

2024 Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks

- Total waterworks revenues (R) - \$143,076.76
- Total waterworks expenses (E) - \$328,429.23
- Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenses, expressed as a ratio:

$$\frac{R}{E} = \frac{(\$143,076.76)}{(\$328,429.23)} = 0.44:1$$

For 2024, waterworks revenues covered 44% of the waterworks expenses.

Ratio explanation:

The Town of Asquith has not been able to increase revenues enough to cover the increasing expense for the provision of drinking water. It was discovered in 2024 that a large percentage of water meters are not working, resulting in minimum charges issued regardless of water usage. Meter replacement has become a priority. It was also discovered in 2024 that despite the overage rate increasing to \$11.00 from \$10.50 with the October 2023 Bylaw, it was not instituted resulting in lost revenue. It has since been instituted.

Aging infrastructure has resulted in a large amount of water line breaks in recent years. These are costly repairs, over \$100,000.00 in 2024. In addition, multiple pieces of equipment in the water treatment plant required replacement unexpectedly in 2024. Waterworks salary costs increased for part of 2024 as our new Foreman was trained under his predecessor.

Note that the following information required pursuant to section 54 of the Municipalities

Regulations is available for inspection at the municipal office during regular office hours:

- Current waterworks rate policy and capital investment strategy.
 - **Current Waterworks Rate Policy:** Council passed *Bylaw No. 1-2025* on January 8th, 2025. Under that *Bylaw* the minimum monthly charge for water was increased by \$1.25 resulting in a rate of \$11.00/1000 gallons billed at a minimum of 3000 gallons per month. This should increase revenue by 4% in 2025. The overage rate of \$11.00/1000 gallons over 3000 per month set with *Bylaw No. 1-2023* was implemented in 2025. This is an increase of 5%, revenue from this increase is dependent on consumption.
 - At the end of 2025, Council will review the waterworks policy to work towards revenues that cover waterworks operating costs. They will also closely monitor waterworks expenditures.
 - Bylaws will be passed each year for any water rate changes.
 - **Capital Investment Strategy:** On July 9, 2007, Council passed a resolution for a capital investment strategy. The objective was to address anticipated waterworks infrastructure maintenance, the immediate drinking water infrastructure problems, and future infrastructure replacements in a timely fashion to ensure the waterworks continues to provide safe drinking water. To cover the costs of a new water plant and distribution well, Council undertook a combination of increasing water rates and an

infrastructure charge to cover the costs of waterworks operations and the long-term borrowing that was necessary for the construction of the water plant.

- Under this plan two projects have been completed. The Water Main/Sewer Trunk line to Lunn Street and the New Water Plant and Well.
- The New Lift Station has not been completed and has an anticipated cost of \$2,341,911.00 based on a 2010 estimate of cost and estimated 3% annual inflation rate.

- **Capital plans and funding sources for infrastructure projects:**

- In 2024 work on a backup generator for the water treatment plant began. It is anticipated to be completed by the end of July 2025. This project was paid for by operating revenues.
- In 2025 work on converting the water treatment plant to biological filtration will begin with an anticipated completion date of January 2026. This project will be paid for with waterworks reserve funds and operating revenues.
- In 2025 water meter replacement and remote reading upgrade will begin. This will be paid for with grants.

- **Current waterworks reserves:**

- The current balance of reserves for waterworks capital infrastructure is \$145,800.00.

- **A copy of the most recent waterworks independent engineering assessment.**

- The 2015 Waterworks System Assessment is available for viewing at the office during regular office hours.

- **All current agreements entered into by the municipality respecting the provision of municipal waterworks services – Not applicable.**

- There are no current agreements for the provision of waterworks.