

2025 Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks

- Total waterworks revenues (R) - \$220,575.85
- Total waterworks expenses (E) - \$276,791.42
- Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenses, expressed as a ratio:

$$\frac{R}{E} = \frac{(\$220,575.85)}{(\$276,791.42)} = 0.797:1$$

For 2025, waterworks revenues covered 79.7% 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.

Previous reporting did not include the monthly infrastructure charge as revenue attributed to waterworks. This has been corrected for 2025.

Aging infrastructure has resulted in a large amount of water line breaks in recent years. The water treatment plant required replacement of multiple parts in 2025, including specialized pumps.

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. 7-2025* on November 12th, 2025. Under that Bylaw, the minimum monthly charge for water was increased by \$1.25 resulting in a rate of \$11.41/1000 gallons billed at a minimum of 3000 gallons per month. This increased water sale revenue by 4% in 2025. The overage rate of \$11.50/1000 gallons over 3000 per month, an increase of \$0.50, was also set with the Bylaw. This is an increase of 4.5%, revenue from this increase is dependent on consumption.
 - At the end of 2026, 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.

- **Capital plans and funding sources for infrastructure projects:**
 - In 2024 work on a backup generator for the water treatment plant began. It was completed in early 2026. This project was paid for by operating revenues.
 - In 2025 work on converting the water treatment plant to biological filtration began. Completion is expected in Fall 2026. This project will be paid for with waterworks reserve funds and operating revenues.
 - In 2025 water meter replacement and remote reading began. This project will be paid for with grants.
- **Current waterworks reserves:**
 - The current balance of reserves for waterworks capital infrastructure is \$0.00. Reserves were depleted to pay for the biological filtration project.
- **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.