



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Regulatory & Appeals Commission

Commission de réglementation et d'appels

ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD

Docket: UW07305
Order: UW21-04
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021

IN THE MATTER of the *Water and Sewerage Act*, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap W-2 and the *Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission Act*, R.S.P.E.I.1988, Cap. I-11;.

AND IN THE MATTER of an application by the Souris Sewer and Water Utility Corporation for approval to increase annual sewer and water rates and charges.

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(Sgd) *Heather Walker*

Heather Walker, Regulatory Analyst
Prince Edward Island Regulatory
& Appeals Commission

Order

Panel Members:

J. Scott MacKenzie, Q.C., Chair

M. Douglas Clow, Vice-Chair

Erin T. Mitchell, Commissioner

BACKGROUND

1. The Souris Sewer and Water Utility Corporation filed an application with the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission for approval to increase annual sewer and water rates and charges, effective October 1, 2021, April 1, 2022 and April 1, 2023.
2. The Commission posted details of the application on its website and published a Notice in the local newspapers inviting written feedback.
3. No comments were received in response to the Utility's proposal.
4. The Commission reviewed the Utility's rate proposal, including analysis of Souris' revenue and expenditures, and has concluded that increased sewer and water rates are necessary to address increased operating costs, as well as additional expenses related to various sewer and water plant improvements.

DECISION

5. It appears to the Commission that the sewer and water tariffs of rates and charges approved herein are necessary and equitable.

ORDER

The Commission Orders:

1. The sewer and water rate tariffs of the Souris Sewer and Water Utility Corporation, as set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 annexed hereto and forming part of this Order, are approved and declared effective on October 1, 2021, April 1, 2022 and April 1, 2023, respectively, and shall remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

DATED at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Friday, December 3, 2021.

BY THE COMMISSION:

(Sgd) J. Scott MacKenzie

J. Scott MacKenzie, Q.C., Chair

(Sgd) M. Douglas Clow

M. Douglas Clow, Vice-Chair

(Sgd) Erin T. Mitchell

Erin T. Mitchell, Commissioner

Souris Sewer and Water Utility Corporation

SEWER & WATER TARIFF

THIS TARIFF SPECIFIES THE RATES AND CHARGES APPLICABLE
TO SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SOURIS SEWER AND
WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TYPES OF SERVICES
AND MANNER IN WHICH SUCH SERVICES ARE PROVIDED
ARE CONTAINED IN THE **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWERAGE UTILITIES
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Effective: October 1, 2021

Metered Rates

Application:

The following rates and charges apply to metered services provided customers by the Souris Sewer and Water Utility Corporation.

Sewer & Water Services:

Meter Size	Demand Charge per Month	Commodity Charge
5/8 inch	\$35.15	\$2.97 per
3/4 inch	\$46.14	1,000 Imperial
1 inch	\$68.17	gallons
1 1/2 inch	\$123.22	— or —
2 inch	\$189.25	
3 inch	\$343.40	
4 inch	\$563.52	\$0.458 per
6 inch	\$1,114.47	cubic meter

Sewer Service Only:

Meter Size	Demand Charge per Month	Commodity Charge
5/8 inch	\$24.81	\$1.43 per
3/4 inch	\$33.03	1,000 Imperial
1 inch	\$49.55	gallons
1 1/2 inch	\$90.83	— or —
2 inch	\$140.32	
3 inch	\$255.89	
4 inch	\$420.92	\$0.315 per
6 inch	\$834.09	cubic meter

Water Service Only:

Meter Size	Demand Charge per Month	Commodity Charge
5/8 inch	\$10.34	\$0.65 per
3/4 inch	\$13.11	1,000 Imperial
1 inch	\$18.62	gallons
1 1/2 inch	\$32.39	— or —
2 inch	\$48.93	
3 inch	\$87.51	
4 inch	\$142.60	\$0.143 per
6 inch	\$280.38	cubic meter

Minimum Bill:

The minimum bill is the Demand Charge.

Unmetered Rates

Application:

The following rates and charges apply to unmetered services provided customers served or capable of being served by the Souris Sewer and Water Utility Corporation.

No water line to exceed 3/4 inch.

Sewer & Water Services:

Per Month:

\$45.58

Sewer Service Only:

Per Month:

\$31.98

Water Service Only:

Per Month:

\$13.60

Special Flat Rates:

The Utility may approve the use of special flat rates where it is considered expedient due to the inadvisability of installing a meter due to exposure, etc., such as residential construction, temporary water fountains and similar devices.

This type of service is to be provided only on an intermittent basis and is not to cover heavy consumption use.

Rates for Water Supplied from Fire Hydrants:

When the use of any fire hydrant is desired for supplying water for flushing sewers, drains or any other purpose, other than for fire protection, the Utility may grant a permit under such terms, conditions and rates as it may see fit, including arrangements regarding supervision of the opening and closing of the hydrant and the keeping of a record of the time such hydrant is used for the purpose of calculating the amount of water drawn from it.

Municipal Service Rates

Fire Protection Charge:

The Utility shall charge the Town of Souris annually for water system facilities provided for fire protection services, the amount of 33% of the previous year's total water utility expenditures.

Special Fire Protection Rate:

This rate shall apply to special fire protection service provided by the Souris Sewer and Water Utility Corporation. The charge shall be on the basis that the Utility pay for each hydrant installation including all fittings and valves, and a normal length of pipe required by a standard installation, but that the cost of any pipe line extension along the street

Hydrant Rate:

Per Year: _____

\$275.00

Sanitary Sewer Surcharge

Application:

In cases where any customer of the Utility discharges a sewage effluent into the sanitary sewer system which is excessively strong or where the suspended solids or fat and grease components are excessively high, the Utility may determine by sample testing and such other means as may be available, the degree of excessive contamination and require the customer to pay an additional surcharge in accordance with the concentration of the suspended solids (SS) and fat and grease (GR) proportions as set forth below.

Surcharge:

In cents per 1,000 Imperial Gallons:

$$\frac{SS \text{ (ppm)} - 350}{350} \times 12.5 + \frac{GR \text{ (ppm)} - 100}{100} \times 12.5$$

In cents per cubic meter:

$$\frac{SS \text{ (ppm)} - 350}{350} \times 2.752 + \frac{GR \text{ (ppm)} - 100}{100} \times 2.752$$

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Effective: April 1, 2022

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Sewer & Water Services:

Meter Size	Demand Charge per Month	Commodity Charge
5/8 inch	\$42.05	\$2.48 per
3/4 inch	\$55.25	1,000 Imperial
1 inch	\$81.73	gallons
1 1/2 inch	\$147.94	— or —
2 inch	\$227.32	
3 inch	\$412.68	
4 inch	\$677.38	\$0.545 per
6 inch	\$1,339.88	cubic meter

Sewer Service Only:

Meter Size	Demand Charge per Month	Commodity Charge
5/8 inch	\$30.77	\$1.77 per
3/4 inch	\$40.96	1,000 Imperial
1 inch	\$61.44	gallons
1 1/2 inch	\$112.63	— or —
2 inch	\$173.99	
3 inch	\$317.30	
4 inch	\$521.94	\$0.389 per
6 inch	\$1,034.27	cubic meter

Water Service Only:

Meter Size	Demand Charge per Month	Commodity Charge
5/8 inch	\$11.28	\$0.71 per
3/4 inch	\$14.29	1,000 Imperial
1 inch	\$20.29	gallons
1 1/2 inch	\$35.31	— or —
2 inch	\$53.33	
3 inch	\$95.38	
4 inch	\$155.44	\$0.156 per
6 inch	\$305.61	cubic meter

Minimum Bill:

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Unmetered Rates

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Sewer & Water Services:

Per Month:

\$54.48

Sewer Service Only:

Per Month:

\$39.65

Water Service Only:

Per Month:

\$14.83

Special Flat Rates:

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Surcharge:

In cents per 1,000 Imperial Gallons:

$$\frac{SS \text{ (ppm)} - 350}{350} \times 15.5 + \frac{GR \text{ (ppm)} - 100}{100} \times 15.5$$

In cents per cubic meter:

$$\frac{SS \text{ (ppm)} - 350}{350} \times 3.412 + \frac{GR \text{ (ppm)} - 100}{100} \times 3.412$$

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3/4 inch	\$66.37	
1 inch	\$98.31	— or —
1 1/2 inch	\$178.15	
2 inch	\$273.88	\$0.654 per cubic meter
3 inch	\$497.41	
4 inch	\$816.63	
6 inch	\$1,615.61	

Sewer Service Only:

Meter Size	Demand Charge per Month	Commodity Charge
5/8 inch	\$38.15	\$2.19 per 1,000 Imperial gallons
3/4 inch	\$50.79	
1 inch	\$76.19	— or —
1 1/2 inch	\$139.66	
2 inch	\$215.75	\$0.482 per cubic meter
3 inch	\$393.45	
4 inch	\$647.20	
6 inch	\$1,282.49	

Water Service Only:

Meter Size	Demand Charge per Month	Commodity Charge
5/8 inch	\$12.29	\$0.78 per 1,000 Imperial gallons
3/4 inch	\$15.58	
1 inch	\$22.12	— or —
1 1/2 inch	\$38.49	
2 inch	\$58.13	\$0.172 per cubic meter
3 inch	\$103.96	
4 inch	\$169.43	
6 inch	\$333.12	

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\$65.33

Sewer Service Only:

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\$49.17

Water Service Only:

Per Month:

\$16.16

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In cents per cubic meter:

$$\frac{SS \text{ (ppm)} - 350}{350} \times 4.231 + \frac{GR \text{ (ppm)} - 100}{100} \times 4.231$$