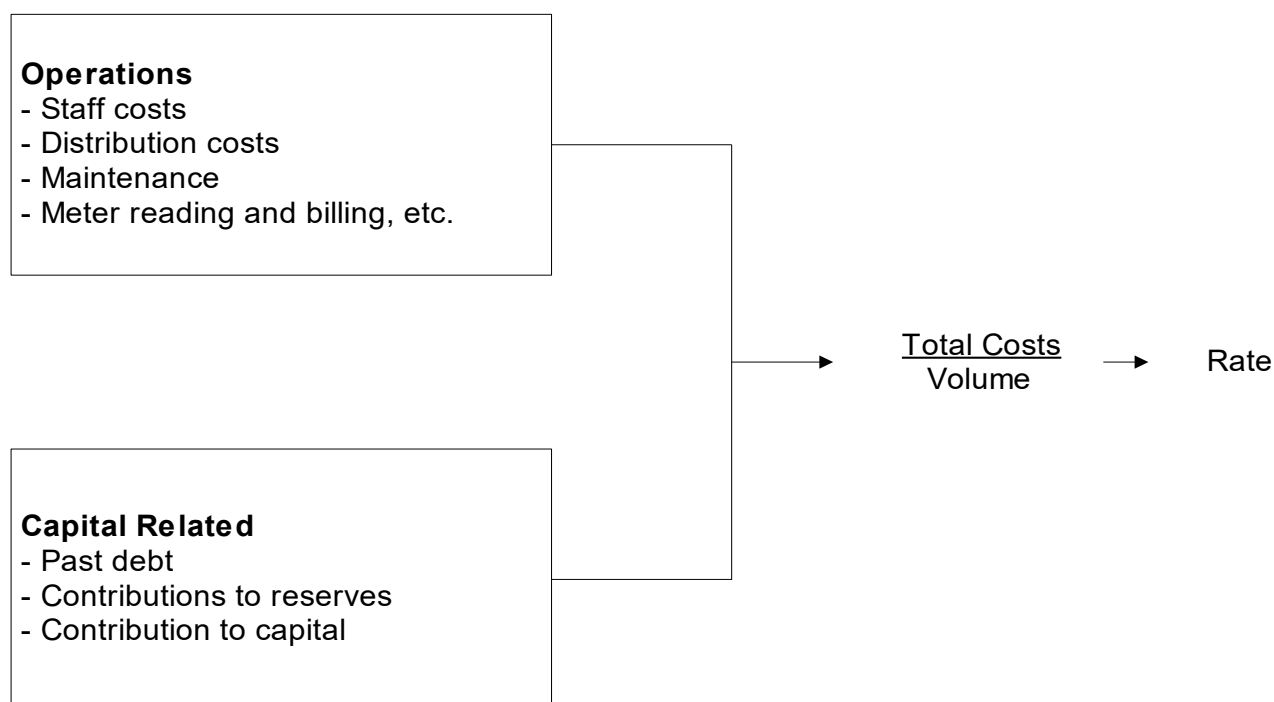
## 7. Pricing Structures

### 7.1 Introduction

---

Rates, in their simplest form, can be defined as total costs to maintain the utility function divided by the total expected volume to be generated for the period. Total costs are usually a combination of operating costs (e.g., staff costs, distribution costs, maintenance, administration, etc.) and capital-related costs (e.g., past debt to finance capital projects, transfers to reserves to finance future expenditures, etc.). The schematic below provides a simplified illustration of the rate calculation for water.

#### “Annual Costs”



These operating and capital expenditures will vary over time. Examples of factors affecting expenditures over time are provided below.

#### Operations

- Inflation;
- Increased maintenance as the system ages; and



- Changes to provincial legislation.

### Capital Related

- New capital will be built as areas expand;
- Replacement capital needed as system ages; and
- Financing of capital costs are a function of policy regarding reserves and direct financing from rates (pay as you go), debt, and user pay methods (development charges, *Municipal Act*).

## 7.2 Alternative Pricing Structures

---

Throughout Ontario, and as well, Canada, the use of pricing mechanisms varies between municipalities. The use of a particular form of pricing depends upon numerous factors, including Council preference, administrative structure, surplus/deficit system capacities, economic/demographic conditions, to name a few.

Municipalities within Ontario have two basic forms of collecting revenues for water purposes, those being through incorporation of the costs within the tax rate charged on property assessment and/or through the establishment of a specific water rate billed to the customer. Within the rate methods, there are five basic rate structures employed along with other variations:

- Flat Rate (non-metered customers);
- Constant Rate;
- Declining Block Rate;
- Increasing (or Inverted) Block Rate;
- Hump Back Block Rate; and
- Base Charges.

The definitions and general application of the various methods are as follows:

**Property Assessment:** This method incorporates the total costs of providing water into the general requisition or the assessment base of the municipality. This form of collection is a "wealth tax," as payment increases directly with the value of property owned and bears no necessary relationship to actual consumption. This form is easy to administer as the costs to be recovered are incorporated into the calculation for all general services, normally collected through property taxes.



**Flat Rate: This** rate is a constant charge applicable to all customers served. The charge is calculated by dividing the total number of user households and other entities (e.g., businesses) into the costs to be recovered. This method does not recognize differences in actual consumption but provides for a uniform spreading of costs across all users. Some municipalities define users into different classes of similar consumption patterns, that is, a commercial user, residential user, and industrial user, and charge a flat rate by class. Each user is then billed on a periodic basis. No water meters are required to facilitate this method, but an accurate estimate of the number of users is required. This method ensures set revenue for the collection period but is not sensitive to consumption, hence may cause a shortfall or surplus of revenues collected.

**Constant Rate: This** rate is a volume-based rate, in which the consumer pays the same price per unit consumed, regardless of the volume. The price per unit is calculated by dividing the total cost of the service by the total volume used by total consumers. The bill to the consumer climbs uniformly as consumption increases. This form of rate requires water meters to record the volume consumed by each user. This method closely aligns the revenue recovery with consumption. Revenue collected varies directly with consumption volume.

**Declining Block Rates: This** rate structure charges a successively lower price for set volumes, as consumption increases through a series of "blocks." That is to say that within set volume ranges, or blocks, the charge per unit is set at one rate. Within the next volume range, the charge per unit decreases to a lower rate, and so on. Typically, the first, or first and second blocks cover residential and light commercial uses. Subsequent blocks normally are used for heavier commercial and industrial uses. This rate structure requires water meters to record the volume consumed by each type of user. This method requires the collection and analysis of consumption patterns by user classification to establish rates at a level which does not over or under-collect revenue from rate payers.

**Increasing or Inverted Block Rates:** The increasing block rate works essentially the same way as the declining block rate, except that the price of water in successive blocks increases rather than declines. Under this method, the consumer's bill rises faster with higher volumes used. This rate structure also requires water meters to record the volume consumed by each user. This method requires, as with the declining block structure, the collection and analysis of consumption patterns by user classification to establish rates at a level which does not over or under-collect from rate payers.



**The Hump Back Rate:** The hump back rate is a combination of an increasing block rate and the declining block rate. Under this method, the consumer's bill rises with higher volumes used up to a certain level and then begins to fall for volumes exceeding levels set for the increasing block rate.

## 7.3 Assessment of Alternative Pricing Structures

---

The adoption by a municipality or utility of any one particular pricing structure is normally a function of a variety of administrative, social, demographic, and financial factors. The number of factors, and the weighting each particular factor receives, can vary between municipalities. The following is a review of some of the more prevalent factors.

### Cost Recovery

Cost recovery is a prime factor in establishing a particular pricing structure. Costs can be divided into different categories: operations, maintenance, capital, financing, and administration. These costs often vary between municipalities and even within a municipality, based on consumption patterns, infrastructure age, economic growth, etc.

The pricing alternatives defined earlier can all achieve the cost recovery goal, but some do so more precisely than others. Fixed pricing structures, such as Property Assessment and Flat Rate, are established on the value of property or on the number of units present in the municipality, but do not reflect consumption of the service. Thus, if actual consumption for the year is greater than projected, the municipality incurs a higher cost of production, but the revenue base remains static (since it was determined at the beginning of the year), thus potentially providing a funding shortfall. Conversely, if consumption declines below projections, fixed pricing structures will produce more revenue than actual costs incurred.

The other pricing methods (declining block, constant rate, increasing block) are consumption-based and generally generate revenues in proportion to actual consumption.

### Administration

Administration is defined herein as the staffing, equipment, and supplies required to support the undertaking of a particular pricing strategy. This factor not only addresses



the tangible requirements to support the collection of revenues, but also the intangible requirements, such as policy development.

The easiest pricing structure to support is the Property Assessment structure. As municipalities undertake the process of calculating property tax bills and the collection process for their general services, the incorporation of the water costs into this calculation would have virtually no impact on the administrative process and structure.

The Flat Rate pricing structure is relatively easy to administer as well. It is usually calculated to collect a certain amount, either monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. It is billed directly to the customer. The impact on administration centres is mostly on the accounts receivable or billing area of the municipality but normally requires minor additional staff or operating costs to undertake.

The three remaining methods, Increasing Block Rate, Constant Rate, and Declining Block Rate, have a bigger impact on administration. These methods are dependent upon actual consumption and hence involve a major structure in place to administer. First, meters must be installed in all existing buildings in the municipality. New buildings that are built after this must include water meters. Second, meter readings must be undertaken periodically. Hence, staff must be available for this purpose, or a service contract must be negotiated. Third, the billings process must be expanded to accommodate this process. Billing must be done over a defined period, requiring staff to produce the bills. Lastly, either through increased staffing or by service contract, an annual maintenance program must be set up to ensure meters are working effectively in recording consumed volumes.

The benefit derived from the installation of meters is that information on consumption patterns becomes available. This information provides benefit to administration in calculating rates, which will ensure revenue recovery. When planning what services are to be constructed in future years, the municipality or utility has documented consumption patterns distinctive to its own situation, which can be used to project sizing of growth-related works.

### Equity

Equity is always a consideration in the establishment of pricing structures, but its definition can vary depending on a municipality's circumstances and based on the subjective interpretation of those involved. For example: is: is the price charged to a



particular class of rate payer consistent with those of a similar class in surrounding municipalities; through the pricing structure, does one class of rate payer pay more than another class; should one pay based on ability to pay, or on the basis that a unit of water costs the same to supply no matter who consumes it; etc.? There are many interpretations. Equity therefore must be viewed broadly in light of many factors as part of achieving what is best for the municipality.

### Revenue Stability

The objective of revenue stability is to limit the variability of annual variation in revenues due to fluctuation in consumption patterns. Variability is most often caused by weather conditions where in “wet” years, water usage is low and in “dry” years, water usage is high. To remove this variability entirely, a municipality would need to recover costs by either property taxes or by using the flat rates. Alternatively, a base charge provides for a fixed amount to be collected per period, which would at least guarantee a portion of the revenue stream.

### **Fixed vs. Variable Rates/Revenue**

Often it is suggested that the rate structure be developed to reflect the fixed vs. variable expenditures so that revenues more closely match the expenditures being made. While this is a positive objective to advance, the reality is that most annual expenditures are generally fixed over periods of time and do not vary with consumption. The most variable costs would include hydro and chemicals, which generally increase or decrease with water production. Other costs, such as wages, benefits, insurance, vehicles/equipment, telecommunications, contracts, capital-related (i.e., debt, reserve transfers, current to capital transfers) are generally fixed. Variable costs for chemicals and hydro generally represent about 10% of the total water budget.

### Conservation

Conservation of natural resources is increasingly being more highly valued. Conservation is also a concept which applies to a municipality facing physical limitations in the amount of water which can be supplied to an area. As well, financial constraints can encourage conservation in a municipality where the cost of providing each additional unit is increasing.

Pricing structures such as property assessment and flat rate do not, in themselves, encourage conservation. In fact, depending on the price, which is charged, they may



even encourage resource "squandering," either because consumers, without the price discipline, consume water at will, or the customer wants to get their money's worth and hence adopts more liberal consumption patterns. The reason for this is that the price paid for the service bears no direct relationship to the volume consumed and hence is viewed as a "tax," instead of being viewed as the price of a purchased commodity.

The Declining Block Rate provides a decreasing incentive towards conservation. By creating awareness of volumes consumed, the consumer can reduce their total costs by restricting consumption; however, the incentive lessens as more water is consumed, because the marginal cost per unit declines as the consumer enters the next block pricing range. Similarly, those whose consumption level is at the top end of a block have less incentive to reduce consumption.

The Constant Rate structure presents the customer with a linear relationship between consumption and the cost thereof. As the consumer pays a fixed cost per unit, their bill will vary directly with the amount consumed. This method presents tangible incentive for consumers to conserve water. As metering provides direct feedback as to usage patterns and the consumer has direct control over the total amount paid for the commodity, the consumer is encouraged to use only those volumes that are reasonably required.

The Inverted Block method presents the most effective pricing method for encouraging conservation. Through this method, the price per unit consumed increases as total volumes consumed grow. The consumer becomes aware of consumption through metering with the charges increasing dramatically with usage. Hence, there normally is awareness that exercising control over usage can produce significant savings. This method not only encourages conservation but may also penalize legitimate high-volume users if not properly structured.

Figure 7-1 shows the different rate structures. Property tax is not shown for comparison because the proportion of taxes paid for the service varies directly with the property's value. The graphs on the left-hand side of the figure present the cost per unit for each additional amount of water consumed. The right-hand side of the figure presents the impact on the customer's bill as the volume of water increases. Following the schematic is Figure 7-2, which summarizes each rate structure and the impacts on a customer's bill as volumes increase.



Figure 7-1  
Water Rate Pricing Concepts

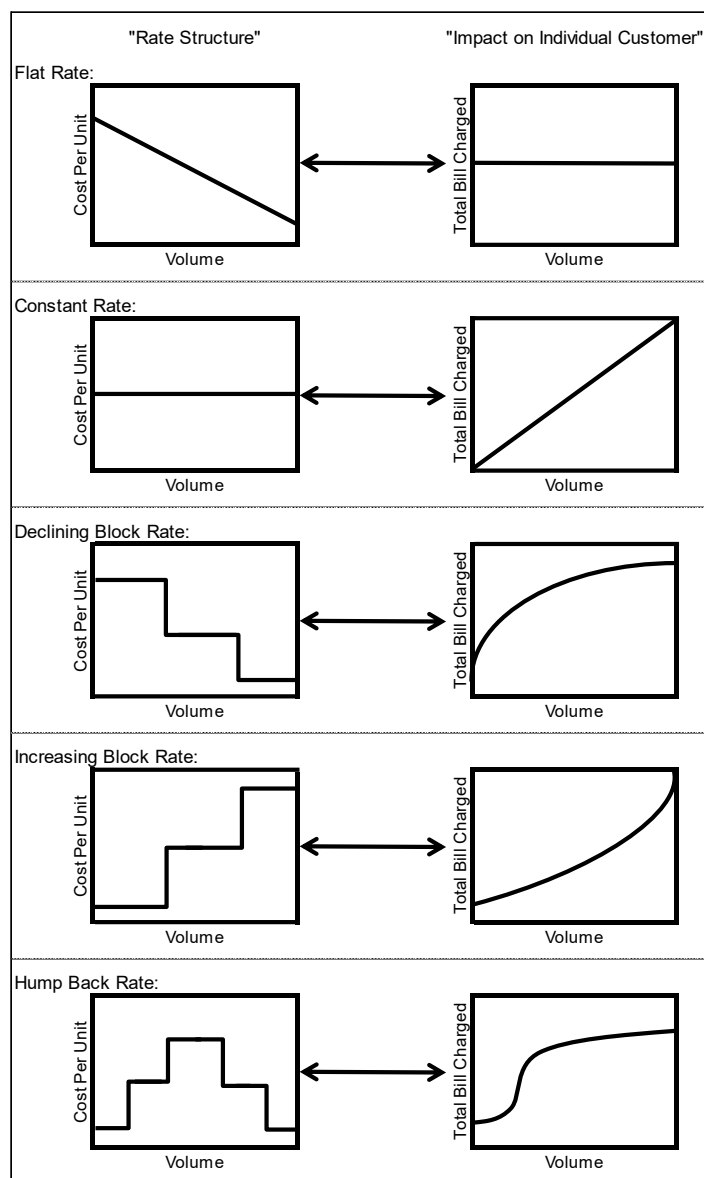






Figure 7-2  
Summary of Various Rate Structures and their Impact on Customer Bills as Volume Usage Increases

Rate Structure	Cost Per Unit as Volume Increases	Impact On Customer Bill as Volume Increases
Flat Rate	Cost per unit decreases as more volume consumed	Bill remains the same no matter how much volume is consumed
Constant Rate	Cost per unit remains the same	Bill increases in direct proportion to consumption
Declining Block	Cost per unit decreases as threshold targets are achieved	Bill increases at a slower rate as volumes increase
Increasing Block	Cost per unit increases as threshold targets are achieved	Bill increases at a faster rate as volumes increase
Hump Back Rate	Combination of an increasing block at the lower consumption volumes and then converts to a declining block for the high consumption	Bill increases at a faster rate at the lower consumption amounts and then slows as volumes increase

## 7.4 Rate Structures in Ontario

In a past survey of over 170 municipalities (approximately half of the municipalities who provide water and/or wastewater), all forms of rate structures are in use by Ontario municipalities. The most common rate structure is the constant rate (for metered municipalities). Most municipalities (approximately 92%) who have volume rate structures also impose a base charge.

Historically, the development of a base charge often reflected either the recovery of meter reading/billing/collection costs, plus administration or those costs plus certain fixed costs (such as capital contributions or reserve contributions). More recently, many municipalities have started to establish base charges based on ensuring a secure



portion of the revenue stream which does not vary with volumes/flows. Selection of the quantum of the base charge is a matter of policy selected by individual municipalities.

## **7.5 Recommended Rate Structures**

---

Based on the analysis presented in this report, the water and wastewater systems require increased investment over the forecast period. Additional operating expenditures and the requirement for lifecycle capital expenditure will put pressure on the financial sustainability of these systems.

To sustainably fund the needs of the water and wastewater systems, it is recommended that the Town impose a rate structure consisting of a base charge and a consumptive charge for all metered customers. For the consumptive or volumetric component, it is recommended that the Town transition from the current declining block rate structure to a constant rate structure. As noted above, the constant rate structure promotes water conservation, which may help the Town preserve system capacity and potentially reduce or defer the need for future expansion projects.

For multi-unit properties with a shared meter, it is recommended that the Town maintain its current practice of imposing per unit charges. These charges are intended to recognize the larger customer base served relative to the number of meters and ensure that costs, including those for customer service, are equitably recovered from all serviced households and businesses receiving the service. An alternative approach would be installing individual meters for each unit, including apartments, and imposing a base charge for each unit based on unit's meter size. This however this would require further study and analysis to determine feasibility of the approach, as it is often very costly to install meters for each unit and/or not feasible due to the construction of the buildings. The per unit charge for multi-unit building is typical in other municipalities across the Province. One bill is then divided up amongst the units by the property owner/management company and/or is covered through condominium fees.

Existing reserve/reserve fund balances can help fund capital works over the forecast period. Due to the size of the planned capital program, the Town will need to borrow money to finance both growth and non-growth-related capital works. Debt payments for growth-related capital will be funded from D.C.s while those for non-growth-related capital will be funded from rates.



A discussion on the proposed changes to the rate structure and rates if provided in Chapter 8.



# Chapter 8

## Analysis of Water and Wastewater Rates and Policy Matters



## 8. Analysis of Water and Wastewater Rates and Policy Matters

### 8.1 Introduction

---

To summarize the analysis undertaken thus far, Chapter 2 provided the growth and service demands anticipated for water and wastewater. Chapters 3 and 4 reviewed capital-related issues and respond to the provincial directives to maintain and upgrade infrastructure to required levels. Chapter 5 provided a review of capital financing options. Water and wastewater reserve contributions will be the predominant basis for financing future capital replacement. Chapter 6 established the 11-year operating forecast of expenditures, including an annual capital reserve contribution. This chapter will provide for the calculation of the base charge and volumetric rates over the forecast period. The volumetric rate will be based on the net operating expenditures provided in Chapter 6, divided by the water consumption forecast and wastewater volumes provided in Chapter 2.

### 8.2 Water and Wastewater Rate Forecasts

---

Three alternative rate structures were developed for the Town's consideration:

- Scenario 1 – Maintain the Town's existing rate structure, which includes declining block consumptive (i.e., volumetric) rates (per m<sup>3</sup>) and a graduated monthly base charge;
- Scenario 2 – Maintain the graduated monthly base charges and calculate a uniform consumptive rate (per m<sup>3</sup>) instead of the declining block rate structure; and
- Scenario 3 – Maintain the graduated monthly base charges and calculate an increasing block rate (per m<sup>3</sup>) structure for consumptive/volumetric rate.

As noted in Section 7.5, the recommended alternative is for the Town to transition to a constant rate for the consumptive portion of the bill. While capital and operating costs remain constant across all three scenarios, the transfer to reserves will vary depending on the rate structure.



### **8.2.1 Scenario 1 – Maintain Existing Rate Structure**

As noted in Chapter 1 of this report, the Town currently imposes a monthly base charge, graduated by meter size to recognize the service capacity utilized by the different sized meters. In addition to the base charge, the Town imposes a consumptive rate based on a declining block rate structure (i.e., it provides lower consumptive rates for customers with higher water usage).

This scenario calculates the rates if the Town were to maintain its existing rate structure. To achieve the full cost recovery, water base charges would need to increase by 5% annually over the forecast period (2026-2036). In addition, the water volumetric rate would need to increase by 4% annually for 2026-2030, 3% annually 2031-2033, and 2% annually for the remainder of the forecast period.

Similarly, wastewater base charge rates would be required to increase by 3% annually over the forecast period to 2036, with no changes to the volumetric rate. The resultant rate forecasts for water and wastewater services are presented in Table 6-2.

In addition, the bulk water volumetric rate would continue to be set at twice the block 1 rate, consistent with the Town's current practice. These rates, along with flat rates for unmetered customers, are also Table 8-1.

### **8.2.2 Scenario 2 – Uniform Volumetric Rate (Recommended)**

The current billing structure provides a partial subsidy to the higher-volume customers. Scenario 3 measures the impacts of a uniform consumptive rate structure which would reduce the subsidy across customer types. From a comparative perspective, uniform/constant rates would allow for all customers to be billed for the full cost of their service demands. In this option, regardless of the amount of consumption, each customer would pay the same rate for each cubic metre of water consumption. The forecast uniform consumptive rate is presented in Table 8-2.

Under this scenario, water base charges would increase by 4% a year from 2026 to 2036. The volumetric rate for 2026 would be set equal to the 2025 block 1 rate. After 2026, volumetric rates for water would increase by approximately 3% per year over the remainder of the forecast period i.e., 2027-2036.



Similarly, wastewater base charge rates would increase by 2% annually from 2026 to 2036. As with water, the volumetric rate for 2026 would be set equal to the 2025 block 1 rate, with no increases identified over the forecast period to 2036.

**Table 8-1**  
**Town of Minto**  
**Scenario 1 - Water and Wastewater Rate Forecast (Existing Rate Structure)**

**Water**

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Base Charges (per month) by Meter Size</b>												
¾" meter size	\$26.62	\$27.95	\$29.35	\$30.82	\$32.36	\$33.97	\$35.67	\$37.46	\$39.33	\$41.30	\$43.36	\$45.53
1" meter size	\$37.27	\$39.13	\$41.09	\$43.14	\$45.30	\$47.57	\$49.95	\$52.44	\$55.06	\$57.82	\$60.71	\$63.74
1 ½" meter size	\$47.92	\$50.32	\$52.83	\$55.47	\$58.25	\$61.16	\$64.22	\$67.43	\$70.80	\$74.34	\$78.06	\$81.96
2" meter size	\$77.20	\$81.06	\$85.11	\$89.37	\$93.84	\$98.53	\$103.46	\$108.63	\$114.06	\$119.76	\$125.75	\$132.04
3" meter size	\$292.84	\$307.48	\$322.86	\$339.00	\$355.95	\$373.75	\$392.43	\$412.06	\$432.66	\$454.29	\$477.01	\$500.86
4"+ meter size	\$372.71	\$391.35	\$410.91	\$431.46	\$453.03	\$475.68	\$499.47	\$524.44	\$550.66	\$578.20	\$607.11	\$637.46
Per Unit Charge	\$9.08	\$9.53	\$10.01	\$10.51	\$11.04	\$11.59	\$12.17	\$12.78	\$13.42	\$14.09	\$14.79	\$15.53
Annual Percentage Change		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%

<b>Volume Charge - Declining Block Rate (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m3)	\$2.53	\$2.63	\$2.74	\$2.85	\$2.96	\$3.08	\$3.17	\$3.27	\$3.36	\$3.43	\$3.50	\$3.57
Block 2 (251 - 500 m3)	\$1.82	\$1.89	\$1.97	\$2.05	\$2.13	\$2.21	\$2.28	\$2.35	\$2.42	\$2.47	\$2.52	\$2.57
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m3)	\$1.55	\$1.61	\$1.68	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.89	\$1.94	\$2.00	\$2.06	\$2.10	\$2.14	\$2.19
Block 4 (3,001+ m3)	\$1.55	\$1.61	\$1.68	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.89	\$1.94	\$2.00	\$2.06	\$2.10	\$2.14	\$2.19
Annual Percentage Change		4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%

<b>Bulk Water Rate (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>\$5.06</b>	<b>\$5.26</b>	<b>\$5.47</b>	<b>\$5.69</b>	<b>\$5.92</b>	<b>\$6.16</b>	<b>\$6.34</b>	<b>\$6.53</b>	<b>\$6.73</b>	<b>\$6.86</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>	<b>\$7.14</b>
Annual Percentage Change		4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%

<b>Unmetered/Flat Rate (per month)</b>	<b>\$65.87</b>	<b>\$68.77</b>	<b>\$71.80</b>	<b>\$74.97</b>	<b>\$78.27</b>	<b>\$81.73</b>	<b>\$84.86</b>	<b>\$88.12</b>	<b>\$91.51</b>	<b>\$94.52</b>	<b>\$97.65</b>	<b>\$100.90</b>
Annual Percentage Change		4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%

**Wastewater**

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Base Charges (per month) by Meter Size</b>												
¾" meter size	\$32.49	\$33.46	\$34.47	\$35.50	\$36.57	\$37.66	\$38.79	\$39.96	\$41.16	\$42.39	\$43.66	\$44.97
1" meter size	\$45.48	\$46.84	\$48.25	\$49.70	\$51.19	\$52.72	\$54.31	\$55.93	\$57.61	\$59.34	\$61.12	\$62.95
1 ½" meter size	\$58.48	\$60.23	\$62.04	\$63.90	\$65.82	\$67.79	\$69.83	\$71.92	\$74.08	\$76.30	\$78.59	\$80.95
2" meter size	\$94.21	\$97.04	\$99.95	\$102.95	\$106.03	\$109.22	\$112.49	\$115.87	\$119.34	\$122.92	\$126.61	\$130.41
3" meter size	\$357.35	\$368.07	\$379.11	\$390.49	\$402.20	\$414.27	\$426.69	\$439.50	\$452.68	\$466.26	\$480.25	\$494.66
4"+ meter size	\$454.81	\$468.45	\$482.51	\$496.98	\$511.89	\$527.25	\$543.07	\$559.36	\$576.14	\$593.42	\$611.23	\$629.56
Per Unit Charge	\$11.08	\$11.41	\$11.75	\$12.11	\$12.47	\$12.84	\$13.23	\$13.63	\$14.04	\$14.46	\$14.89	\$15.34
Annual Percentage Change		3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%

<b>Volume Charge - Declining Block Rate (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m3)	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19
Block 2 (251 - 500 m3)	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$2.33
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m3)	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97
Block 4 (3,001+ m3)	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97	\$1.97
Annual Percentage Change		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

<b>Unmetered/Flat Rate (per month)</b>	<b>\$79.06</b>	<b>\$82.95</b>	<b>\$83.96</b>	<b>\$84.99</b>	<b>\$86.06</b>	<b>\$87.15</b>	<b>\$88.28</b>	<b>\$89.45</b>	<b>\$90.65</b>	<b>\$91.88</b>	<b>\$93.15</b>	<b>\$94.46</b>
Annual Percentage Change		5%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%



**Table 8-2**  
**Town of Minto**  
**Scenario 2 - Water and Wastewater Rate Forecast (Uniform Rate - Recommended)**

**Water**

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Base Charges (per month) by Meter Size</b>												
½" meter size	\$26.62	\$27.68	\$28.79	\$29.94	\$31.14	\$32.39	\$33.68	\$35.03	\$36.43	\$37.89	\$39.40	\$40.98
1" meter size	\$37.27	\$38.76	\$40.31	\$41.92	\$43.60	\$45.34	\$47.16	\$49.04	\$51.01	\$53.05	\$55.17	\$57.38
1 ½" meter size	\$47.92	\$49.84	\$51.83	\$53.90	\$56.06	\$58.30	\$60.63	\$63.06	\$65.58	\$68.21	\$70.93	\$73.77
2" meter size	\$77.20	\$80.29	\$83.50	\$86.84	\$90.31	\$93.93	\$97.68	\$101.59	\$105.65	\$109.88	\$114.27	\$118.85
3" meter size	\$292.84	\$304.55	\$316.74	\$329.41	\$342.58	\$356.28	\$370.54	\$385.36	\$400.77	\$416.80	\$433.47	\$450.81
4" + meter size	\$372.71	\$387.62	\$403.12	\$419.25	\$436.02	\$453.46	\$471.60	\$490.46	\$510.08	\$530.48	\$551.70	\$573.77
Per Unit Charge	\$9.08	\$9.44	\$9.82	\$10.21	\$10.62	\$11.05	\$11.49	\$11.95	\$12.43	\$12.92	\$13.44	\$13.98
<b>Increase to Block Rate (%)</b>		4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
<b>Charge - Constant Rate (\$/m³)</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m³)	\$2.53	\$2.53	\$2.61	\$2.69	\$2.78	\$2.87	\$2.96	\$3.05	\$3.15	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.46
Block 2 (251 - 500 m³)	\$1.82	\$2.53	\$2.61	\$2.69	\$2.78	\$2.87	\$2.96	\$3.05	\$3.15	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.46
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m³)	\$1.55	\$2.53	\$2.61	\$2.69	\$2.78	\$2.87	\$2.96	\$3.05	\$3.15	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.46
Block 4 (3,001+ m³)	\$1.55	\$2.53	\$2.61	\$2.69	\$2.78	\$2.87	\$2.96	\$3.05	\$3.15	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.46
<b>Increase to Volumetric Rate (%)</b>		n/a	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Bulk Water Rate (\$/m³)</b>	<b>\$5.06</b>	<b>\$5.06</b>	<b>\$5.22</b>	<b>\$5.38</b>	<b>\$5.56</b>	<b>\$5.74</b>	<b>\$5.92</b>	<b>\$6.10</b>	<b>\$6.30</b>	<b>\$6.50</b>	<b>\$6.70</b>	<b>\$6.92</b>
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		0%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Unmetered/Flat Rate (per month)</b>	<b>\$65.87</b>	<b>\$66.93</b>	<b>\$69.28</b>	<b>\$71.68</b>	<b>\$74.27</b>	<b>\$76.91</b>	<b>\$79.60</b>	<b>\$82.35</b>	<b>\$85.30</b>	<b>\$88.31</b>	<b>\$91.38</b>	<b>\$94.66</b>
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%

**Wastewater**

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Base Charges (per month) by Meter Size</b>												
½" meter size	\$32.49	\$33.14	\$33.80	\$34.48	\$35.17	\$35.87	\$36.59	\$37.32	\$38.07	\$38.83	\$39.61	\$40.40
1" meter size	\$45.48	\$46.39	\$47.32	\$48.26	\$49.23	\$50.21	\$51.22	\$52.24	\$53.29	\$54.35	\$55.44	\$56.55
1 ½" meter size	\$58.48	\$59.65	\$60.84	\$62.06	\$63.30	\$64.57	\$65.86	\$67.18	\$68.52	\$69.89	\$71.29	\$72.71
2" meter size	\$94.21	\$96.09	\$98.02	\$99.98	\$101.98	\$104.02	\$106.10	\$108.22	\$110.38	\$112.59	\$114.84	\$117.14
3" meter size	\$357.35	\$364.50	\$371.79	\$379.22	\$386.81	\$394.54	\$402.43	\$410.48	\$418.69	\$427.07	\$435.61	\$444.32
4" + meter size	\$454.81	\$463.91	\$473.18	\$482.65	\$492.30	\$502.15	\$512.19	\$522.43	\$532.88	\$543.54	\$554.41	\$565.50
Per Unit Charge	\$11.08	\$11.30	\$11.53	\$11.76	\$11.99	\$12.23	\$12.48	\$12.73	\$12.98	\$13.24	\$13.51	\$13.78
<b>Increase to Block Rate (%)</b>		2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
<b>Volume Charge - Constant Rate (\$/m³)</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m³)	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19
Block 2 (251 - 500 m³)	\$2.33	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m³)	\$1.97	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19
Block 4 (3,001+ m³)	\$1.97	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19
<b>Increase to Volumetric Rate (%)</b>		n/a	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Unmetered/Flat Rate (per month)</b>	<b>\$79.06</b>	<b>\$82.63</b>	<b>\$83.29</b>	<b>\$83.97</b>	<b>\$84.66</b>	<b>\$85.36</b>	<b>\$86.08</b>	<b>\$86.81</b>	<b>\$87.56</b>	<b>\$88.32</b>	<b>\$89.09</b>	<b>\$89.89</b>
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

### 8.2.3 Scenario 3 – Increasing Block Rate

As noted in Chapter 7 of this report, the increasing block rate works similarly to the declining block rate, except that the price of water in successive blocks increases rather than decreases. Under this method, the consumer's bill rises faster with higher volumes used, providing a strong incentive to conserve water consumption.

Under this scenario, the Town would maintain the graduated base charges, which vary by meter size, and apply an increasing block rate structure for the volumetric rate instead of the current declining rate structure. The calculated base and volumetric rates are provided in Table 8-3.





To achieve full cost recovery under this scenario, water base charges would need to increase by 4% annually over the forecast period (2026-2036). In addition, the water volumetric rate would need to increase by 5% annually over the forecast period. The Block 1 volumetric rate would initially decrease as part of the transition and then the rates for all blocks would increase by 3% annually for 2027-2036.

Similarly, wastewater base charge rates would need to increase by 3% annually over the forecast period to 2036. Once the increasing block rates are implemented, no changes to the volumetric rate are forecasted. The resultant rate forecasts for water and wastewater services, including bulk water and flat rates are presented in Table 8-3.

**Table 8-3**  
**Town of Minto**  
**Scenario 3 - Water and Wastewater Rate Forecast (Increasing Block Rate)**

**Water**

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Base Charges (per month) by Meter Size</b>												
¼" meter size	\$26.62	\$27.95	\$29.35	\$30.82	\$32.36	\$33.97	\$35.67	\$37.46	\$39.33	\$41.30	\$43.36	\$45.53
1" meter size	\$37.27	\$39.13	\$41.09	\$43.14	\$45.30	\$47.57	\$49.95	\$52.44	\$55.06	\$57.82	\$60.71	\$63.74
1 ½" meter size	\$47.92	\$50.32	\$52.83	\$55.47	\$58.25	\$61.16	\$64.22	\$67.43	\$70.80	\$74.34	\$78.06	\$81.96
2" meter size	\$77.20	\$81.06	\$85.11	\$89.37	\$93.84	\$98.53	\$103.46	\$108.63	\$114.06	\$119.76	\$125.75	\$132.04
3" meter size	\$292.84	\$307.48	\$322.86	\$339.00	\$355.95	\$373.75	\$392.43	\$412.06	\$432.66	\$454.29	\$477.01	\$500.86
4"+ meter size	\$372.71	\$391.35	\$410.91	\$431.46	\$453.03	\$475.68	\$499.47	\$524.44	\$550.66	\$578.20	\$607.11	\$637.46
Per Unit Charge	\$9.08	\$9.53	\$10.01	\$10.51	\$11.04	\$11.59	\$12.17	\$12.78	\$13.42	\$14.09	\$14.79	\$15.53
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
<b>Volume Charge - Increasing Block Rate (\$/m3)</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m3)	\$2.53	\$2.20	\$2.27	\$2.34	\$2.41	\$2.48	\$2.56	\$2.63	\$2.71	\$2.79	\$2.88	\$2.96
Block 2 (251 - 500 m3)	\$1.82	\$2.64	\$2.72	\$2.81	\$2.89	\$2.98	\$3.07	\$3.16	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.45	\$3.55
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m3)	\$1.55	\$3.09	\$3.18	\$3.27	\$3.37	\$3.47	\$3.58	\$3.68	\$3.79	\$3.91	\$4.03	\$4.15
Block 4 (3,001+ m3)	\$1.55	\$3.09	\$3.18	\$3.27	\$3.37	\$3.47	\$3.58	\$3.68	\$3.79	\$3.91	\$4.03	\$4.15
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Bulk Water Rate (\$/m3)</b>	<b>\$5.06</b>	<b>\$4.41</b>	<b>\$4.54</b>	<b>\$4.68</b>	<b>\$4.82</b>	<b>\$4.96</b>	<b>\$5.11</b>	<b>\$5.26</b>	<b>\$5.42</b>	<b>\$5.58</b>	<b>\$5.75</b>	<b>\$5.92</b>
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Unmetered/Flat Rate (per month)</b>	<b>\$65.87</b>	<b>\$62.14</b>	<b>\$64.57</b>	<b>\$67.09</b>	<b>\$69.72</b>	<b>\$72.46</b>	<b>\$75.31</b>	<b>\$78.28</b>	<b>\$81.38</b>	<b>\$84.61</b>	<b>\$87.97</b>	<b>\$91.48</b>
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%

**Wastewater**

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Base Charges (per month) by Meter Size</b>												
¼" meter size	\$32.49	\$33.46	\$34.47	\$35.50	\$36.57	\$37.66	\$38.79	\$39.96	\$41.16	\$42.39	\$43.66	\$44.97
1" meter size	\$45.48	\$46.84	\$48.25	\$49.70	\$51.19	\$52.72	\$54.31	\$55.93	\$57.61	\$59.34	\$61.12	\$62.95
1 ½" meter size	\$58.48	\$60.23	\$62.04	\$63.90	\$65.82	\$67.79	\$69.83	\$71.92	\$74.08	\$76.30	\$78.59	\$80.95
2" meter size	\$94.21	\$97.04	\$99.95	\$102.95	\$106.03	\$109.22	\$112.49	\$115.87	\$119.34	\$122.92	\$126.61	\$130.41
3" meter size	\$357.35	\$368.07	\$379.11	\$390.49	\$402.20	\$414.27	\$426.69	\$439.50	\$452.68	\$466.26	\$480.25	\$494.66
4"+ meter size	\$454.81	\$468.45	\$482.51	\$496.98	\$511.89	\$527.25	\$543.07	\$559.36	\$576.14	\$593.42	\$611.23	\$629.56
Per Unit Charge	\$11.08	\$11.41	\$11.75	\$12.11	\$12.47	\$12.84	\$13.23	\$13.63	\$14.04	\$14.46	\$14.89	\$15.34
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Volume Charge - Increasing Block Rate (\$/m3)</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m3)	\$3.19	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65	\$2.65
Block 2 (251 - 500 m3)	\$2.33	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.18
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m3)	\$1.97	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70
Block 4 (3,001+ m3)	\$1.97	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Unmetered/Flat Rate (per month)</b>	<b>\$79.06</b>	<b>\$74.51</b>	<b>\$75.52</b>	<b>\$76.55</b>	<b>\$77.62</b>	<b>\$78.71</b>	<b>\$79.84</b>	<b>\$81.01</b>	<b>\$82.20</b>	<b>\$83.44</b>	<b>\$84.71</b>	<b>\$86.02</b>
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%



## 8.3 Forecast Water and Wastewater Bill Impacts

---

Table 8-4 shows the annual bill impacts of the calculated rates under each scenario for a typical residential water and wastewater customer with a volume of 140 m<sup>3</sup> per year. Based on 2025 rates, the annual water and wastewater bill for this customer would total approximately \$1,510 (i.e., \$674 for water and \$836 for wastewater), which translates to roughly \$4.24 per day. The projected bill impacts from 2025 to 2026 are as follows:

- Scenario 1 – \$3.49 per month (\$42 annually).
- Scenario 2 – \$2.04 per month (\$24 annually).
- Scenario 3 – \$7.85 per month reduction, equivalent to \$94 reduction for the year.

Over the remainder of the forecast period, the annual water and wastewater bill increases at an average level ranging from \$3.24 per month (\$38.90 per year) under Scenario 2 to \$3.64 per month (\$43.67 per year) under Scenario 1.

Table 8-5 provide the similar analysis for a higher volume user on a 3-inch meter with 5,340 m<sup>3</sup> of annual water usage. Based on 2025 rates, the annual water and wastewater bill for this customer would total approximately \$30,844 (i.e., \$13,666 for water and \$17,178 for wastewater), which translates to roughly \$2,570 per month. The projected bill impacts from 2025 to 2026 are as follows:

- Scenario 1 – \$59.20 per month (\$710 annually).
- Scenario 2 – \$644.11 per month (\$7,729 annually).
- Scenario 3 – \$762.94 per month (\$9,155 annually).

Over the remainder of the forecast period, the annual water and wastewater bill increases at an average level ranging from approximately \$57.61 per month (\$691 per year) under Scenario 1 to \$66.85 per month (\$802.19 per year) under Scenario 3.



Table 8-4  
Town of Minto  
Annual Residential Customer Water and Wastewater Bill – Based on  $\frac{5}{8}$ " or  $\frac{3}{4}$ " water meter and 140 m<sup>3</sup> of Volume

Description	Current Rates	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Scenario 1 - Existing Rate Structure	\$1,510	\$1,552	\$1,596	\$1,641	\$1,688	\$1,737	\$1,784	\$1,833	\$1,883	\$1,931	\$1,981	\$2,032
Scenario 2 - Constant/Uniform Rate (Recommended)	\$1,510	\$1,535	\$1,571	\$1,609	\$1,648	\$1,689	\$1,731	\$1,773	\$1,819	\$1,865	\$1,912	\$1,962
Scenario 3 - Increasing Block Rate	\$1,510	\$1,416	\$1,454	\$1,494	\$1,535	\$1,577	\$1,622	\$1,668	\$1,716	\$1,766	\$1,817	\$1,871
<b>Average Increase (\$)/year</b>												
Scenario 1		\$42	\$44	\$45	\$47	\$49	\$47	\$49	\$51	\$48	\$50	\$52
Scenario 2 (Recommended)		\$24	\$37	\$37	\$40	\$41	\$42	\$43	\$45	\$46	\$47	\$50
Scenario 3		(\$94)	\$38	\$40	\$41	\$43	\$44	\$46	\$48	\$50	\$52	\$54
<b>Average Increase (\$)/month</b>												
Scenario 1		\$3.49	\$3.63	\$3.78	\$3.93	\$4.10	\$3.91	\$4.06	\$4.21	\$3.99	\$4.14	\$4.29
Scenario 2 (Recommended)		\$2.04	\$3.04	\$3.12	\$3.31	\$3.39	\$3.48	\$3.56	\$3.77	\$3.86	\$3.95	\$4.17
Scenario 3		(\$7.85)	\$3.17	\$3.30	\$3.42	\$3.56	\$3.70	\$3.84	\$3.99	\$4.15	\$4.31	\$4.48

Table 8-5  
Town of Minto  
Annual Residential Customer Water and Wastewater Bill – Based on  $\frac{5}{8}$ " or  $\frac{3}{4}$ " water meter and 140 m<sup>3</sup> of Volume

Description	Current Rates	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Scenario 1 - Existing Rate Structure	\$30,844	\$31,555	\$32,294	\$33,063	\$33,864	\$34,697	\$35,441	\$36,212	\$37,011	\$37,703	\$38,419	\$39,159
Scenario 2 - Constant/Uniform Rate (Recommended)	\$30,844	\$38,573	\$39,234	\$39,903	\$40,632	\$41,370	\$42,117	\$42,872	\$43,689	\$44,516	\$45,353	\$46,253
Scenario 3 - Increasing Block Rate	\$30,844	\$39,999	\$40,751	\$41,529	\$42,334	\$43,168	\$44,031	\$44,924	\$45,848	\$46,806	\$47,797	\$48,823
<b>Average Increase (\$)/year</b>												
Scenario 1		\$710	\$739	\$769	\$801	\$833	\$744	\$771	\$799	\$692	\$716	\$740
Scenario 2 (Recommended)		\$7,729	\$661	\$668	\$730	\$738	\$746	\$755	\$817	\$827	\$837	\$900
Scenario 3		\$9,155	\$752	\$778	\$805	\$833	\$863	\$893	\$925	\$957	\$991	\$1,026
<b>Average Increase (\$)/month</b>												
Scenario 1		\$59.20	\$61.61	\$64.12	\$66.73	\$69.45	\$61.99	\$64.23	\$66.55	\$57.71	\$59.65	\$61.66
Scenario 2 (Recommended)		\$644.11	\$55.07	\$55.71	\$60.81	\$61.49	\$62.19	\$62.92	\$68.12	\$68.90	\$69.71	\$75.00
Scenario 3		\$762.94	\$62.65	\$64.84	\$67.10	\$69.46	\$71.90	\$74.43	\$77.05	\$79.78	\$82.60	\$85.53



# Chapter 9

## Recommendations



## 9. Recommendations

As presented within this report, capital and operating expenditures have been identified and projected over an 11-year forecast period for water and wastewater services. Updated rates have been calculated to fund the increased capital and operating expenditures. Based on the analysis in this report, the following recommendations are provided for Council's consideration:

1. That Council provide for the recovery of all water and wastewater service costs through full cost recovery rates and maintain reserve funds for water and wastewater services;
2. That Council considers the capital plans for water and wastewater services as provided in Tables 3-1 and 3-2 and the recommended capital financing plan as set out in Tables 5-2 and 5-3;
3. That Council consider the 2026 to 2036 water and wastewater rates as shown in Chapter 8 under Scenario 2, and direct staff to review Rate Study in five years; and
4. That Council approve the Rate Study and Water Financial Plan provided under separate cover and direct staff to submit the Plan and Council resolution approving the Plan to the Province to renew the Town's Municipal Drinking Water Licence.



# Appendices



# Appendix A

## Detailed Water Rate Calculations – Scenario 2 (Recommended)



Table A-1  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast (uninflated \$) – Water

Description	Budget 2025	Total 2026-2036	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>													
King Street	-	18,400	18,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tower Inspection - Clifford - Repairs, Interior Paint	-	275,000	275,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tower Inspection - Palmerston - Repairs, Interior Paint	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tower - Palmerston - Climbing Apparatus	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chlorine Board	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Exploration - complete EA- Palmerston	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Construction - Harriston	-	380,000	380,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Webb St- Elizabeth St to Raglan St (285m)	-	500,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Main Street	-	110,700	110,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCADA	-	110,000	110,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Meters	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pumps/ Valves	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur St W	-	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Well Inspections-Wells 3 & 4	-	60,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,000	-	-	-
Data Loggers	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St Harriston Design	-	50,000	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chlorine Board	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCADA	-	60,000	-	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Meters	-	20,000	-	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pumps/Valves	-	15,000	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pick-up Truck (#12)	-	75,000	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harriston Watertower painting Design	-	350,000	-	350,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boulton Street Engineering and Tender	-	50,000	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service Truck	-	75,000	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vac Truck	-	150,000	-	-	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Well Construction	-	500,000	-	-	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harriston King St S Construction	-	520,000	-	-	520,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2016 Ford F550 (#19)	-	75,000	-	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019 Ford F150 (#12)	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,000	-	-
2021 Chevy Silverado (#9)	-	150,000	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,000	-
2023 Ford F150 (#21)	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024 Ford F150 (#22)	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Clifford</b>													
Chlorine Analyser	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Inspections	-	90,000	-	45,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,000	-	-
Ann St N - Watermain Extension (320m)	-	272,800	-	-	-	-	-	272,800	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Harriston</b>													
King Street North Development	18,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tower Inspection & Repairs	35,000	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	-
Water Tower Interior Touch Up	35,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chlorine Board	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Exploration	107,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Inspections	-	75,000	-	-	30,000	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	30,000	-





Table A-1 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast (uninflated \$) – Water

Description	Budget 2025	Total 2026-2036	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>													
Well 4 - Increase Source Capacity	-	4,800,000	-	2,400,000	2,400,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur St W - 40m S of Wilson St to 140m S of Wilson St (100m)	-	216,000	100,000	116,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St S - Pellister St E to Jessie St (430m)	-	928,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	928,800	-	-	-	-
Queen St S - Lorne St E to Jessie St (210m)	-	453,600	-	-	-	-	-	453,600	-	-	-	-	-
Queen St S - Yonge St E to Pellister St E (240m)	-	518,400	-	-	-	-	-	518,400	-	-	-	-	-
Lorne St E - King St S to dead end at ROW (90m)	-	194,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	194,400	-	-	-	-
King St S - Arthur St E to Maitland St (140m)	-	302,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	302,400	-	-	-
Jessie St - Queen St S to King St S (90m)	-	194,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	194,400	-	-
Queen St S and Queen St N - Dead End to Maitland St (550m)	-	1,188,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,188,000	-
King St S - Maitland St to Young St E (290m)	-	626,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	626,400	-	-	-	-
John St N - Adelaide St to John St Wellhouse (200m)	-	450,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450,000	-	-
<b>Palmerston</b>													
Main Street	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Tower Inspection	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	-
Well Inspections	-	60,000	-	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	15,000
Well Exploration	207,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Main St W (210m)	-	369,600	369,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Main St W	-	1,514,500	1,514,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mary St Extension to Dead End (185m)	-	312,650	-	-	312,650	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well 5 - Increase Source Capacity	-	5,200,000	-	-	-	-	5,200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St - Main St W to King St. Hotel (95m)	-	205,200	205,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boulton St - Norman St to Whites Rd (380m)	-	820,800	-	-	-	-	820,800	-	-	-	-	-	-
Queen St S - 250m S of Walker St to 35m N of Victoria St (680m)	-	1,468,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,468,800	-	-	-
William St - Queen St S to Bell (310m)	-	669,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	669,600	-	-	-
Daly St - Norman St to Whites Rd (380m)	-	820,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	820,800	-	-
Cumberland St - Queen St to Main St E (170m)	-	367,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	367,200
Norman St - Main St E to Nelson St (440m)	-	977,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	977,400	-
Dufferin St - Norman St to Whites Rd (360m)	-	777,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	777,600
<b>Rural</b>													
Minto Pines Well Infrastructure Inspection	-	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	-	-	-	-	-
<b>General</b>													
Engineering	-	120,000	-	-	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Consulting	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Servicing Strategy	-	12,000	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
SCADA - Water	10,000	90,000	-	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Water Meters	20,000	2,121,000	-	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	667,000	667,000	667,000
Pumps / Valves	15,000	120,000	-	-	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
<b>Studies:</b>													
Water Rate Study and Financial Plan	21,257	42,513	-	-	-	-	21,257	-	-	-	-	21,257	-
Servicing Strategy Updates	-	45,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	15,000
Servicing Standards Update	-	22,500	7,500	-	-	-	-	7,500	-	-	-	-	7,500
Allocations By-Law Study	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minto Water Systems Class EA	-	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	-
Water Model/Sewer Model	-	22,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>603,657</b>	<b>30,657,463</b>	<b>3,866,900</b>	<b>3,153,000</b>	<b>4,159,650</b>	<b>154,000</b>	<b>6,241,057</b>	<b>1,404,300</b>	<b>1,838,600</b>	<b>2,534,800</b>	<b>2,396,200</b>	<b>3,017,657</b>	<b>1,891,300</b>



Table A-2  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast and Recommended Capital Financing (inflated \$) – Water

Description	Budget 2025	Total	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>													
King Street	-	18,400	18,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tower Inspection - Clifford - Repairs, Interior Paint	-	275,000	275,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tower Inspection - Palmerston - Repairs, Interior Paint	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tower - Palmerston - Climbing Apparatus	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chlorine Board	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Exploration - complete EA- Palmerston	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Construction - Harriston	-	380,000	380,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Webb St - Elizabeth St to Raglan St (285m)	-	500,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Main Street	-	110,700	110,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCADA	-	110,000	110,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Meters	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pumps/ Valves	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur St W	-	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Well Inspections-Wells 3 & 4	-	70,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	-	-	-
Data Loggers	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St Harriston Design	-	52,000	-	52,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chlorine Board	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCADA	-	62,000	-	62,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Meters	-	21,000	-	21,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pumps/Valves	-	16,000	-	16,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pick-up Truck (#12)	-	78,000	-	78,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harriston Watertower painting Design	-	364,000	-	364,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boulton Street Engineering and Tender	-	54,000	-	-	54,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service Truck	-	81,000	-	-	81,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vac Truck	-	162,000	-	-	162,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Well Construction	-	542,000	-	-	542,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harriston King St S Construction	-	563,000	-	-	563,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2016 Ford F550 (#19)	-	85,000	-	-	-	85,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019 Ford F150 (#12)	-	103,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	103,000	-	-
2021 Chevy Silverado (#9)	-	188,000	-	-	81,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,000	-
2023 Ford F150 (#21)	-	88,000	-	-	-	-	88,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024 Ford F150 (#22)	-	92,000	-	-	-	-	-	92,000	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Clifford</b>													
Chlorine Analyser	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Inspections	-	109,000	-	47,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,000	-	-
Ann St N - Watermain Extension (320m)	-	333,000	-	-	-	-	-	333,000	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Harriston</b>													
King Street North Development	18,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tower Inspection & Repairs	35,000	32,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,000	-	-	-	-
Water Tower Interior Touch Up	35,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chlorine Board	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Exploration	107,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Inspections	-	93,000	-	-	32,000	-	18,000	-	-	-	-	43,000	-



Table A-2 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast and Recommended Capital Financing (inflated \$) – Water

Description	Budget 2025	Total	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>													
Well 4 - Increase Source Capacity	-	5,098,000	-	2,498,000	2,600,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur St W - 40m S of Wilson St to 140m S of Wilson St (100m)	-	221,000	100,000	121,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St S - Pellister St E to Jessie St (430m)	-	1,180,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,180,000	-	-	-	-
Queen St S - Lorne St E to Jessie St (210m)	-	554,000	-	-	-	-	-	554,000	-	-	-	-	-
Queen St S - Yonge St E to Pellister St E (240m)	-	633,000	-	-	-	-	-	633,000	-	-	-	-	-
Lorne St E - King St S to dead end at ROW (90m)	-	247,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	247,000	-	-	-	-
King St S - Arthur St E to Maitland St (140m)	-	400,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400,000	-	-	-
Jessie St - Queen St S to King St S (90m)	-	268,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	268,000	-	-
Queen St S and Queen St N - Dead End to Maitland St (550m)	-	1,702,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,702,000	-
King St S - Maitland St to Young St E (290m)	-	796,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	796,000	-	-	-	-
John St N - Adelaide St to John St Wellhouse (200m)	-	619,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	619,000	-	-
<b>Palmerston</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Main Street	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Tower Inspection	-	29,000	-	-	-	-	29,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well Inspections	-	76,000	-	-	16,000	17,000	-	-	-	-	-	21,000	22,000
Well Exploration	207,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Main St W (210m)	-	369,600	369,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Main St W	-	1,514,500	1,514,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mary St Extension to Dead End (185m)	-	339,000	-	-	339,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Well 5 - Increase Source Capacity	-	6,101,000	-	-	-	-	6,101,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St - Main St W to King St Hotel (95m)	-	205,200	205,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boulton St - Norman St to Whites Rd (380m)	-	963,000	-	-	-	-	963,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Queen St S - 250m S of Walker St to 35m N of Victoria St (680m)	-	1,942,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,942,000	-	-	-
William St - Queen St S to Bell (310m)	-	886,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	886,000	-	-	-
Daly St - Norman St to Whites Rd (380m)	-	1,130,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,130,000	-	-
Cumberland St - Queen St to Main St E (170m)	-	547,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	547,000
Norman St - Main St E to Nelson St (440m)	-	1,400,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,400,000	-
Dufferin St - Norman St to Whites Rd (360m)	-	1,159,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,159,000
<b>Rural</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minto Pines Well Infrastructure Inspection	-	23,000	-	-	-	-	23,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>General</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Engineering	-	156,000	-	-	-	17,000	18,000	18,000	19,000	20,000	21,000	21,000	22,000
Consulting	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Servicing Strategy	-	16,000	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
SCADA - Water	10,000	115,000	-	-	11,000	11,000	12,000	12,000	13,000	13,000	14,000	14,000	15,000
Water Meters	20,000	3,010,000	-	-	22,000	23,000	23,000	24,000	25,000	26,000	918,000	955,000	994,000
Pumps / Valves	15,000	156,000	-	-	-	17,000	18,000	18,000	19,000	20,000	21,000	21,000	22,000



Table A-2 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast and Recommended Capital Financing (inflated \$) – Water

Description	Budget 2025	Total	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>													
<i>Studies:</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Rate Study and Financial Plan	21,257	55,000	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	30,000	-
Servicing Strategy Updates	-	55,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	18,000	-	-	-	-	22,000
Servicing Standards Update	-	27,500	7,500	-	-	-	-	9,000	-	-	-	-	11,000
Allocations By-Law Study	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minto Water Systems Class EA	-	138,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	138,000	-	-
Water Model/Sewer Model	-	27,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>603,657</b>	<b>36,988,900</b>	<b>3,866,900</b>	<b>3,281,000</b>	<b>4,505,000</b>	<b>174,000</b>	<b>7,322,000</b>	<b>1,713,000</b>	<b>2,337,000</b>	<b>3,353,000</b>	<b>3,300,000</b>	<b>4,320,000</b>	<b>2,817,000</b>
<b>Capital Financing</b>													
Provincial/Federal Grants - Non-Growth Related	-	973,691	973,691	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provincial/Federal Grants - Growth Related	-	991,309	991,309	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Development Charges Reserve Fund	283,500	4,620,125	126,125	256,200	394,750	500	691,400	218,600	214,800	1,031,750	144,450	1,532,550	9,000
Non-Growth Related Debenture Requirements	-	166,259	166,259	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Growth Related Debenture Requirements	-	9,713,741	713,741	2,000,000	2,200,000	-	4,800,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Reserve	320,157	20,523,775	895,775	1,024,800	1,910,250	173,500	1,830,600	1,494,400	2,122,200	2,321,250	3,155,550	2,787,450	2,808,000
<b>Total Capital Financing</b>	<b>603,657</b>	<b>36,988,900</b>	<b>3,866,900</b>	<b>3,281,000</b>	<b>4,505,000</b>	<b>174,000</b>	<b>7,322,000</b>	<b>1,713,000</b>	<b>2,337,000</b>	<b>3,353,000</b>	<b>3,300,000</b>	<b>4,320,000</b>	<b>2,817,000</b>

Table A-3  
Town of Minto  
Schedule of Non-Growth-Related Debenture Repayments (inflated \$) – Water

Debenture Year	2025	Principal (Inflated)	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
2026		166,259		12,234	12,234	12,234	12,234	12,234	12,234	12,234	12,234	12,234	12,234
2027		-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028		-				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029		-					-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2030		-						-	-	-	-	-	-
2031		-							-	-	-	-	-
2032		-								-	-	-	-
2033		-									-	-	-
2034		-										-	-
2035		-											-
2036		-											
<b>Total Annual Debt Charges</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>166,259</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,234</b>	<b>12,234</b>	<b>12,234</b>	<b>12,234</b>	<b>12,234</b>	<b>12,234</b>	<b>12,234</b>	<b>12,234</b>	<b>12,234</b>	<b>12,234</b>



Table A-4  
Town of Minto  
Schedule of Growth-Related Debenture Repayments (inflated \$) – Water

Debenture Year	2025	Principal (Inflated)	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
2026		713,741		52,518	52,518	52,518	52,518	52,518	52,518	52,518	52,518	52,518	52,518
2027		2,000,000			147,164	147,164	147,164	147,164	147,164	147,164	147,164	147,164	147,164
2028		2,200,000				161,880	161,880	161,880	161,880	161,880	161,880	161,880	161,880
2029		-					-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2030		4,800,000						353,192	353,192	353,192	353,192	353,192	353,192
2031		-							-	-	-	-	-
2032		-								-	-	-	-
2033		-									-	-	-
2034		-										-	-
2035		-											-
2036		-											
<b>Total Annual Debt Charges</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,713,741</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,518</b>	<b>199,682</b>	<b>361,562</b>	<b>361,562</b>	<b>714,754</b>	<b>714,754</b>	<b>714,754</b>	<b>714,754</b>	<b>714,754</b>	<b>714,754</b>

Table A-5  
Town of Minto  
Water Reserve/Reserve Fund Continuity (inflated \$)

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Opening Balance	3,701,475	4,410,056	4,357,708	4,437,035	3,688,718	4,789,399	4,317,783	4,287,367	3,750,606	3,159,942	1,873,744	1,111,148
Transfer from Operating	942,266	757,981	1,017,127	1,089,605	1,180,271	1,274,322	1,379,918	1,511,897	1,668,627	1,832,612	2,003,067	2,187,987
Transfer to Capital	320,157	895,775	1,024,800	1,910,250	173,500	1,830,600	1,494,400	2,122,200	2,321,250	3,155,550	2,787,450	2,808,000
Transfer to Operating	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>4,323,585</b>	<b>4,272,263</b>	<b>4,350,035</b>	<b>3,616,390</b>	<b>4,695,489</b>	<b>4,233,121</b>	<b>4,203,301</b>	<b>3,677,064</b>	<b>3,097,982</b>	<b>1,837,004</b>	<b>1,089,361</b>	<b>491,135</b>
Interest	86,472	85,445	87,001	72,328	93,910	84,662	84,066	73,541	61,960	36,740	21,787	9,823

Table A-6  
Town of Minto  
Town-Wide Water Development Charges Reserve Fund Continuity (inflated \$)

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Opening Balance	(60,951)	(261,249)	48,908	204,879	91,695	414,354	66,847	148,268	688,265	490,203	1,257,146	690,093
Development Charge Proceeds	88,325	435,322	460,673	479,449	676,596	704,144	1,011,867	1,456,056	1,538,830	1,601,498	1,666,719	1,747,775
Transfer to Capital	283,500	126,125	256,200	394,750	500	691,400	218,600	214,800	1,031,750	144,450	1,532,550	9,000
Transfer to Operating	-	-	52,518	199,682	361,562	361,562	714,754	714,754	714,754	714,754	714,754	714,754
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>(256,126)</b>	<b>47,949</b>	<b>200,862</b>	<b>89,897</b>	<b>406,230</b>	<b>65,537</b>	<b>145,360</b>	<b>674,769</b>	<b>480,591</b>	<b>1,232,496</b>	<b>676,562</b>	<b>1,714,114</b>
Interest	(5,123)	959	4,017	1,798	8,125	1,311	2,907	13,495	9,612	24,650	13,531	34,282



**Table A-7**  
**Town of Minto**  
**Water Contingency Reserve Fund (inflated \$)**

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Opening Balance	500,000	325,992	510,000	520,200	530,604	541,216	552,040	563,081	574,343	585,830	597,546	609,497
Transfer from Operating	-	174,008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Operating	180,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>319,600</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>510,000</b>	<b>520,200</b>	<b>530,604</b>	<b>541,216</b>	<b>552,040</b>	<b>563,081</b>	<b>574,343</b>	<b>585,830</b>	<b>597,546</b>	<b>609,497</b>
Interest	6,392	10,000	10,200	10,404	10,612	10,824	11,041	11,262	11,487	11,717	11,951	12,190

**Table A-8**  
**Town of Minto**  
**Operating Budget Forecast – Water (inflated \$)**

Description	Budget	Forecast										
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Expenditures</b>												
<u>Operating Costs</u>												
SALARIES & WAGES	499,600	531,500	542,130	552,973	564,032	575,313	586,819	598,555	610,526	622,737	635,192	647,896
BENEFITS - FULL TIME	159,800	169,100	172,482	175,932	179,451	183,040	186,701	190,435	194,244	198,129	202,092	206,134
CONFERENCES & MEETINGS	4,000	4,000	4,080	4,162	4,245	4,330	4,417	4,505	4,595	4,687	4,781	4,877
TRAINING	15,000	12,000	12,240	12,485	12,735	12,990	13,250	13,515	13,785	14,061	14,342	14,629
MILEAGE	500	500	510	520	530	541	552	563	574	585	597	609
ADMINISTRATION ALLOCATION	98,600	102,300	104,346	106,433	108,562	110,733	112,948	115,207	117,511	119,861	122,258	124,703
CLOTHING	1,000	1,100	1,122	1,144	1,167	1,190	1,214	1,238	1,263	1,288	1,314	1,340
LEGAL SERVICES	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
CERTIFICATIONS	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,792	1,828
OUTSIDE SERVICES	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,792	1,828
ENGINEERING SERVICES	15,000	15,000	15,300	15,606	15,918	16,236	16,561	16,892	17,230	17,575	17,927	18,286
SPECIAL CONSULTING SERVICES	12,000	12,000	12,240	12,485	12,735	12,990	13,250	13,515	13,785	14,061	14,342	14,629
PERMITS & ACCREDITATION - DWQMS	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
AUDITING - DWQMS	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
MEMBERSHIP FEES	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
CLEANING SUPPLIES	1,600	1,800	1,836	1,873	1,910	1,948	1,987	2,027	2,068	2,109	2,151	2,194
WATER METER CONTRACTOR INSTALL	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
WATER METER R&M	2,000	2,000	2,040	2,081	2,123	2,165	2,208	2,252	2,297	2,343	2,390	2,438
OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
COMPUTER HARDWARE / SOFTWARE	10,000	10,000	10,200	10,404	10,612	10,824	11,040	11,261	11,486	11,716	11,950	12,189
SCADA MAINTENANCE	10,000	10,000	10,200	10,404	10,612	10,824	11,040	11,261	11,486	11,716	11,950	12,189
PUBLICATIONS & DATA RECEIVED	500	500	510	520	530	541	552	563	574	585	597	609
ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,792	1,828
TELEPHONE SERVICES & CHARGES	2,800	2,800	2,856	2,913	2,971	3,030	3,091	3,153	3,216	3,280	3,346	3,413



Table A-8 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Operating Budget Forecast – Water (inflated \$)

Description	Budget 2025	Forecast										
		2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Expenditures</b>												
<u>Operating Costs</u>												
RADIO/GPS SERVICE & MAINT.	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,792	1,828
LOCATES - ON 1 CALL	2,000	2,000	2,040	2,081	2,123	2,165	2,208	2,252	2,297	2,343	2,390	2,438
MACHINE TIME CHARGE	240,000	240,000	244,800	249,696	254,690	259,784	264,980	270,280	275,686	281,200	286,824	292,560
BAD DEBTS	500	500	510	520	530	541	552	563	574	585	597	609
SMALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	11,600	11,600	11,832	12,069	12,310	12,556	12,807	13,063	13,324	13,590	13,862	14,139
EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,792	1,828
SAFETY EQUIPMENT	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
SAFETY CLOTHING	2,500	2,500	2,550	2,601	2,653	2,706	2,760	2,815	2,871	2,928	2,987	3,047
ANNUAL INSURANCE COVERAGE	29,400	30,900	32,445	34,067	35,770	37,559	39,437	41,409	43,479	45,653	47,936	50,333
ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES	3,500	3,500	3,675	3,859	4,052	4,255	4,468	4,691	4,926	5,172	5,431	5,703
HYDRO	81,000	85,900	90,195	94,705	99,440	104,412	109,633	115,115	120,871	126,915	133,261	139,924
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE - WINTER	8,800	9,000	9,180	9,364	9,551	9,742	9,937	10,136	10,339	10,546	10,757	10,972
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	2,000	2,000	2,040	2,081	2,123	2,165	2,208	2,252	2,297	2,343	2,390	2,438
SECURITY SYSTEM MONITORING / MAINTENANCE	18,500	18,500	18,870	19,247	19,632	20,025	20,426	20,835	21,252	21,677	22,111	22,553
VEHICLE FUEL & SUPPLIES	2,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P.H. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	41,000	41,000	41,820	42,656	43,509	44,379	45,267	46,172	47,095	48,037	48,998	49,978
WATER SAMPLING	56,450	56,000	60,200	64,715	69,569	74,787	80,396	86,426	92,908	99,876	107,367	115,420
WATER TREATMENT	74,000	76,000	81,700	87,828	94,415	101,496	109,108	117,291	126,088	135,545	145,711	156,639
TOWER REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,700	1,700	1,734	1,769	1,804	1,840	1,877	1,915	1,953	1,992	2,032	2,073
SUPPLIES	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,792	1,828
RENTAL EQUIPMENT	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121	3,183	3,247	3,312	3,378	3,446	3,515	3,585	3,657
W.M. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	36,500	36,500	37,230	37,975	38,735	39,510	40,300	41,106	41,928	42,767	43,622	44,494
HYD. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	5,500	5,500	5,610	5,722	5,836	5,953	6,072	6,193	6,317	6,443	6,572	6,703
Vehicle Costs	(207,000)	(207,000)	(211,140)	(215,363)	(219,670)	(224,063)	(228,544)	(233,115)	(237,777)	(242,533)	(247,384)	(252,332)
<b>Sub Total Operating</b>	<b>1,277,650</b>	<b>1,324,700</b>	<b>1,362,063</b>	<b>1,400,901</b>	<b>1,441,282</b>	<b>1,483,309</b>	<b>1,527,058</b>	<b>1,572,625</b>	<b>1,620,123</b>	<b>1,669,646</b>	<b>1,721,320</b>	<b>1,775,269</b>
<u>Capital-Related</u>												
New Growth Related Debt (Principal)	-	-	23,969	92,091	169,654	176,441	344,691	358,478	372,817	387,730	403,239	403,239
New Growth Related Debt (Interest)	-	-	28,550	107,591	191,907	185,121	370,063	356,276	341,937	327,024	311,515	311,515
Existing Debt (Principal) - Non-Growth Related	194,393	198,303	176,072	179,873	179,664	183,561	187,555	191,648	195,843	200,142	204,547	209,061
Existing Debt (Interest) - Non-Growth Related	76,058	72,034	67,596	63,547	58,495	53,919	49,247	44,475	39,602	34,625	29,542	24,349
New Non-Growth Related Debt (Principal)	-	-	5,583	5,807	6,039	6,280	6,532	6,793	7,065	7,347	7,641	7,641
New Non-Growth Related Debt (Interest)	-	-	6,650	6,427	6,195	5,953	5,702	5,441	5,169	4,886	4,593	4,593
Transfer to Contingency Reserve	-	174,008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Capital Reserve	942,266	757,981	1,017,127	1,089,605	1,180,271	1,274,322	1,379,918	1,511,897	1,668,627	1,832,612	2,003,067	2,187,987
<b>Sub Total Capital Related</b>	<b>1,212,717</b>	<b>1,202,326</b>	<b>1,325,547</b>	<b>1,544,940</b>	<b>1,792,225</b>	<b>1,885,597</b>	<b>2,343,708</b>	<b>2,475,008</b>	<b>2,631,059</b>	<b>2,794,366</b>	<b>2,964,144</b>	<b>3,148,385</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,490,367</b>	<b>2,527,026</b>	<b>2,687,610</b>	<b>2,945,841</b>	<b>3,233,507</b>	<b>3,368,906</b>	<b>3,870,766</b>	<b>4,047,633</b>	<b>4,251,182</b>	<b>4,464,012</b>	<b>4,685,464</b>	<b>4,923,654</b>



Table A-8 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Operating Budget Forecast – Water (inflated \$)

Description	Budget 2025	Forecast										
		2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Revenues</b>												
Base Charge	869,457	913,538	959,754	1,008,205	1,061,613	1,120,400	1,186,638	1,267,733	1,359,974	1,458,021	1,561,735	1,671,905
Per Unit Charges	62,870	65,385	68,000	70,720	73,549	76,491	79,551	82,733	86,042	89,483	93,063	96,785
Other Revenue	59,229	59,190	60,400	61,600	62,800	64,100	65,400	66,700	68,000	69,400	70,800	72,200
Flat Rate/Unmetered Customers	2,371	2,410	2,494	2,580	2,674	2,769	2,866	2,965	3,071	3,179	3,290	3,408
Contributions from Development Charges Reserve Fund	-	-	52,518	199,682	361,562	361,562	714,754	714,754	714,754	714,754	714,754	714,754
Contributions from Reserves / Reserve Funds	180,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>1,174,327</b>	<b>1,040,523</b>	<b>1,143,166</b>	<b>1,342,787</b>	<b>1,562,197</b>	<b>1,625,322</b>	<b>2,049,209</b>	<b>2,134,884</b>	<b>2,231,841</b>	<b>2,334,837</b>	<b>2,443,641</b>	<b>2,559,052</b>
<b>Water Billing Recovery - Total</b>	<b>1,316,039</b>	<b>1,486,504</b>	<b>1,544,444</b>	<b>1,603,054</b>	<b>1,671,311</b>	<b>1,743,585</b>	<b>1,821,557</b>	<b>1,912,749</b>	<b>2,019,342</b>	<b>2,129,175</b>	<b>2,241,823</b>	<b>2,364,601</b>

Table A-9  
Town of Minto  
Water Rate Calculation (inflated \$)

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Total Water Billing Recovery	1,316,039	1,486,504	1,544,444	1,603,054	1,671,311	1,743,585	1,821,557	1,912,749	2,019,342	2,129,175	2,241,823	2,364,601
Total Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	583,451	587,551	591,741	595,931	601,191	607,521	615,391	627,131	641,061	655,131	669,201	683,411
<b>Constant Rate</b>		<b>2.53</b>	<b>2.61</b>	<b>2.69</b>	<b>2.78</b>	<b>2.87</b>	<b>2.96</b>	<b>3.05</b>	<b>3.15</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>3.35</b>	<b>3.46</b>
<b>Existing Rates - Declining Block Rate</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m3)	<b>2.53</b>											
Block 2 (251 - 500 m3)	<b>1.82</b>											
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m3)	<b>1.55</b>											
Block 4 (3,001+ m3)	<b>1.55</b>											
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		<b>n/a</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>





Table A-10  
Town of Minto  
Water Rate Forecast

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Base Charges (per month) by Meter Size</b>												
¾" meter size	\$26.62	\$27.68	\$28.79	\$29.94	\$31.14	\$32.39	\$33.68	\$35.03	\$36.43	\$37.89	\$39.40	\$40.98
1" meter size	\$37.27	\$38.76	\$40.31	\$41.92	\$43.60	\$45.34	\$47.16	\$49.04	\$51.01	\$53.05	\$55.17	\$57.38
1 ½" meter size	\$47.92	\$49.84	\$51.83	\$53.90	\$56.06	\$58.30	\$60.63	\$63.06	\$65.58	\$68.21	\$70.93	\$73.77
2" meter size	\$77.20	\$80.29	\$83.50	\$86.84	\$90.31	\$93.93	\$97.68	\$101.59	\$105.65	\$109.88	\$114.27	\$118.85
3" meter size	\$292.84	\$304.55	\$316.74	\$329.41	\$342.58	\$356.28	\$370.54	\$385.36	\$400.77	\$416.80	\$433.47	\$450.81
4"+ meter size	\$372.71	\$387.62	\$403.12	\$419.25	\$436.02	\$453.46	\$471.60	\$490.46	\$510.08	\$530.48	\$551.70	\$573.77
Per Unit Charge	\$9.08	\$9.44	\$9.82	\$10.21	\$10.62	\$11.05	\$11.49	\$11.95	\$12.43	\$12.92	\$13.44	\$13.98
<b>Increase to Block Rate (%)</b>		4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
<b>Volume Charge - Constant Rate (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m3)	\$2.53	\$2.53	\$2.61	\$2.69	\$2.78	\$2.87	\$2.96	\$3.05	\$3.15	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.46
Block 2 (251 - 500 m3)	\$1.82	\$2.53	\$2.61	\$2.69	\$2.78	\$2.87	\$2.96	\$3.05	\$3.15	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.46
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m3)	\$1.55	\$2.53	\$2.61	\$2.69	\$2.78	\$2.87	\$2.96	\$3.05	\$3.15	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.46
Block 4 (3,001+ m3)	\$1.55	\$2.53	\$2.61	\$2.69	\$2.78	\$2.87	\$2.96	\$3.05	\$3.15	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.46
<b>Increase to Volumetric Rate (%)</b>		n/a	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Bulk Water Rate (\$/m3)</b>	\$5.06	\$5.06	\$5.22	\$5.38	\$5.56	\$5.74	\$5.92	\$6.10	\$6.30	\$6.50	\$6.70	\$6.92
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		0%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Unmetered/Flat Rate (per month)</b>	\$65.87	\$66.93	\$69.28	\$71.68	\$74.27	\$76.91	\$79.60	\$82.35	\$85.30	\$88.31	\$91.38	\$94.66
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%



# Appendix B

## Detailed Wastewater Rate Calculations – Scenario 2 (Recommended)



Table B-1  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast (uninflated \$) – Wastewater

Description	Budget 2025	Total 2026-2036	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>													
Ultra-Rib Inspection/Lining	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clifford Pump	-	18,000	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King Street	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harriston Pumping Station upgrade & pump	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Main Street	-	118,950	118,950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Plant upgrades, expansion	-	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assimilated Capacity	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Servicing Strategy	-	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCADA	-	60,000	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pumps/Valves	-	35,000	35,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chemical Pump	-	12,000	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLI ECA Sanitary	-	12,000	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur St W	-	125,000	125,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Hardware & Software	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inflow & Infiltration Studies	-	62,000	62,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Safety Equipment	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jane & Norman Easement-town sh-\$180, Developer-\$30k;	-	210,000	210,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raglan St/Webb St	-	520,000	520,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inflow and Infiltration Studies (H&P)	-	60,000	-	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ultra-Rib Inspection/Lining	-	24,000	-	24,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assimilative Capacity	-	50,000	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCADA	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pumps/Valves	-	35,000	-	35,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chemical Pump	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLI ECA Sanitary	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Hardware & Software	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St Harriston Design	-	50,000	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norman St	-	100,000	-	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boulton Street Engineering and Tender	-	50,000	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vac Truck	-	150,000	-	-	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harriston - King St S Construction	-	500,000	-	-	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2016 Ford F550 (#19)	-	75,000	-	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021 Chevy Silverado (#3)	-	150,000	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,000	-
2023 Ford F250 (#2)	-	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023 Ford F150 (#8)	-	150,000	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,000	-
<b>Clifford</b>													
Ultra-Rib Inspection / Lining	23,000	249,000	-	-	-	25,000	26,000	26,000	27,000	28,000	39,000	39,000	39,000
Clifford Pump	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lagoon Rehabilitation	45,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Table B-1 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast (uninflated \$) – Wastewater

Description	Budget 2025	Total 2026-2036	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>													
<b>Harriston</b>		-											
King Street North Development	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wastewater Inflow and Infiltration (study and work)	-	297,000	-	-	-	34,000	35,000	36,000	37,000	38,000	39,000	39,000	39,000
Pumping Station Upgrade & Pump	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lagoon - WSER Effluent Quality Upgrade	-	1,430,000	-	-	-	-	1,430,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Stabilization	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sludge Removal (Mapping)	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Webb St - 20m E of Raglan St W to Pellister St W (100m)	-	220,000	220,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St S - Arthur St E to 70m E of Arthur St E (70m)	-	159,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	159,600	-	-	-
King St S - Marklane St to Young St E (200m)	-	470,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	470,000	-	-	-	-
King St S - Raglan St E to Jessie St (550m)	-	1,210,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,210,000	-	-	-	-
Queen St S - Young St E to Jessie St (670m)	-	1,474,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,474,000	-	-	-	-	-
Louise St - Elora St N to 120m S of John St N (310m)	-	682,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	682,000	-	-
John St N - Adelaide St to William St W (380m)	-	836,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	836,000	-	-
Queen St N - 70m W of William St E to William St E (70m)	-	154,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	154,000	-
Queen St N - 20m E of William St E to 30m E of Union St E (130m)	-	286,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	286,000	-
Queen St N - 30m E of Union St E to Arthur St E (140m)	-	308,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	308,000	-
<b>Palmerston</b>		-											
Main Street	81,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wastewater Inflow and Infiltration (Study and Work)	-	302,000	-	-	-	34,000	35,000	36,000	37,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Plant Upgrades, Expansion & Clarifier	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Main St W (381m)	-	781,050	781,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SANMH P112A to P112C (150m)	-	307,500	-	307,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Queen Street South (215m)	-	440,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	440,750	-
Increase Treatment Capacity	-	36,876,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,438,250	18,438,250
Queen St S - 30m N of King St to Victoria St (80m)	-	176,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	176,000	-	-	-
Queen St S - William St to 50m N of William St (50m)	-	110,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110,000	-	-	-
Daly St - 90m E of Whites Rd to 20m E of Whites Rd (70m)	-	154,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	154,000	-	-
Norman St - 50m N of Main St W to 30m S of Boulton St (130m)	-	286,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	286,000	-
Cumberland St - Main St E to 50m S of Main St E (50m)	-	110,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110,000
King St - Main St W to King St. Hotel (95m)	-	209,000	209,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boulton St - Norman St to Whites Rd (380m)	-	836,000	-	-	-	-	836,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>General</b>		-											
Engineering	-	200,000	-	-	-	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Consulting	20,000	100,000	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000	-
Servicing Strategy	2,000	12,000	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
2024 - Harriston Webb Street Extension	52,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	10,000	56,000	-	-	-	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Computer Hardware/Software	-	40,000	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
SCADA - Sewer	10,000	80,000	-	-	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Pumps / Valves	90,000	280,000	-	-	-	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Chemical Pumps	30,000	15,000	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
CLI ECA - Sanitary	10,000	80,000	-	-	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000



Table B-1 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast (uninflated \$) – Wastewater

Description	Budget 2025	Total 2026-2036	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<u>Capital Expenditures</u>													
<u>Studies:</u>		-											
Wastewater Rate Study	12,717	25,433	-	-	-	-	12,717	-	-	-	-	12,717	-
Servicing Strategy Updates	-	45,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	15,000
Servicing Standards Update	-	22,500	7,500	-	-	-	-	7,500	-	-	-	-	7,500
Allocations By-Law Study	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Model/Sewer Model	-	22,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Capital Expenditures	\$562,717	\$52,314,783	\$2,674,000	\$667,500	\$852,000	\$269,000	\$2,620,717	\$1,688,500	\$1,882,000	\$647,600	\$1,886,000	\$20,344,717	\$18,782,750



Table B-2  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast and Recommended Capital Financing (inflated \$) – Wastewater

Description	Budget 2025	Total	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>													
Ultra-Rib Inspection/Lining	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clifford Pump	-	18,000	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King Street	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harriston Pumping Station upgrade & pump	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Main Street	-	118,950	118,950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmerston Plant upgrades, expansion	-	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assimilated Capacity	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Servicing Strategy	-	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCADA	-	60,000	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pumps/Valves	-	35,000	35,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chemical Pump	-	12,000	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLI ECA Sanitary	-	12,000	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur St W	-	125,000	125,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Hardware & Software	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inflow & Infiltration Studies	-	62,000	62,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Safety Equipment	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jane & Norman Easement-town sh-\$180, Developer-\$30k;	-	210,000	210,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raglan St/Webb St	-	520,000	520,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inflow and Infiltration Studies (H&P)	-	62,000	-	62,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ultra-Rib Inspection/Lining	-	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assimilative Capacity	-	52,000	-	52,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCADA	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pumps/Valves	-	36,000	-	36,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chemical Pump	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLI ECA Sanitary	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Hardware & Software	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St Harriston Design	-	52,000	-	52,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norman St	-	104,000	-	104,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boulton Street Engineering and Tender	-	54,000	-	-	54,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vac Truck	-	162,000	-	-	162,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harriston - King St S Construction	-	542,000	-	-	542,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2016 Ford F550 (#19)	-	85,000	-	-	-	85,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021 Chevy Silverado (#3)	-	188,000	-	-	81,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,000	-
2023 Ford F250 (#2)	-	117,000	-	-	-	-	117,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023 Ford F150 (#8)	-	188,000	-	-	81,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,000	-
<i>Clifford</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ultra-Rib Inspection / Lining	23,000	330,000	-	-	-	28,000	31,000	32,000	34,000	37,000	54,000	56,000	58,000
Clifford Pump	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lagoon Rehabilitation	45,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Table B-2 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast and Recommended Capital Financing (inflated \$) – Wastewater

Description	Budget 2025	Total	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>													
<i>Harriston</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King Street North Development	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wastewater Inflow and Infiltration (study and work)	-	388,000	-	-	-	38,000	41,000	44,000	47,000	50,000	54,000	56,000	58,000
Pumping Station Upgrade & Pump	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lagoon - WSER Effluent Quality Upgrade	-	1,678,000	-	-	-	-	1,678,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Stabilization	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sludge Removal (Mapping)	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Webb St - 20m E of Raglan St W to Pellister St W (100m)	-	220,000	220,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
King St S - Arthur St E to 70m E of Arthur St E (70m)	-	211,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	211,000	-	-	-
King St S - Marklane St to Young St E (200m)	-	597,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	597,000	-	-	-	-
King St S - Raglan St E to Jessie St (550m)	-	1,538,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,538,000	-	-	-	-
Queen St S - Young St E to Jessie St (670m)	-	1,800,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,800,000	-	-	-	-	-
Louise St - Elora St N to 120m S of John St N (310m)	-	939,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	939,000	-	-
John St N - Adelaide St to William St W (380m)	-	1,151,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,151,000	-	-
Queen St N - 70m W of William St E to William St E (70m)	-	221,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	221,000	-
Queen St N - 20m E of William St E to 30m E of Union St E (130m)	-	410,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	410,000	-
Queen St N - 30m E of Union St E to Arthur St E (140m)	-	441,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	441,000	-
<i>Palmerston</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Main Street	81,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wastewater Inflow and Infiltration (Study and Work)	-	395,000	-	-	-	38,000	41,000	44,000	47,000	53,000	55,000	57,000	60,000
Plant Upgrades, Expansion & Clarifier	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Main St W (381m)	-	781,050	781,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SANMH P112A to P112C (150m)	-	320,000	-	320,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Queen Street South (215m)	-	631,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	631,000	-
Increase Treatment Capacity	-	53,900,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,412,000	27,488,000
Queen St S - 30m N of King St to Victoria St (80m)	-	233,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	233,000	-	-	-
Queen St S - William St to 50m N of William St (50m)	-	145,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	145,000	-	-	-
Daly St - 90m E of Whites Rd to 20m E of Whites Rd (70m)	-	212,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	212,000	-	-
Norman St - 50m N of Main St W to 30m S of Boulton St (130m)	-	410,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	410,000	-
Cumberland St - Main St E to 50m S of Main St E (50m)	-	164,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	164,000
King St - Main St W to King St Hotel (95m)	-	209,000	209,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boulton St - Norman St to Whites Rd (380m)	-	981,000	-	-	-	-	981,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>General</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Engineering	-	260,000	-	-	-	28,000	29,000	31,000	32,000	33,000	34,000	36,000	37,000
Consulting	20,000	131,000	-	-	-	-	59,000	-	-	-	-	72,000	-
Servicing Strategy	2,000	16,000	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
2024 - Harriston Webb Street Extension	52,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	10,000	73,000	-	-	-	8,000	8,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Computer Hardware/Software	-	52,000	-	-	-	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
SCADA - Sewer	10,000	104,000	-	-	-	11,000	12,000	12,000	13,000	13,000	14,000	14,000	15,000
Pumps / Valves	90,000	363,000	-	-	-	39,000	41,000	43,000	44,000	46,000	48,000	50,000	52,000
Chemical Pumps	30,000	19,000	-	-	-	6,000	-	-	6,000	-	-	7,000	-
CLI ECA - Sanitary	10,000	104,000	-	-	-	11,000	12,000	12,000	13,000	13,000	14,000	14,000	15,000



Table B-2 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Capital Budget Forecast and Recommended Capital Financing (inflated \$) – Wastewater

Description	Budget 2025	Total	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>													
<i>Studies:</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wastewater Rate Study	12,717	33,000	-	-	-	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	18,000	-
Servicing Strategy Updates	-	55,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	18,000	-	-	-	-	22,000
Servicing Standards Update	-	27,500	7,500	-	-	-	-	9,000	-	-	-	-	11,000
Allocations By-Law Study	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Model/Sewer Model	-	27,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>562,717</b>	<b>72,715,000</b>	<b>2,674,000</b>	<b>692,000</b>	<b>922,000</b>	<b>302,000</b>	<b>3,075,000</b>	<b>2,062,000</b>	<b>2,392,000</b>	<b>856,000</b>	<b>2,598,000</b>	<b>29,142,000</b>	<b>28,000,000</b>
<b>Capital Financing</b>													
Provincial/Federal Grants - Non-Growth Related	-	580,000	580,000										
Provincial/Federal Grants - Growth Related	-	5,840,000	450,000									2,641,200	2,748,800
Development Charges Reserve Fund	-	8,046,350	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,307,150	739,200
Non-Growth Related Debenture Requirements	-	250,000	250,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Growth Related Debenture Requirements	-	41,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,000,000	24,000,000
Wastewater Reserve	562,717	16,998,650	1,394,000	692,000	922,000	302,000	3,075,000	2,062,000	2,392,000	856,000	2,598,000	2,193,650	512,000
<b>Total Capital Financing</b>	<b>562,717</b>	<b>72,715,000</b>	<b>2,674,000</b>	<b>692,000</b>	<b>922,000</b>	<b>302,000</b>	<b>3,075,000</b>	<b>2,062,000</b>	<b>2,392,000</b>	<b>856,000</b>	<b>2,598,000</b>	<b>29,142,000</b>	<b>28,000,000</b>

Table B-3  
Town of Minto  
Schedule of Non-Growth-Related Debenture Repayments (inflated \$) – Wastewater

Debenture Year	2025	Principal (Inflated)	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
2026		250,000		18,395	18,395	18,395	18,395	18,395	18,395	18,395	18,395	18,395	18,395
2027		-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028		-				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029		-					-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2030		-						-	-	-	-	-	-
2031		-							-	-	-	-	-
2032		-								-	-	-	-
2033		-									-	-	-
2034		-										-	-
2035		-											-
2036		-											
<b>Total Annual Debt Charges</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,395</b>	<b>18,395</b>	<b>18,395</b>	<b>18,395</b>	<b>18,395</b>	<b>18,395</b>	<b>18,395</b>	<b>18,395</b>	<b>18,395</b>	<b>18,395</b>





Table B-4  
Town of Minto  
Schedule of Growth-Related Debenture Repayments (inflated \$) – Wastewater

Debenture Year	2025	Principal (Inflated)	Forecast										
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
2026		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027		-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028		-				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029		-					-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2030		-						-	-	-	-	-	-
2031		-							-	-	-	-	-
2032		-								-	-	-	-
2033		-									-	-	-
2034		-										-	-
2035		17,000,000											1,250,890
2036		24,000,000											
<b>Total Annual Debt Charges</b>	-	<b>41,000,000</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1,250,890</b>

Table B-5  
Town of Minto  
Wastewater Reserve/Reserve Fund Continuity (inflated \$)

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Opening Balance	3,302,682	3,898,192	3,801,671	4,451,362	4,877,312	5,989,698	4,304,449	3,636,068	2,658,856	3,283,247	2,198,114	1,557,924
Transfer from Operating	1,081,791	1,222,937	1,254,409	1,252,317	1,296,941	1,305,350	1,322,324	1,362,653	1,416,014	1,469,767	1,522,912	1,576,274
Transfer to Capital	562,717	1,394,031	692,000	922,000	302,000	3,075,000	2,062,000	2,392,000	856,000	2,598,000	2,193,650	512,000
Transfer to Operating	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>3,821,757</b>	<b>3,727,129</b>	<b>4,364,080</b>	<b>4,781,679</b>	<b>5,872,253</b>	<b>4,220,048</b>	<b>3,564,773</b>	<b>2,606,721</b>	<b>3,218,870</b>	<b>2,155,014</b>	<b>1,527,376</b>	<b>2,622,197</b>
Interest	76,435	74,543	87,282	95,634	117,445	84,401	71,295	52,134	64,377	43,100	30,548	52,444

Table B-6  
Town of Minto  
Town-Wide Wastewater Development Charges Reserve Fund Continuity (inflated \$)

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Opening Balance	1,669,930	1,973,187	2,269,008	2,585,663	2,919,696	3,376,415	3,858,478	4,531,246	5,478,787	6,494,041	7,566,464	1,245,484
Development Charge Proceeds	264,567	251,331	265,955	276,784	390,515	406,407	583,921	840,114	887,920	924,060	961,750	1,008,490
Transfer to Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,307,150	739,200
Transfer to Operating	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,250,890
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>1,934,497</b>	<b>2,224,518</b>	<b>2,534,963</b>	<b>2,862,447</b>	<b>3,310,210</b>	<b>3,782,821</b>	<b>4,442,398</b>	<b>5,371,360</b>	<b>6,366,707</b>	<b>7,418,102</b>	<b>1,221,063</b>	<b>263,885</b>
Interest	38,690	44,490	50,699	57,249	66,204	75,656	88,848	107,427	127,334	148,362	24,421	5,278



Table B-7  
Town of Minto  
Wastewater Contingency Reserve Fund Continuity (inflated \$)

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Opening Balance	500,000	469,268	510,000	520,200	530,604	541,216	552,040	563,081	574,343	585,830	597,546	609,497
Transfer from Operating	-	30,732	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Operating	39,933	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>460,067</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>510,000</b>	<b>520,200</b>	<b>530,604</b>	<b>541,216</b>	<b>552,040</b>	<b>563,081</b>	<b>574,343</b>	<b>585,830</b>	<b>597,546</b>	<b>609,497</b>
Interest	9,201	10,000	10,200	10,404	10,612	10,824	11,041	11,262	11,487	11,717	11,951	12,190



**Table B-8**  
**Town of Minto**  
**Operating Budget Forecast – Wastewater (inflated \$)**

Description	Budget 2025	Forecast										
		2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Expenditures</b>												
<u>Operating Costs</u>												
SALARIES & WAGES	423,700	503,000	513,060	523,321	533,787	544,463	555,352	566,459	577,788	589,344	601,131	613,154
BENEFITS - FULL TIME	135,600	166,100	169,422	172,810	176,266	179,791	183,387	187,055	190,796	194,612	198,504	202,474
BENEFITS - PART TIME	3,200	2,700	2,754	2,809	2,865	2,922	2,980	3,040	3,101	3,163	3,226	3,291
WAGES - PART TIME	19,000	19,000	19,380	19,768	20,163	20,566	20,977	21,397	21,825	22,262	22,707	23,161
CONFERENCES & MEETINGS	3,500	3,500	3,570	3,641	3,714	3,788	3,864	3,941	4,020	4,100	4,182	4,266
TRAINING	8,000	8,000	8,160	8,323	8,489	8,659	8,832	9,009	9,189	9,373	9,560	9,751
MILEAGE	400	400	408	416	424	432	441	450	459	468	477	487
ADMINISTRATION ALLOCATION	99,000	101,700	103,734	105,809	107,925	110,084	112,286	114,532	116,823	119,159	121,542	123,973
CLOTHING	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
LEGAL SERVICES	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
CERTIFICATIONS	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
ENGINEERING SERVICES	16,500	16,500	16,830	17,167	17,510	17,860	18,217	18,581	18,953	19,332	19,719	20,113
SPECIAL CONSULTING SERVICES	5,000	5,000	5,100	5,202	5,306	5,412	5,520	5,630	5,743	5,858	5,975	6,095
MEMBERSHIP FEES	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
CLEANING SUPPLIES	1,500	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624	1,656	1,689	1,723	1,757	1,792	1,828
OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,500	2,500	2,550	2,601	2,653	2,706	2,760	2,815	2,871	2,928	2,987	3,047
COMPUTER HARDWARE / SOFTWARE	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
SCADA MAINTENANCE	30,000	20,000	20,400	20,808	21,224	21,648	22,081	22,523	22,973	23,432	23,901	24,379
PUBLICATIONS & DATA RECEIVED	100	100	102	104	106	108	110	112	114	116	118	120
ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS	900	900	918	936	955	974	993	1,013	1,033	1,054	1,075	1,097
TELEPHONE SERVICES & CHARGES	1,200	1,200	1,224	1,248	1,273	1,298	1,324	1,350	1,377	1,405	1,433	1,462
RADIO/GPS SERVICE & MAINT.	600	600	612	624	636	649	662	675	689	703	717	731
MACHINE TIME CHARGE	192,000	192,000	195,840	199,757	203,752	207,827	211,984	216,224	220,548	224,959	229,458	234,047
LEAK ADJUSTMENTS	5,000	5,000	5,100	5,202	5,306	5,412	5,520	5,630	5,743	5,858	5,975	6,095
SMALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	6,000	6,000	6,120	6,242	6,367	6,494	6,624	6,756	6,891	7,029	7,170	7,313
EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	15,600	15,600	15,912	16,230	16,555	16,886	17,224	17,568	17,919	18,277	18,643	19,016
SAFETY EQUIPMENT	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
SAFETY CLOTHING	3,500	3,500	3,570	3,641	3,714	3,788	3,864	3,941	4,020	4,100	4,182	4,266
ANNUAL INSURANCE COVERAGE	37,100	38,900	40,845	42,887	45,031	47,283	49,647	52,129	54,735	57,472	60,346	63,363
ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES	73,200	75,600	79,380	83,349	87,516	91,892	96,487	101,311	106,377	111,696	117,281	123,145
HYDRO	203,800	213,900	224,595	235,825	247,616	259,997	272,997	286,647	300,979	316,028	331,829	348,420
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE - WINTER	7,000	7,000	7,140	7,283	7,429	7,578	7,730	7,885	8,043	8,204	8,368	8,535
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	6,500	6,500	6,630	6,763	6,898	7,036	7,177	7,321	7,467	7,616	7,768	7,923
SECURITY SYSTEM MONITORING / MAINTENANCE	4,100	4,100	4,182	4,266	4,351	4,438	4,527	4,618	4,710	4,804	4,900	4,998
VEHICLE FUEL & SUPPLIES	3,500	3,500	3,570	3,641	3,714	3,788	3,864	3,941	4,020	4,100	4,182	4,266



Table B-8 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Operating Budget Forecast – Wastewater (inflated \$)

Description	Budget 2025	Forecast										
		2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Expenditures</b>												
<u>Operating Costs</u>												
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	4,100	4,100	4,182	4,266	4,351	4,438	4,527	4,618	4,710	4,804	4,900	4,998
SUPPLIES	5,300	5,300	5,406	5,514	5,624	5,736	5,851	5,968	6,087	6,209	6,333	6,460
RENTAL EQUIPMENT	1,000	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,061	1,082	1,104	1,126	1,149	1,172	1,195	1,219
RISK MANAGEMENT	11,100	11,100	11,322	11,548	11,779	12,015	12,255	12,500	12,750	13,005	13,265	13,530
WASHROOM SUPPLIES	500	500	510	520	530	541	552	563	574	585	597	609
ePOST FEES	300	300	306	312	318	324	330	337	344	351	358	365
HEALTH & SAFETY	5,000	5,000	5,100	5,202	5,306	5,412	5,520	5,630	5,743	5,858	5,975	6,095
WATER & SEWER	37,300	39,100	39,882	40,680	41,494	42,324	43,170	44,033	44,914	45,812	46,728	47,663
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS	500	500	510	520	530	541	552	563	574	585	597	609
VEHICLE INSPECTIONS & LICENSES	500	500	510	520	530	541	552	563	574	585	597	609
PLANT REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	60,000	60,000	61,200	62,424	63,672	64,945	66,244	67,569	68,920	70,298	71,704	73,138
WASTEWATER TESTING	38,800	38,800	41,710	44,838	48,201	51,816	55,702	59,880	64,371	69,199	74,389	79,968
WASTEWATER TREATMENT	84,500	84,500	90,888	97,651	104,975	112,848	121,312	130,410	140,191	150,705	162,008	174,159
SEWER MAIN REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	21,000	21,000	22,575	24,268	26,088	28,045	30,148	32,409	34,840	37,453	40,262	43,282
INSPECTIONS/CAMERA	3,000	2,000	2,040	2,081	2,123	2,165	2,208	2,252	2,297	2,343	2,390	2,438
SLUDGE REMOVAL	29,900	36,000	36,720	37,454	38,203	38,967	39,746	40,541	41,352	42,179	43,023	43,883
INSPECTIONS	500	500	510	520	530	541	552	563	574	585	597	609
FLOOD CONTROL EXPENSES	5,000	7,500	7,650	7,803	7,959	8,118	8,280	8,446	8,615	8,787	8,963	9,142
Vehicle Costs	(161,900)	(160,950)	(164,200)	(167,500)	(170,900)	(174,300)	(177,800)	(181,400)	(185,000)	(188,700)	(192,500)	(196,400)
<b>Sub Total Operating</b>	<b>1,460,400</b>	<b>1,587,050</b>	<b>1,636,549</b>	<b>1,688,135</b>	<b>1,741,877</b>	<b>1,797,994</b>	<b>1,856,516</b>	<b>1,917,569</b>	<b>1,981,402</b>	<b>2,048,056</b>	<b>2,117,699</b>	<b>2,190,506</b>
<u>Capital-Related</u>												
Existing Debt (Principal) - Growth Related												
Existing Debt (Interest) - Growth Related												
New Growth Related Debt (Principal)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	642,173
New Growth Related Debt (Interest)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	608,716
Existing Debt (Principal) - Non-Growth Related	201,810	110,741	92,863	94,643	54,774	55,207	55,651	56,106	56,572	57,049	57,539	58,040
Existing Debt (Interest) - Non-Growth Related	28,489	23,951	20,865	18,175	15,566	13,998	12,418	10,828	9,226	7,613	5,988	4,351
New Non-Growth Related Debt (Principal)		-	8,395	8,731	9,081	9,444	9,821	10,214	10,623	11,048	11,490	11,949
New Non-Growth Related Debt (Interest)		-	10,000	9,664	9,315	8,952	8,574	8,181	7,773	7,348	6,906	6,446
Transfer to Contingency Reserve		30,732										
Transfer to Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Capital Reserve	1,081,791	1,222,937	1,254,409	1,252,317	1,296,941	1,305,350	1,322,324	1,362,653	1,416,014	1,469,767	1,522,912	1,576,274
<b>Sub Total Capital Related</b>	<b>1,312,090</b>	<b>1,388,361</b>	<b>1,386,532</b>	<b>1,383,530</b>	<b>1,385,676</b>	<b>1,392,951</b>	<b>1,408,788</b>	<b>1,447,982</b>	<b>1,500,207</b>	<b>1,552,824</b>	<b>1,604,835</b>	<b>2,907,950</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,772,490</b>	<b>2,975,411</b>	<b>3,023,081</b>	<b>3,071,665</b>	<b>3,127,553</b>	<b>3,190,945</b>	<b>3,265,304</b>	<b>3,365,551</b>	<b>3,481,609</b>	<b>3,600,880</b>	<b>3,722,534</b>	<b>5,098,456</b>



Table B-8 (continued)  
Town of Minto  
Operating Budget Forecast – Wastewater (inflated \$)

Description	Budget 2025	Forecast										
		2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Revenues</b>												
Base Charge	1,036,050	1,067,906	1,100,622	1,134,220	1,171,675	1,213,187	1,260,722	1,321,764	1,391,596	1,464,158	1,539,067	1,616,870
Per Unit Charges	76,718	78,252	79,817	81,414	83,042	84,703	86,397	88,125	89,887	91,685	93,519	95,389
Fiat Rate/Unmetered Customers	2,846	2,975	2,999	3,023	3,048	3,073	3,099	3,125	3,152	3,179	3,207	3,236
Other Revenue	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Contributions from Development Charges Reserve Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,250,890
Contributions from Reserves / Reserve Funds	39,933	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>1,157,048</b>	<b>1,150,633</b>	<b>1,184,938</b>	<b>1,220,156</b>	<b>1,259,264</b>	<b>1,302,463</b>	<b>1,351,717</b>	<b>1,414,514</b>	<b>1,486,135</b>	<b>1,560,523</b>	<b>1,637,293</b>	<b>2,967,885</b>
<b>Wastewater Billing Recovery - Total</b>	<b>1,615,442</b>	<b>1,824,777</b>	<b>1,838,143</b>	<b>1,851,509</b>	<b>1,868,289</b>	<b>1,888,481</b>	<b>1,913,587</b>	<b>1,951,037</b>	<b>1,995,474</b>	<b>2,040,357</b>	<b>2,085,241</b>	<b>2,130,571</b>

Table B-9  
Town of Minto  
Wastewater Rate Calculation (inflated \$)

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Total Wastewater Billing Recovery	1,615,442	1,824,777	1,838,143	1,851,509	1,868,289	1,888,481	1,913,587	1,951,037	1,995,474	2,040,357	2,085,241	2,130,571
Total Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	567,680	572,030	576,220	580,410	585,670	592,000	599,870	611,610	625,540	639,610	653,680	667,890
<b>Constant Rate</b>		<b>3.19</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>3.19</b>
<b>Existing Rates - Declining Block Rates</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m3)	3.19											
Block 2 (251 - 500 m3)	2.33											
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m3)	1.97											
Block 4 (3,001+ m3)	1.97											
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



Table B-10  
Town of Minto  
Wastewater Rate Forecast

Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
<b>Base Charges (per month) by Meter Size</b>												
¾" meter size	\$32.49	\$33.14	\$33.80	\$34.48	\$35.17	\$35.87	\$36.59	\$37.32	\$38.07	\$38.83	\$39.61	\$40.40
1" meter size	\$45.48	\$46.39	\$47.32	\$48.26	\$49.23	\$50.21	\$51.22	\$52.24	\$53.29	\$54.35	\$55.44	\$56.55
1 ½" meter size	\$58.48	\$59.65	\$60.84	\$62.06	\$63.30	\$64.57	\$65.86	\$67.18	\$68.52	\$69.89	\$71.29	\$72.71
2" meter size	\$94.21	\$96.09	\$98.02	\$99.98	\$101.98	\$104.02	\$106.10	\$108.22	\$110.38	\$112.59	\$114.84	\$117.14
3" meter size	\$357.35	\$364.50	\$371.79	\$379.22	\$386.81	\$394.54	\$402.43	\$410.48	\$418.69	\$427.07	\$435.61	\$444.32
4"+ meter size	\$454.81	\$463.91	\$473.18	\$482.65	\$492.30	\$502.15	\$512.19	\$522.43	\$532.88	\$543.54	\$554.41	\$565.50
Per Unit Charge	\$11.08	\$11.30	\$11.53	\$11.76	\$11.99	\$12.23	\$12.48	\$12.73	\$12.98	\$13.24	\$13.51	\$13.78
<b>Increase to Block Rate (%)</b>		2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
<b>Volume Charge - Constant Rate (\$/m3)</b>												
Block 1 (0 - 250 m3)	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19
Block 2 (251 - 500 m3)	\$2.33	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19
Block 3 (501 - 3,000 m3)	\$1.97	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19
Block 4 (3,001+ m3)	\$1.97	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$3.19
<b>Increase to Volumetric Rate (%)</b>		n/a	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Unmetered/Flat Rate (per month)</b>	\$79.06	\$82.63	\$83.29	\$83.97	\$84.66	\$85.36	\$86.08	\$86.81	\$87.56	\$88.32	\$89.09	\$89.89
<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>		n/a	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%