THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALFRED AND PLANTAGENET

By-law Number 2025-11: Alfred/Lefaivre Water and Alfred Sewer Service Rate User Charge

BEING a By-law to regulate the supply of water and the price thereof from the Alfred / Lefaivre Municipal Waterworks System and the Alfred Sewer System.

Content and Regulation

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Alfred and Plantagenet (the "Township") owns and operates a waterworks system for the residents of Alfred and Lefaivre;

AND WHEREAS Section 391 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 ("*Municipal Act, 2001*") authorizes the Municipality to pass By-laws to recover the cost thereof by imposing fees or charges on any class of persons for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;

AND WHEREAS Section 391 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* also authorizes the Municipality to pass By-laws for the recovery of capital costs payable by it for water and sewer services or activities which will be provided or done by or on behalf of the municipality after the fees or charges are imposed;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 398(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* authorizes the Treasurer of a local municipality to collect unpaid fees and charges in the same manner as municipal taxes;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 81(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* authorizes the Municipality to shut off the supply of a public utility to land if fees or charges payable by the owners or occupants of the land for the supply of the public utility to the land are overdue;

AND WHEREAS the Township held a public meeting for the water and sewer budgets at which any person who attended had an opportunity to make representation with respect to the matter;

AND WHEREAS all buildings serviced by the Alfred/Lefaivre Waterworks System and by the Alfred Sewer System are required to have meters installed;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alfred and Plantagenet enacts as follows:

- 1. "UNIT", as referred to hereinafter means a single-family dwelling, each apartment within a multiple-family dwelling, any other premises considered to constitute a separate part of the principal dwelling/residence whether used for warehousing purposes, commercial purposes or other purposes.
- A water service rate is hereby imposed upon the owners or occupants of lands, located in ward 1 and ward 3, who are supplied with water to pay for the operation, repair and maintenance of the waterworks which may include a charge for depreciation, deferred maintenance, capital expenditures or a reserve fund for any such purpose.
- 3. The following **Alfred/Lefaivre** <u>Waterworks</u> **Rates** are hereby imposed upon the owners or occupants of lands within the limits of the service area in Alfred and Lefaivre in accordance with the amounts hereinafter indicated:
 - a. The minimum water service rate shall be a flat rate of \$317.40 against each user of the water system plus a fee of \$1.37 per cubic meter as obtained by a water meter reading;
 - b. Special flat rates are imposed under schedule "A" for commercial and/or other users in addition to the fee of \$1.37 per cubic meter as obtained by a water meter reading.

- c. Other exceptional rates shall be calculated in accordance to Schedule B of this by-law.
- 4. A sewer service rate is hereby imposed upon the owners or occupants of lands who are within the limits of the serviced area in Alfred to pay for the operation, repair and maintenance of the sewer operations and capital expenditures which may include a charge for depreciation, deferred maintenance or a reserve fund for any such purpose.
- 5. The following Alfred <u>Sewage</u> Service Rates are hereby imposed upon the owners or occupants of lands within the limits of the serviced area in Alfred in accordance with the amounts hereinafter indicated and shall apply thereafter unless amended by By-Law. A fee of \$0.16 per cubic meter as obtained by a water meter reading in addition to the applicable classes below:

Class A – Residential (per unit)	\$ 338.88
Class B – Store or restaurant (without a public bathroom)	\$ 403.27
Class C – Store or restaurant (with a public bathroom)	\$ 440.54
Class D – Hotel, Barber & Hairdresser (apartment included)	\$ 562.54
Class E – Garage	\$ 630.32
Class F – Dwelling-house outside the limit of the Village of Alfred	\$ 881.09
Class G – College of Agriculture (030-001-28800)	\$ 23,701.26
Ecole St-Victor (030-001-30200)	\$ 10,840.77
Motel Rouleau (030-001-05300-502)	\$ 1,582.57
Auberge Plein Soleil (030-001-15000)	\$ 2,128.17
Pension du Bonheur (030-001-23800)	\$ 1,975.67

- 6. Where a property was razed by fire or was damaged by fire, so as to render it substantially unusable for the purposes for which it was used immediately prior to the damage and upon application to the treasurer, under section 357 of the *Municipal Act*, the treasurer shall reduce the flat fee service charge on a pro-rated basis for the number of days remaining. And where the water meter has been destroyed because of the fire, the \$1.37 rate, on cubic meter consumption, shall be calculated on the last 4 available meter readings' average.
- 7. If a meter fails to register, the consumer will be charged a minimum consumption based upon the last 4 available meter readings' average.
- 8. The due dates for eligible water and sewer quarterly billings shall be:
 - a. The last working day of April (for the period of January to March);
 - b. The last working day of July (for the period of April to June);
 - c. The last working day of October (for the period of July to September); and
 - d. The last working day of January (for the period of October to December).
- 9. All payments can be made in person at City Hall, by mail or at a financial institution. The Municipality also offers a pre-authorized payment plan on due dates.
- 10. Payments made by mail shall be deemed received by the Municipality on the date it is received at the municipal office. It is the taxpayer's responsibility to consider a certain time limit imposed by Canada Post (or any other courier company).
- 11. Payment made through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) shall be deemed received by the Municipality on the date the funds are received in the municipality's bank account. It is the taxpayer's responsibility to consider a certain time limit imposed by the financial institution.
- 12. The Treasurer may accept partial payments for water and/or sewer services at any time during the year.
- 13. There shall be imposed an interest charge of 1.25% on non-payment or late payment of charges and fees on the first day of each calendar month during which the default continues and all by-laws and parts of by-laws inconsistent with this policy are hereby rescinded.

- 14. If and when thirty (30) days after an instalment has become due for the payment of the rates provided for by this By-Law, the same remains unpaid, the Treasurer may add them to the tax roll and collect them in the same manner as municipal taxes.
- 15. Notwithstanding section 14, the Township may opt to shut off the supply of water. If and when thirty (30) days after an instalment has become due for the payment of the rates provided for by this By-Law, the same remain unpaid, the Treasurer may notify the owner or occupant of the premises with respect to which default has occurred that unless the charges are paid within fourteen (14) days of the mailing of the said notice, or by certified or registered mail, the supply of water to the premises in question shall be shut off.
- A service charge of \$55 shall be levied for turning on or shutting off any water service. (per By-law 2025-14, as amended)
- 17. At the time of sale, an administrative fee of \$55 will be imposed for a final meter reading on the closing date. If the reading fee is not paid before the final invoice is issued, it will be added to the final invoice. (per By-law 2025-14, as amended)
- 18. That it shall be the responsibility of the owner to inspect the water meter and plumbing periodically to ensure no leaks are visible and shall report said leaks or defects immediately to the municipality. The municipality shall not be held responsible for any damages from such leaks nor for the repairs and shall not be responsible for crediting the owner for water wasted.
- 19. The owner of the premises supplied with water agrees to provide adequate heating in the premises in order to prevent frost damage to the meters, otherwise repairs will be at the expense of the owner.
- 20. The owner shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent damage to the Water Meter and appurtenances. If damage occurs as a result of any act, misuse, or negligence, all costs of altering, repairing, relocating, or replacing the Water Meter shall be the responsibility of the owner.
- 21. No person shall obstruct free and safe access to the Water Meter, piping or related appurtenances. Any costs incurred by the Municipality to obtain access to the Water Meter shall be paid by the Owner.
- 22. No person being the owner, occupant or tenant of any house, building or other institution supplied with water by the Township shall rent, sell or dispose of such water or give away or permit the same to be carried away or used or apply such water to the use or benefit of any other person unless expressly authorized by the Township.
- 23. No person or persons, except the Ministry of Environment, OCWA or those acting under their direction or authority and municipal employees shall open or close any valve hydrant or gate in the street mains, or molest or interfere with the same in any manner.
- 24. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction thereof shall forfeit, and pay a penalty for each such offence and every such penalty shall be recoverable under the Provincial Offences act, R.S.O. 1990, chapter P.33 and amendments thereto.
- 25. When a person has been convicted of an offence under this By-law any court of competent jurisdiction thereafter may, in addition to any other penalty imposed on the person convicted, issue an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence or the doing of any act or thing by the person convicted directed toward the continuation or repetition of the offence.
- 26. By-laws 2024-14 is hereby repealed.
- 27. This By-Law shall be deemed to have come into force and effects as of the 1st day of January 2025.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 4th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

Yves Laviolette, Mayor

Michel Potvin, Deputy Clerk

Schedule "A" to By-law Number 2025-11

Water service rates - user charges

- 1. The minimum annual rate of \$317.40 shall be charged with respect to:
 - 1.1. Each domestic unit in a multiple unit dwelling connected to the waterworks;
 - 1.2. Each separate dwelling on the same property connected to the waterworks;
 - 1.3. Each other user for which a higher or lower minimum rate is not listed below.
- 2. Notwithstanding section 1 of schedule "A", the minimum rate for closed businesses, identified by an asterisk *, shall be \$ 317.40.
- 3. Rates may be revised by the administration and the construction department if a change of use occurs.

SPECIAL COMMERCIAL RATES

BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, TANNING STUDIOS & ETC

Business		Water Factor	20	25 Rate
*Salon André		1.00	\$	317.40
Salon Création Chantal	030-001-04800	1.00	\$	317.40
Salon Suzanne	030-001-08000	1.00	\$	317.40
Salon Marie-Pier	030-001-15800	1.00	\$	317.40
Salon Raymond Lalonde	030-001-16000	1.00	\$	317.40

CHIP STANDS, SNACK BARS & RESTAURANTS

Business	Roll #	Water Factor	2	025 Rate
* Le P'tit Canot Restaurant	010-006-03600	1.00	\$	317.40
* Miss Alfred Resto	030-001-00200	1.00	\$	317.40
* Poulet Maniac Restaurant	030-001-09600	1.00	\$	317.40
Subway	030-001-08100	2.00	\$	634.80
Le Chardo Restaurant	030-001-10800	3.00	\$	952.20
Le Chardo Restaurant	030-001-10900	4.00	\$	1,269.60
Restaurant Milano	030-001-11300	3.00	\$	952.20
Landriault Snack Bar	030-001-12000	1.00	\$	317.40
Tim Hortons	030-001-13800	2.00	\$	634.80

COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL

Business	Roll # Water Factor		20	25 Rate
Ferme JFGC	010-001-07500	1.00	\$	317.40
Les Entreprises HDJS Gascon Limitée	010-001-07530	1.00	\$	317.40
Butchers to Go Inc.	010-001-14520	1.00	\$	317.40
Florent Transport	010-006-03800	1.00	\$	317.40
Dr. Marcel Feldman	030-001-03600	1.00	\$	317.40
Lamarre & Fils Directeurs Funérailles	030-001-04400	1.00	\$	317.40
Berwick Family Farms	030-001-28800- 502	1.00	\$	317.40

COMMUNITY CENTRES / INSTITUTIONAL

Business	Roll#	Water Factor	20	25 Rate
Community centre Ward 1	010-001-08750	1.00	\$	317.40
Centre d'Accueil Mon Chez-Nous	010-001-11300	7.25	\$	2,301.16
Roman Catholic Episcopal	030-001-02800	1.00	\$	317.40
Roman Catholic Episcopal (Presbitaire)	030-001-02700	2.00	\$	634.80
Community centre Ward 3	030-001-05525	1.00	\$	317.40
Community centre Ward 3	030-001-08500	1.00	\$	317.40
Auberge Plein Soleil	030-001-15000	12.25	\$	2,777.24
Pension du Bonheur Inc.	030-001-23800	8.75	\$	2,777.24
Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario	030-001-28800	32.00	\$ 1	0,156.80
École élémentaire catholique Saint-Victor	030-001-30200	22.00	\$	6,982.80

GARAGES

Business	Business Roll #	Water Factor	20	25 Rate
Maurice Laniel	010-001-06900	1.00	\$	317.40
Brisebois Garage	010-001-11800	1.00	\$	317.40
Carrière & Poirier Equipment	010-005-02400	1.00	\$	317.40
Alfred Fire Hall	010-005-03475	1.00	\$	317.40
Pneu Landriault	010-006-01210	1.00	\$	317.40
Garage Jean-Guy Lamarche Ltd	030-001-03000	1.00	\$	317.40
Besner Carwash	030-001-12350	2.00	\$	634.80
Séguin H. Garage Inc.	030-001-21500	1.00	\$	317.40
Leduc Bus Lines Ltd	030-001-25241	2.00	\$	634.80

HOTELS & TAVERNS / MOTELS & INNS

Business	Roll #	Water Factor	2	025 Rate
* Hôtel Lefaivre	010-001-12800	1.00	\$	317.40
Prescott Condominium Lodge	010-001-20010	1.00	\$	317.40
Ottawa East RV Resort LTD	010-006-00900	4.25	\$	1,348.95
Evergreen Camping & Resort	010-006-01904	1.75	\$	555.45
Bar Prescott	030-001-03200	2.00	\$	634.80
Motel Rouleau	030-001-05300	2.00	\$	634.80
Motel Rouleau	030-001-05520	1.00	\$	317.40

OFFICES / PROFESSIONAL BUILDINGS

Business	Roll#	Water Factor	20	25 Rate
Townhall Ward # 1	010-001-07200	1.00	\$	317.40
(Vacant)	010-005-03700	1.00	\$	317.40
Townhall Ward # 3	030-001-02200	1.00	\$	317.40
Caisse Populaire	030-001-05000	1.00	\$	317.40
Caisse Populaire	030-001-05000	1.00	\$	317.40
Caisse Populaire	030-001-05000	1.00	\$	317.40
Motel Rouleau	030-001-05520	1.00	\$	317.40
Hydro 2000 Inc. (et OCWA)	030-001-10200	1.75	\$	555.45
Docteur Bonheur	030-001-10400	1.00	\$	317.40
Canada Post Corporation	030-001-11500	1.00	\$	317.40
Banque Alimentaire d'Alfred	030-001-11600	2.00	\$	634.80
Clinique dentaire Alfred	030-001-13400	1.75	\$	555.45
* National Bank of Canada	030-001-15100	1.00	\$	317.40

STORES & HARDWARE STORES

Business	Roll #	Water Factor	20	25 Rate
Marché du Coin	010-001-10200	1.00	\$	317.40
Matériaux Pont-Masson	010-005-03400	1.00	\$	317.40
Marché aux Puces	010-005-04700	1.00	\$	317.40
MacEwen	010-006-02000	1.00	\$	317.40
Muskoka Cabinets	010-006-03700	1.75	\$	555.45
J.P. Design	010-006-04001	1.00	\$	317.40
Nourriture pré-emballée	010-006-04450	1.00	\$	317.40
Les Petites Gâteries	030-001-02400	1.00	\$	317.40
Les armoires Séguin	030-001-05100	1.00	\$	317.40
Dépanneur Lalonde	030-001-05600	1.00	\$	317.40
LCBO	030-001-07201	1.00	\$	317.40
Bijouterie Markor	030-001-08200	1.00	\$	317.40
Pharmacie Pharma Choix	030-001-08200	1.00	\$	317.40
*(Vacant)	030-001-08300	1.00	\$	317.40
Valu-Mart	030-001-08600	1.75	\$	555.45
Bureau de l'Union Culturelle	030-001-09100	1.00	\$	317.40
Service ProMarc	030-001-12600	1.00	\$	317.40
Dépanneur Lamarche	030-001-15800	2.00	\$	634.80

Schedule "B" to By-law Number 2025-11

Where meters cannot physically be installed and water service is not connected to the property, the water service charge shall be a flat fee equivalent to 1 residential unit or \$317.40 per unit for the year.

Where owner refuses the installation of a water meter, the water service charge shall be a flat fee equivalent to 3 residential units, or \$801.60 per unit for the year, and the sewer service charge shall be a flat fee equivalent to 2 residential units, or \$677.76 per unit for the same period