

## SANITARY SEWAGE AND STORM DRAINAGE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS SEWAGE SERVICE RATE CHANGE

Effective **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020** the St. Thomas Sanitary Sewage and Storm Drainage Sewage service rates will be as follows:

RESIDENTIAL		
	2019	2020
Sanitary Sewage Rate (\$/m <sup>3</sup> )	\$2.08	\$2.27
Storm Sewage Rate (\$/month)	\$10.11	\$11.02
Special Sewage Rate (\$/month)	\$28.44*	\$31.00*
* Rate used for lands not connected to municipal sanitary		

COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL		
	2019	2020
Sanitary Sewage Rate (\$/m <sup>3</sup> )	\$0.69	\$0.75
Storm Sewage Rate (\$/month)	\$10.11	\$11.02
Special Sewage Rate (\$/ha/month)	\$139.35 *	\$151.89*
* Rate used for land areas greater than 1800 m <sup>2</sup>		

INDUSTRIAL		
	2019	2020
Sanitary Sewage Rate (\$/m <sup>3</sup> )	\$1.71	\$1.86
Storm Sewage Rate (\$/ha/month)	\$139.35	\$151.89

The 2020 rates are based on the recommendations of the 2016 Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Study. The rate revenue funds the operating and capital needs of the sanitary sewage and storm drainage systems. This increase will be reflected on the Entegrus Powerlines Inc., utility bill effective **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**. The volume of sewage collected is based on the volume of water used.



## 2020 NOTICE WATER AND SEWER RATE CHANGES

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## ST. THOMAS WATER RATE CHANGE

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, the St. Thomas Drinking Water Distribution System consumption rate will increase to \$1.9347/m<sup>3</sup>.

**(1m<sup>3</sup> = 220 imp. gallons = 1000 litres)**

The water charges applied to your utility bill support the operating activities and capital needs to operate and maintain a safe, reliable and sustainable water supply for residents and businesses.

### How are rates determined?

The City of St. Thomas and Southwold (Lynhurst Area) are supplied with drinking water from two sources; the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (70%), and the St. Thomas Area Secondary Water Supply System (30%).

Each of the water systems that bring water to our systems advise the city of the rates they are going to charge for the use of their infrastructure, which is then added to the rates determined by the City of St. Thomas Rate Studies. The rate studies take into account the costs to operate and maintain the drinking water systems, including the development of reserves, to be used for system renewal and replacement projects.

The 2020 rate increases are a result of:

- 1) The Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System has advised of an increase from \$0.8369/m<sup>3</sup> to \$0.8704/m<sup>3</sup>, for the bulk supply of treated water.
- 2) The St. Thomas Area Secondary Water Supply System has advised of an increase from \$0.4773/m<sup>3</sup> to \$0.5255/m<sup>3</sup>, for the bulk supply of secondary system water.
- 3) The City of St. Thomas approved an increase of the water rate from \$0.8397/m<sup>3</sup> to \$0.9066/m<sup>3</sup>, for the operating and capital costs of maintaining the distribution systems .

### WATER SUPPLY COSTS ON YOUR WATER BILL CONSISTS OF TWO PARTS:

**The Water Consumption Charge** is calculated by multiplying the usage (consumption in m<sup>3</sup>) by the Water Consumption Rate; and

**The Monthly Base Charge** is the fixed cost portion of the cost of the water supply. The rate applied is determined by the size of the properties water meter. This fixed portion of the cost was increased by 1.9 % for all meter sizes as shown in the table below.

#### ST. THOMAS 2020 WATER MONTHLY BASE CHARGES

Water Meter Size	2019	2020
5/8"	\$17.42	\$17.75
3/4"	\$24.55	\$25.02
1"	\$34.65	\$35.31
1½"	\$55.41	\$56.46
2"	\$90.15	\$91.86
3"	\$145.88	\$148.65
4"	\$287.08	\$293.15
6"	\$498.28	\$507.75

The 2020 Water Consumption Charge for St. Thomas and Southwold (Lynhurst Area) Water Distribution System customers are as follows:

CITY OF ST. THOMAS		
	2019	2020
Water Consumption Rate	\$1.8198	\$1.9347
Large Food Processors (after first 850m <sup>3</sup> )	\$1.3649	\$1.4510
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD		
Water Consumption Rate	\$2.510	\$2.610