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Subject: Water / Sewer Rate application questions

Hi,
I have questions regarding the rate application. Can I get a response by Wednesday, June 16, at noon please?

Financial Questions

1. What specific factors are driving the proposed 7.5% annual increase?
 - Inflation?
 - Debt repayment?
 - Capital projects?
 - Increased operating costs?
2. How much revenue will the increase generate each year?
3. What is the current financial position of the sewer utility?
 - Annual revenues
 - Annual expenses
 - Reserve balances
4. Has the sewer utility been operating at a deficit?
 - If yes, for how many years?
5. What percentage of the increase is for day-to-day operations versus capital improvements?
6. How do Crapaud's current sewer rates compare with other PEI municipalities?

Infrastructure Questions

7. What projects will be funded by these increases?
 - Lift station upgrades?
 - Lagoon improvements?
 - New sewer mains?

- Regulatory compliance work?
- 8. What is the estimated cost of each project?
- 9. Are any of these projects required by provincial or federal regulators?
- 10. What is the current condition of the sewer system?
 - Has an engineering assessment been completed?
- 11. What infrastructure risks exist if the increases are not approved?

Impact on Residents

- 21. What will the average residential sewer bill be in each year from 2026 to 2029?
- 22. How will the increase affect commercial properties?

Governance and Long-Term Planning

- 25. Does the Village have a long-term water and sewer rate study?
- 26. When was the last rate review completed?
- 27. Have rates been kept artificially low in previous years, resulting in larger increases now?
- 28. What rate increases are anticipated after 2029?

If this increase is approved, where exactly will every additional dollar collected between 2026 and 2029 be spent?

Thanks

Steve Graham