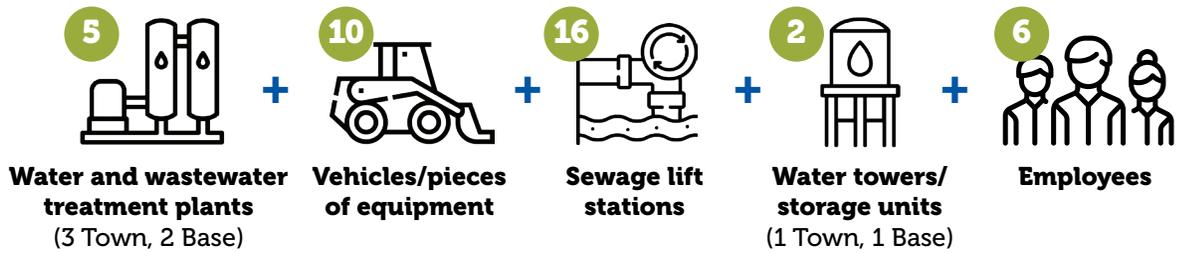




# Notice of changes to Oromocto Water & Sewer Rates

## Oromocto water & sewer at a glance:



Oromocto's Water & Sewer Division has successfully completed a pilot project to modernize the reading of 1,450 of the 3,790 water meters.



Implementing the use of new data collection tablets with seamless integration into our billing software, staff has experienced increased efficiencies with better accuracy and significantly reduced processing times. Due to the success of the pilot, this project is being expanded to other areas of the town with plans for complete implementation in 2024.

## Projected Water/Sewerage Utility Capital Expenditures 2023-2028

### Wastewater Treatment Solution

Estimated cost \$25M **Town share \$8.5M**

### Recapitalization

Estimated cost \$15M

## Factors contributing to the projected water & sewer cost increases:

- Need for increased capacity for sewerage treatment in Oromocto West.
- DND water and sewer proposed rates to increase by 185% and 285% respectively.
- Need to catch up on existing infrastructure (i.e. aging pipes).
- Operational modernizations (lead to efficiency through investments).
- Operational costs to reflect real costs (i.e. water-cost transfer, annual deficit)
- Water & sewer infrastructure and maintenance costs **cannot be covered by tax rates.** Legislation dictates that this must be funded through direct water and sewer billing.

## Did you know?



Your water and sewer utility has 164.7 kms of pipe, which is enough to stretch from Oromocto to Moncton!

## Water & Sewer Fund



Council adopted a new financial rate structure based on the evaluation of its infrastructure needs and the operation and maintenance costs over the next five-year period. The Town's water and sewer budget is made up of two components: operating and capital investment. This fund is created to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business. The intent is that costs of providing goods or services to the public on a continuing 24/7 basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. All activity necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including administration, operations, maintenance, billing and collection.

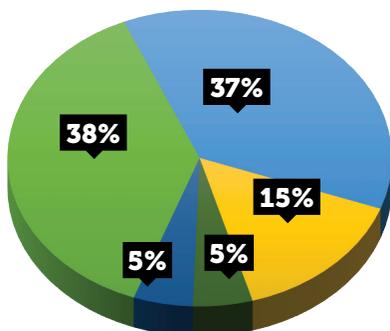
## Did you know?



In 2022 we purchased 1,036,270 m<sup>3</sup> of water, enough to fill our 2,270,000 million litre water tower over 456 times!

## Water and Sewer Utility Expenditures 2023 Budget

- Operating
- Water Costs
- Capital Projects
- Admin
- Deficit



## Water sewer rate projections 2023-2028

QUARTERLY	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Fixed	\$37.00	\$87.50	\$112.50	\$137.50	\$137.50	\$137.50
Consumption	\$3.70	\$3.50	\$3.30	\$3.00	\$2.90	\$2.80
<b>Total average billing per household</b>	<b>\$222.00</b>	<b>\$261.06</b>	<b>\$279.41</b>	<b>\$292.27</b>	<b>\$288.61</b>	<b>\$284.86</b>

Average quarterly bill peaks out in 2026 at \$292.27 per quarter. Reduces back to \$284.86 per quarter in 2028 holding fixed rate and reduce consumption rate.

## Did you know?



Your tax dollars **cannot be used** to pay any of the costs of the town's water & sewer services.

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