

BY-LAW NO. 421

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE**

**A By-law to Establish New
Water Rates for 2026**

WHEREAS the costs of chemicals for water treatment, materials, labour, costs to be in compliance with Government legislated safety and water quality standards, the need for funds to maintain and expand the water system, the costs for infrastructure replacement as a result of municipal roadworks and aging infrastructure, etc., and to provide a safe and secure supply of potable water to its customers have increased, the Commission finds it necessary to revise water rates.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AS FOLLOWS: By-law No. 1 as amended by By-laws No. 49, 68, 79, 91, 156, 163, 176, 186, 197, 212, 220, 235, 250, 270, 279, 292, 305, 314, 329, 341, 365, 366, 369, 386, 399, 400, 401, 402 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, and 420 of the Commission is hereby amended by deleting Schedule ‘A’ thereof and substituting therefore as Schedule ‘A; the following:

CLASS A METERED WATER RATES

Basic Charge

A monthly basic charge shall be applicable for services up to 18 inches in size. The basic charge shall be the greater of the sum of the monthly metered consumption plus \$41.29 or the monthly basic charge for the applicable service size.

<u>Size of Service</u>		<u>Basic Charge Per Month</u>
All services less than 1-1/2 inch		(37mm) \$ 41.29
1-1/2 inch		(37mm) \$ 117.37
2 inch		(50mm) \$ 117.37
3 "		(75mm) \$ 157.89
4 "		(100mm) \$ 195.38
6 "		(150mm) \$ 225.23
8 "		(200mm) \$ 290.00
10 "		(250mm) \$ 381.96
12 "		(300mm) \$ 449.25
18 "		(450mm) \$ 672.54

Metered Water Rates

- 94.7 cents per cubic metre for the first 15 cubic metres for each one month period
- 2.82 dollars per cubic metre for the next 250 cubic metres for each one month period
- 2.23 dollars per cubic metre for the remainder of water consumption

Customer accounts are billed monthly and are due when rendered.

CLASS B WATER SERVICE RATES FOR EACH ONE MONTH PERIOD

- Bill for one month period - \$ 78.27
- Customer accounts are billed monthly and are due when rendered.

WATER SERVICE FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS AND FIRE HYDRANTS (PRIVATE SYSTEMS)

- (a) Fire Suppression Sprinkler systems and hydrants that are connected after the water meter shall not be charged
- (b) Fire Suppression Sprinkler systems that are connected before the water meter or in any manner so that the consumption of water used for fire suppression sprinkler systems will not be registered, shall be charged \$822.52 per annum payable in advance.
- (c) Fire Suppression Sprinkler systems that are connected to water services, the sole purpose of which is to accommodate fire suppression sprinkler systems shall be charged \$1,350.93 per annum payable in advance.
- (d) Hydrants that are connected before the water meter or in any manner so that the consumption of water used for hydrants will not be registered, shall be charged per annum payable in advance as follows:

one hydrant	\$ 822.52
two hydrants	\$ 1,649.72
three hydrants	\$ 2,377.88
plus \$611.76 for each additional hydrant	


- (e) Hydrants that are connected to water services, the sole purpose of which is to accommodate hydrants, shall be charged per annum payable in advance as follows:

one hydrant	\$ 1,391.82
two hydrants	\$ 1,649.72
three hydrants	\$ 2,377.88
plus \$629.08 for each additional hydrant.	

WATER SERVICE FOR FIRE HYDRANTS (MUNICIPAL SYSTEM)

The annual rental for fire hydrants shall be \$758.04 per hydrant.

This By-law shall become effective for all consumption used on and after January 1, 2026.



Chairman



Secretary

November 27, 2025

Date