

# PETERBOROUGH UTILITIES COMMISSION REPORT

December 1, 2020

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COMMISSION AGENDA  
2020.12.10

## 2021 WATER UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the 2021 Water Utility Rate Schedule reflecting a water rate increase of 2.48% be approved BY THE COMMISSION

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Approved for Submission by: \_\_\_\_\_  
President & CEO

## **Background**

The 2021 Operating and Capital Budget has been presented to the Commission under a separate report. As detailed in the report, the 2021 budget proposes a 2.48% rate increase on both fixed and variable consumption charges across all rate classes. A copy of the complete Water Utility Rate Schedule for the Peterborough Utilities Commission, effective January 22, 2021, is included as Appendix A

## **Summary**

As noted above, the 2021 Budget includes a 2.48% rate increase for the basic meter charge as well as the consumption charge for all consumption levels. In addition to this increase, the following items are noted:

- Administrative and late charges, such as set up fees, letters of reference and statement of accounts have been held with a 0% increase in 2020, and have seen no increase since 2016.
- Non-Payment of account fees, such as late fees and disconnection fees have also been held with a 0% increase in 2020, and have seen no increase since 2016.
- Development charges will be increased in January according to the prescribed inflationary index of 2.3%.

Attachments: Appendix A – PUC Water Utility Rate Schedule



# Water Utility Rate Schedule

Peterborough  
Effective January 22, 2021

## Metered Services

Monthly charges are based on the Basic Charge plus Consumption Charges at rates listed below.

### Basic Charge based on size of meter

15 mm (5/8")	\$ 22.33 /mo
20 mm (3/4")	\$ 22.33 /mo
25 mm (1")	\$ 41.14 /mo
40 mm (1-1/2")	\$ 70.52 /mo
50 mm (2")	\$ 99.90 /mo
75 mm (3")	\$ 178.65 /mo
100 mm (4")	\$ 361.23 /mo
150 mm (6")	\$ 626.86 /mo
200 mm (8")	\$ 892.46 /mo
250 mm (10")	\$ 1,246.48 /mo
300 mm (12")	\$ 1,769.99 /mo

### Consumption Charges (Monthly Consumption)

0 – 20 m <sup>3</sup>	\$ 1.4574 / m <sup>3</sup>
>20 – 100 m <sup>3</sup>	\$ 1.5279 / m <sup>3</sup>
>100 – 5,000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$ 0.7971 / m <sup>3</sup>
> 5,000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$ 0.5497 / m <sup>3</sup>

## Sewer Surcharge

A sewer surcharge, proportional to water charges, is billed and collected on behalf of the City of Peterborough. For clarification regarding this charge, please call Peterborough City Hall at 705-742-7771.

### Turn-on/Turn-off service

There is no charge for this service during normal business hours, unless it is required on a repeat basis; for instance, annually. Please give us 24 hours advance notice for this free service.

Occasional, during normal working hours, turn on or off no charge

Repeat, during normal working hours, turn on or off \$63.50

Repeat or Annual Service, after hours (except emergencies), turn on or off, Actual cost, \$155.00 min. charge

### Snowbirds

A \$63.50 fee will apply for customers who wish to have their service disconnected during the winter months; a \$63.50 fee will also apply for reconnection of the service. During the months when the water service is off, the applicable Basic Charge will still apply. Once the service is re-connected, Basic and Consumption Charges will resume.

### Seasonal Water Meters

Seasonal water meters that service parks, cemeteries and sports fields that are removed in the Fall and re-installed in the spring will incur the \$155 fee for both the installation and removal of the meter. During the months when the meter has been removed, no Basic or Consumption Charges will apply. Once the meter has been re-installed, Basic and Consumption Charges will resume.

### Fire Flow Tests

During non-freezing periods \$335 / test

During freezing periods  
Time and material, \$335 minimum

### Cross-Connection Fees

Certified Backflow Prevention Device Tester

Registration Fee \$100 / year

Transient Certified Backflow Prevention Device Tester

Registration Fee \$50 / 30 days

Test Tag Fee \$25  
Test tags expire 5 years after first being affixed to a backflow prevention device. Authorized test tags are only available from PUC. Only Registered Testers may purchase test tags.

Late Filing Fee \$100 / report  
Applies to any report that is not submitted within the specified time-period or for any person not renewing their Certified Backflow Prevention Device Tester Registration within 30 days of expiry.

## Specific Service Charges

### Customer Administration

Account set up	\$	30.00
Credit Reference check	\$	19.50
Letter of Reference	\$	15.00
Arrears Certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of Account	\$	15.00
Pulling Post Dated Cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate Invoices (bill reprint)	\$	15.00
Easement Letter	\$	15.00
Over Due Notice Charge	\$	15.00
Returned Cheque Fee	\$	35.00
Tax Roll Water	\$	25.00
Tax Roll City	\$	25.00

### Non-Payment of Account

Late Payment Charge Monthly	%	1.50
Late Payment Charge Annually	%	19.56
Collection Visit (No disconnect)	\$	30.00
Disconnection for Non Payment Fee	\$	63.50
Reconnection Fee After Disconnect	\$	63.50
After Hours Reconnection Fee (minimum)	\$	155.00

### Other

Special Meter Reads	\$	30.00
Manipulating water bypass	\$	2,000.00

**WATER CAPITAL CHARGES**  
Effective January 22, 2021

**Frontage Charges**

Residential, Commercial and Institutional	\$466 / metre
Industrial	\$466 / metre
Re-development	same as above

**Non-Abutting Frontage Charges**

Residential - Single Family	\$3,431 each
Multi-residential, Commercial, Industrial, Institutional (by formula)	Min. frontage* (m) x \$3,431 (\$) ÷ 15.24 (m)
* Minimum frontage as required by City of Peterborough Zoning By-Law	

**Service Connections**

Residential - 20 mm, Restoration costs extra	\$3,123 each
Residential - 25 mm (low pressure areas), Restoration costs extra	\$3,123 each
All other services - 25 mm and larger	Actual Costs, Minimum charge \$3,123

<b>Subdivision Inspection Charges</b>	\$126 per lot
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**WATER UTILITY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

Effective January 1, 2021

**Residential**

Planning Area	Res. A	Res. B	Res.C
	Singles & Semis	Other Multiples	Apart-ments
1. Auburn North	\$2,378	\$2,051	\$1,395
2. Jackson	\$2,786	\$2,401	\$1,633
3. Carnegie West (Zone 3N)	\$2,310	\$1,991	\$1,353
4. Chemong	\$1,836	\$1,583	\$1,077
5. Lily Lake	\$2,718	\$2,343	\$1,593
6. Liftlock	\$1,861	\$1,604	\$1,091
7. Coldsprings	\$2,341	\$2,017	\$1,372
8. Outside Planning Areas	\$1,503	\$1,295	\$882
9. Carnegie East (Zone 2)	\$713	\$615	\$418
10. Chemong East	\$1,084	\$935	\$636

**Non-Residential**, all planning areas . . . . \$6.15 /m<sup>2</sup>

Rates are subject to change.