

**CITY OF MELVILLE**

**WATERWORKS ANNUAL INFORMATION - 2024**

Date: September 25, 2025

The following is information on the City of Melville's waterworks, as required under *The Cities Regulations*

**Waterworks Rate Policy**

**(Describe the waterworks rates and fees charged by the municipality, including the price per unit.)**

The City of Melville passed the Water Service Charge Bylaw No. 12/2023 effective January 1, 2024, the charges for water supplied on a monthly basis are as follows:

- (i) Basic monthly charge to all users shall be **\$56.00**
- (ii) All water used shall be charged at **\$2.929** per cubic meter subject to Section 4 (d) (iii), (iv) and (v) of the By-law.
- (iii) All water used by Yorkville Public Utility Board, shall be charged at **\$5.5226 per cubic meter** from January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024 and at **\$5.6331 per cubic meter** from April 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
- (iv) Infrastructure levy of **\$25.25** per month shall be charged to all customers
- (v) A \$1.00 Eco fee will be included on all paper bills in an effort to reduce environmental impact and encourage e-billing.

**(Describe how the waterworks rates and fees are determined, including the types of costs used for determining the rates and fees.)**

The City of Melville's waterworks operating system is a self-sustaining system. Council approves an annual Utilities Budget that allocates funds for various projects as well as operating costs. The rates charged cover both the operating and capital work for the waterworks system. The operating costs include salaries and benefits, staff training, Treatment Plant maintenance, Water Tower maintenance, Well maintenance, Insurance, Power, Heat, Phone, etc.

**(Describe the objectives of the waterworks rate policy.)**

The objectives of the waterworks rate policy are to ensure that the waterworks operating system is self-sustaining and also to ensure reserve funds are established for future capital needs. As indicated, rates are increased annually to ensure that the waterworks utility is self-sustaining.

### **Water Works Capital Investment Strategy**

#### **(Describe the objectives of the waterworks capital investment strategy.)**

The objective of the waterworks capital investment strategy is to address future waterworks infrastructure capital items in a timely fashion. The City of Melville prides itself on providing good quality, safe drinking water to our residents, businesses and rural users of the water supply.

The City of Melville budgets, on an annual basis, funds which are transferred to an infrastructure reserve for the purpose of future waterworks capital work.

This capital investment strategy will ensure that there are funds in place for future capital work to ensure that good quality, safe drinking water is provided to the residents and businesses in the community. It also ensures that other users of our water supply, namely Yorkville Public Utility Board, are equally provided with good quality, safe drinking water.

#### **Sources of funding for Capital Investments include:**

- Reserves earmarked for waterworks capital infrastructure
- Provincial/federal grant funding
- External loans

#### **2024 Waterworks Financial Overview**

- Total waterworks revenues (as reported in the Financial Statements) (R) - **\$3,795,700**
- Total waterworks expenses (as reported in the Financial Statements) (E) - **\$3,327,506**
- Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures plus debt payments, expressed as a ratio - **\$3,795,700 = 1.1407**

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- For 2024, waterworks revenues covered 100 percent of the waterworks expenditures.

#### **RESERVES**

Reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure - **\$3,817,482**