

# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

## BY-LAW NO. 23-014

**BEING** a by-law to impose water and sewer rates.

**WHEREAS** under section 326 (4) of the Municipal Act, 2001 (S.O.2001, c.25), a municipality may by by-law levy a special local municipality levy under section 312 on the rateable property in the area of an identified special service to raise the costs determined by this service;

**AND WHEREAS** under section 391(1) a municipality may pass by-laws imposing fees or charges on any class of persons for services or activities provided by it;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills enacts as follows:

1. This By-law shall be short-titled: "Water and Sewer Services Rates By-law".
2. A water and sewer services annual base charge of \$660.29 to provide fixed annual funding to the Municipality to ensure a safe, clean water supply in accordance with Ontario's clean drinking water standards and for the collection and treatment of wastewater shall be imposed upon the owners of lands for each residential or non-residential unit.
3. A residential unit is defined as an owned housing unit or a unit under separate lease or rental agreement that has access to municipal water and/or sewer services. The unit (s) is a single-family home, a duplex, a row house, a multi-residential unit, an apartment, a condominium, or any other place designed for human occupancy. The residential unit may have its own water meter or share a meter (s).
4. A non-residential unit is defined as a unit providing a commercial or industrial activity that may or may not have a separate entrance (internal or external to the building) and has access to municipal water and/or sewer services. The non-residential unit may have its own water meter or share a meter (s).
5. Hospitals and Schools shall be charged one base charge per facility.
6. For each account, the rate charged for consumption shall be \$13.31 for every 1,000 gallons or 4.55 cubic meters. An account may include one unit or many units.
7. A late payment charge of 1.25% of the outstanding balance will be added to the water account following the due date. Interest will continue to be charged at 1.25% per month until the water account is paid in full. If the water account is not paid in full by the due date of the next billing period, the Municipality has the authority under Section 398 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 (S.O. 2001, c.25) to transfer such water and sewer arrears to the tax roll. Interest at 1.25% per month will continue to be applied to the tax account for any outstanding arrears including water and sewer arrears.

8. All payments to a water and sewer account will be applied first to any outstanding penalties and interest and then to the outstanding water and sewer charges.
  9. The Billing Period cycle for the calendar year 2023 will be as follows: Jan 1 – Feb 28; Mar 1 – Apr 30; May 1 – June 30; July 1 – Aug 31; Sept 1 – Oct 31; Nov 1 – Dec 31
  10. When a water meter reading cannot be determined an owner will be charged their Water and Sewer Services Base Charge in accordance with article 2 above plus a consumption charge based on a system estimate at the rate of \$13.31 for every 1,000 gallons or 4.55 cubic meters. If a reading cannot be obtained for three billing periods (6 months) the owner will be charged a consumption charge based on a system estimate and a service charge of \$25.00 will apply.
  11. When the Municipality's officials have requested an owner continuously run their water to prevent freezing during the winter months, an owner will be charged their Water and Sewer Services Base Charge in accordance with article 2 above **plus** a consumption charge of \$13.31 for every 1,000 gallons or 4.55 cubic meters of water based on the lowest of 1) actual consumption 2) an average of the last three summer meter readings (May to August) and 3) 7,000 gallons or 31.82 cubic meters.
6. That By-law No.22-025 shall be and is hereby repealed.

**BY-LAW READ** passed, signed and sealed in open Council this **21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023.**

  
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Christa Lowry, Mayor

  
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Jeanne Harfield, Clerk

