



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GODERICH
BY-LAW NO. 86 OF 2008**

A by-law to provide for the fixing of rates to those persons, firms and corporations using sanitary or combined storm and sanitary sewers and to provide for the collection thereof and to fix a reserve fund for future capital improvements and to repeal By-Law 40 of 2007.

WHEREAS it is necessary to provide funds for the capital projects, operation and maintenance of a sewage disposal system in the Town of Goderich;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to levy charges upon all persons, firms and corporations in the Town of Goderich who make use of the sanitary or combined storm and sanitary sewers as well as the Pollution Control Plant in the Town of Goderich;

AND WHEREAS the Goderich Environmental Committee on behalf of Council prepared a report entitled Town of Goderich Report on Water and Sewage Service Rate Structure dated April 25, 2005, which was prepared by B. M. Ross & Associates Ltd.;

AND WHEREAS the Goderich Environmental Committee met on June 29th, 2005, and recommended that Council adopt the rate study and consider implementing the rate increase over a minimum period of five years;

AND WHEREAS Council dealt with the recommendation of the Environmental Committee at their meeting of July 18th, 2005 and adopted the rate study;

AND WHEREAS Council received correspondence dated July 8th, 2005, from Steve Burns of B. M. Ross & Associates Ltd. concerning possible incremental rates;

AND WHEREAS Council approved incremental rates over a five year period requiring five increases of 12.5% per year for water and 11.8% per year for sewage plus the rate of inflation;

AND WHEREAS By-Law #96 of 2005, By-Law #88 of 2006 and By-Law #40 of 2007 have increased the rate for three of the five increases;

AND WHEREAS the C.P.I. for 2007 was 2.4%;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to increase the rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GODERICH ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the following rates be established for the use of the sanitary or combined storm and sanitary sewer system and/or the Pollution Control Plant by any person, firm or corporation in the Town of Goderich who uses the water being supplied by the Town of Goderich, except that where a water account provides water to a property and there is no possibility, as determined by the Administrator of the Town of Goderich, that any of the supplied water would enter into the sanitary sewer system, that account shall be exempt from the charges in this by-law.
 - a) For each household unit, the sum of \$32.40 per month.
 - b) For each industrial and commercial user, except those who obtain metered water, in the Town of Goderich, the sum of \$34.79 per month.



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- c) For each Home Occupation user, the sum of \$17.39 month in addition to the household unit charge. Home Occupation defined as follows: “Home Occupation – is a commercial use that is combined with and is secondary to a residential use, - the commercial portion occupies less than 25% of the gross floor area of the residence and, - there is use of municipal services such as water supply, sanitary and storm sewers and generation of waste for the commercial use and/or where clients must visit the property for a service of product.”
- d) For each user who obtains metered water from Goderich Hydro the following sewer charges will apply:

1st 250 cu. metres	\$1.10/cu.m./month
Next 500 cu. metres	\$0.87/cu.m./month
Next 1000 cu. metres	\$0.80/cu.m./month
Balance	\$0.71/cu.m./month

Subject to a minimum charge of \$34.79 per month.

2. That the following rates for the use of the sanitary or combined storm and sanitary sewer system and/or the Pollution Control Plant by any persons, firms or corporations in the Town of Goderich who are not being supplied with water by the Town of Goderich.
- a) For each household unit, the sum of \$32.40 per month
- b) To all commercial and industrial users, a sum of which is equivalent to a sum paid by the users who are being supplied with water by the Town of Goderich and who are carrying on a similar type of business or industry.
3. That the following rates for the use of the sanitary or combined storm and sanitary sewer system and/or the Pollution Control Plant by any persons, firms or corporations in the Town of Goderich who transport sewage to the sanitary sewer, combined sewer or the Pollution Control Plant by means of a tanker.
- a) \$22.27/cu.m. of sewage transported.
- b) In the case where the person, firm or corporation is supplied by metered water from the Town of Goderich and the person, firm or corporation requests to be charged as per Section I of this by-law, the rates in section I (d) shall apply.
4. The said rates shall be collected by Goderich Hydro on their billings.
5. Arrears for non-payment of sewage rates in excess of a period of three months shall be added to the tax bill of the owner of the property in respect to which the said arrears were incurred. **Interest on overdue accounts will be charged at a rate of 1.5% compounded monthly, to an equivalent of 19.56% per annum.**
6. Goderich Hydro shall be paid for attending to the billing and collection of the sewage rates levied at a rate, as set from time to time.



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7. All proceeds from the collection of the sewage rates by Goderich Hydro shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich within thirty (30) days of the billing date, after having deducted therefrom, collection charges as authorized in the preceding paragraphs.
8. Annually all surplus funds collected by this by-law, in excess of the amounts (including allocated administration) needed for operating and capital purposes of the Pollution Control Plant and the sanitary sewer system, shall be placed in the Pollution Control Plant reserve fund to be used by the Town of Goderich to repair, maintain or expand the Pollution Control Plant or sanitary sewer system in the Town of Goderich.
9. That By-Law shall come into being and take effect on all bills issued on or after the 1st day of September 2008.
10. That By-Law No. 40 of 2007 be hereby repealed on the 1st day of September 2008.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS
ELEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 2008.**

MAYOR

CLERK