## Minutes of An Amherstburg Municipal Council Meeting Held On Monday, January 10, 2011 At 5:30 p.m. In Council Chambers

**PRESENT**: Mayor Wayne Hurst

Deputy Mayor Ron Sutherland Councillor Carolyn Davies Councillor Robert (Bob) Pillon

Councillor John Sutton Councillor Diane Pouget Councillor Bart Di Pasquale

**ALSO PRESENT:** Pamela Malott, Chief Administrative Officer

Kristina Pozar Di Paolo, Acting Deputy Clerk Carol Bendo, Human Resources Manager

Paul Beneteau, Treasurer Dave Carpenter, IT Manager

Tony DeThomasis, Manager of Parks and Facilities

Operations

Ivano Fregonese, Supervisor, Budget Services Dennis Laporte, Director, Recreation & Culture Anne Rota, Manager of Tourism and Culture

Lou Zarlenga, Director, E & I

**ABSENT WITH NOTICE:** Brenda Percy, Council & Leg. Services/Clerk

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:43 PM.

#### **PRAYER**

The Acting Deputy-Clerk, Kristina Pozar Di Paolo, said prayer.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor Pillon seconded:

That the minutes of the following Amherstburg Municipal Council meetings be adopted as circulated:

- 1. In-Camera Meeting held on December 13, 2010 at 2:45 PM;
- 2. Special Public Council Meeting regarding ZBA for 475 Dalhousie held on December 13, 2010 at 5:00 PM;
- 3. Special Public Council Meeting regarding ZBA for 7809 Howard Ave. held on December 13, 2010 at 5:30 PM;
- 4. Special Public Council Meeting regarding ZBA for Condos at Sandwich St. South held on December 13, 2010 at 6:00 PM and
- 5. Public Meeting held on December 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

#### Presentation # 1

Terry Hearn, CH2MHill made a presentation regarding secondary wastewater rates, a copy of the PowerPoint is attached and forms an Addendum to these minutes. Mr. Hearn recommended that Amherstburg continue to use a harmonized rate structure and that the cost of providing secondary treatment at the Amherstburg Wastewater treatment plant be paid by all sewage customers as part of the harmonized rate.

The Mayor invited comments from the public.

#### i) Larry Burgess

Mr. Burgess addressed Council and commented on how he has paid for the McLeod and Big Creek systems already. He also reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of harmonized rates and felt that the rates should be harmonized for those who are benefiting from the new plant and the expenditure be separate from the McLeod and Big Creek systems, which have been harmonized since 2002. A copy of Mr. Burgess' notes are attached to and forms a part of these minutes. Mr. Hearn responded to the issues raised by the delegate, which he felt that the calculation was only done on the operating costs only and not the capital costs associated with the asset or the depreciated value

#### ii) Frank Kemski

Frank Kemski addressed Council and questioned whether there is any funding available from the upper levels of government.

#### iii) Mark Lehkyj

Mark Lehkyj addressed Council and stated that the capital costs over a 10 year period for McLeod and Big Creek is zero and that he has already paid his share. He understood the philosophy is to spread the cost over a larger population however, those connected to McLeod and Big Creek have already paid their share.

#### iv) Jeff Laframboise

Jeff Laframboise addressed Council and sought clarification of the capital costs from 2006 to present and how much extra there is. He also asked what was paid for treatment costs over the years. Mr. Zarlenga stated that this is a substantial amount of information to acquire but it can be provided.

#### v) Bob Beetham

Bob Beetham addressed Council and noted that the problem is not with the harmonized rates but that those connected to the sewage treatment plants in Old Malden were the ones that paid for the Old Malden plant. The cost was not harmonized. Mr. Beetham noted that they are being asked to pay for a system that they will never be connected to. He felt that he was being double dipped. Councillor Pillon provided some clarification.

#### vi) Mike Jaber

Mike Jaber addressed Council and expressed his support of harmonizing rates but felt that the 6000 Amherstburg users should be paying for the capital improvements through frontage per foot.

#### vii) Grant Wood

Grant Wood addressed Council and sought clarification whether Amherstburg is paying for Amherstburg plant or, is entire Town. Councillor Pillon responded that Amherstburg paid for their original plant. He noted that he has paid for the plant too.

#### viii) Pete Reid

Pete Reid addressed Council and felt that the cost should be divided amongst the Amherstburg residents. He questioned how Council could justify requiring them to pay.

#### ix) Pat Baker

Pat Baker addressed Council and noted that she already paid for the capital cost for the plant she is connected to and the operating cost is harmonized. She should only be required to pay the capital cost of Amherstburg since those connected to a different system have already paid their capital cost. She reiterated that only the operating cost should be shared by everyone.

#### x) Geoff Kidd

Geoff Kidd addressed Council via teleconference and commented on the secondary portion for secondary treatment plant. He noted that 40% of the new costs are being passed on to Malden and Big Creek residents inappropriately and their rates should be adjusted accordingly. Mayor Hurst commented on the true cost of the secondary treatment portion.

xi) Roy Amore

Ray Amore addressed Council and expressed his displeasure of being double charged. Mr. Amore felt that although they do not deserve 100% of the money refunded, they should be billed less for a ten year period or refund money to offset the double dip.

Councillor Sutton moved, Deputy Mayor Sutherland seconded:

That administration be instructed to bring back to Council information regarding the feasibility and effects of the following:

- 1. Spreading balance of costs associated with the Big Creek and McLeod wastewater treatment facilities as of September 11, 2006 across all rate payers in the entire system;
- 2. How best to rebate the users of those systems for costs associated with the payment of the Big Creek and McLeod wastewater treatment facilities solely borne by them during the period from September 11, 2006 to present;
- 3. How best to rebate those users who paid up front for the same associated costs noted above;
- 4. How best to rebate users in the case of change of home ownership in the Big Creek/McLeod treatment area, either during the September 11, 2006 to present time frame or in future ownership changes;
- 5. And further that Administration report back on other funding sources and continue to apply for government funding to offset the costs.

Councillor Sutton explained the intent of the motion put forth.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

Mayor Hurst explained the motion that was passed. He noted that once the answers are provided by Council, a public meeting would be set. The public meeting would be advertised.

- 6.1 2006 Wastewater Rate Harmonization *This report has been deferred to a future meeting.*
- 6.2 Water & Waterwaster Rates Billing Rate Increases Signing of By-Law 2011-08 *This report has been deferred to a future meeting.*

#### Presentation # 1

Along with Fundraising Coordinator Debi Croucher the following individuals made a presentation to Council regarding a donation to the United Communities Credit Union Complex on behalf of the Shores of Erie International Wine Festival:

Karen Gyorgy – Chairperson
Paul Mersch – Vice Chair
Pat Catton – Director
Anne Rota – Director
Dorie Deslippe, Bob Roberts - Committee Members
Kelly O'Rourke – Festival Director

Deputy Mayor Sutherland moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That the presentation by Ms. Croucher and Ms. O'Rourke be received;

And further that By-Law 2011-03 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Donation Agreement between Shores of Erie International Wine Festival and the Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg be taken as having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### Presentation # 2

Anne Rota, Manager of Tourism and Culture made a presentation to Council regarding the Amherstburg Farmer's Market Post Report.

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor Davies seconded:

That the presentation by Ms. Rota be received.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

Councillor Pillon moved, Councillor Pouget seconded;

That Council hear the delegation by Mr. Ted Popel.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

Mr. Popel stated that he is requesting information from his August 2010 delegation request with respect to a Planning Committee, a drinking fountain in KNYP and more computer stations at the Amherstburg Library.

Councillor Pillon moved, Councillor Sutton seconded;

That Council receive the delegation by Ted Popel.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTING**

7.1 Accounts Paid Report for the period December 14 to December 31, 2010

Deputy Mayor Sutherland moved, Councillor DiPasquale seconded:

That the report by Paul Beneteau and Ivano Fregonese dated January 5, 2010 regarding the Accounts Paid Report for the period December 14 to December 31, 2010 be received.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### REPORTS - RECREATION/CULTURE/PARKS

8.1 Grand Opening Schedule of Events

Councillor Davies moved, Deputy Mayor Sutherland seconded:

That the reports submitted by Pamela Malott, dated January 6, 2011 regarding the Grand Opening and Schedule of Events: United Communities Credit Union Complex be received.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### **REPORTS - POLICE**

No reports at this time.

#### **REPORTS - FIRE**

No reports at this time.

#### **REPORTS - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

No reports at this time.

#### **REPORTS - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

No reports at this time.

#### **REPORTS - ENGINEERING AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

No reports at this time.

#### **REPORTS - CAO's OFFICE**

No reports at this time.

#### **REPORTS - TREASURY**

15.1 Interim Financing Report and By-Law

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor Pillon seconded:

That Council receive the report regarding Temporary Borrowing for the 2011 fiscal year, as submitted by Paul Beneteau, Treasurer;

And further that By-law 2011-02, being a bylaw to provide for temporary borrowing until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, be read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the same and affix the corporate seal thereto.

The Mayor put the Motion.

#### 15.2 Budget Process Report

Councillor Pillon moved, Councillor Davies seconded:

That the report by Paul Beneteau and Ivano Fregonese dated January 5, 2011 regarding the Budget Process be received.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

(From Supplementary Agenda)

#### REPORTS - TREASURY

Interim Tax Levy By-Law 2011

Councillor Sutton moved, Deputy Mayor Sutherland seconded:

That Council receive the report as submitted by Paul Beneteau, Treasurer;

And further, that By-law 2011-01 being a By-law to impose interim taxes for the 2011 year, and to impose penalties on unpaid taxes, be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the same and affix the Corporate seal thereto.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### **REPORTS - HUMAN RESOURCES**

No reports at this time.

#### REPORTS – CLERK's OFFICE

17.1 Renewal of Lease Agreement - Boxing Club.

Councillor DiPasquale moved, Councillor Sutton seconded:

That the report by Brenda Percy, dated January 6, 2011 regarding the renewal of the lease at the space known as 300 Victoria Street South be received;

That Council approve the execution of the Lease Agreement for a twelve month

#### period;

And further that By-law 2011- 07, being a By-law authorizing a Lease Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg and The Fighting Island Amateur Boxing Club for the use of premises know as 300 Victoria Street South, Amherstburg Ontario described as Con 1 Pt Lot 2; RP 12R18093, Part 2 be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### **CONSENT CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillor Sutton moved, Deputy Mayor Sutherland seconded:

That the following correspondence items be received;

- 1. 2010 Enumeration Update MPAC December 9, 2010;
- 2. Proposed ZBA -475 Dalhousie Street Bert & Peggy Cozens December 15, 2010;
- 3. Gosfield and Comber Wind Energy Projects Newsletter- Brookfield December 2010;
- 4. Waterline Newsletter OCWA- Winter 2010;
- 5. ORGA Call for Nomination due January 21, 2011 ORGA December 21, 2011:
- 6. New Deadline for Completing Infrastructure Stimulus Projects 2009 FCM January 4, 2011 and
- 7. Annual General Meeting January 20, 2011- ERCA January 5, 2011.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### **CONSENT OTHER MINUTES**

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor Davies seconded:

That the following minutes be received:

1. APSB meeting held on November 3, 2010 at 4:30 PM.

The Mayor put the Motion.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### Correspondence # 1 - Request for Parking Space

Councillor Davies moved, Councillor Pillon seconded:

That the correspondence from Amherstburg Historic Sites Association regarding a request for a parking space be received;

And further that this correspondence be forwarded to the Traffic Committee, Police and Fire Departments for review, comment and report back to Council.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### Correspondence #2 - Highway of Heroes Coin

Deputy Mayor Sutherland moved, Councillor Davies seconded:

That the correspondence from The Royal Canadian Mint and Jeff Watson regarding the Commemorative Coin in Memory of the Highway of Heroes be received;

And further that this correspondence be forwarded to the Town of LaSalle.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### **BUSINESS LICENSES**

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor Pillon seconded:

That the following business license applications be received and approved subject to compliance with By-Law 2009-44, all agencies and regulations;

#### 1. Tattoo Parlour - Down River Ink

And further that the license be issued by our licensing officer once the applicant has met all of the special conditions as listed in By-Law 2009-44.

The Mayor put the Motion.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council reviewed the Unfinished Business Items List as of January 10, 2011.

Councillor Sutton asked that Mr. Ted Popel's requests with respect to the Library Computer Stations, Planning Committee and Drinking Water Stations be added to the Unfinished Business List.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor Pouget moved, Deputy Mayor Sutherland seconded:

That Administration obtain a larger venue for the Water and Wastewater Rates Public Meeting and that the meeting be advertised for a minimum of two weeks.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

Councillor DiPasquale moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

That Administration book a site for the Anderdon/Malden areas for public input prior to budget deliberations.

Councillor Sutton questioned the cost associated.

Pamela Malott advised that all budget meetings are public meetings and that there may be technological issues to hold a meeting at an off-site location. She also commented on the cost associated with renting a facility.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

Councillor Di Pasquale asked that Administration provide Council with copies of all change work orders, costs associated and the reasons for the change order. The Chief Administrative Officer explained the difficulties associated with same.

Councillor Pouget noted that some of Councillors are asking for breakdown of the change orders with date and amount of money similar to the Accounts Payable listing now being provided. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that this would require the Procurement By-law be amended. That is the direction that would be required from Council.

Councillor Davies moved, Councillor Pouget seconded:

#### That:

Administration report back on what has been done and what needs to be done for Council to see how much of the increase is linked to past and future projects.

Administration report on what grants may be available for future work.

Mayor and Deputy Mayor meet with provincial and federal partners, Bruce Crozier and Jeff Watson to determine that all other financial options and opportunities to subsidize the user rates have been exhausted.

Administration provide the history of decisions and applications for waste water funding from the federal and provincial governments over the last two terms of Council and at time of amalgamation in 1998.

Administration report on the impact and steps that would have to be taken to take costs off the individual ratepayer and cover it with General Revenues, and to investigate taking out a government sponsored loan to cover the costs until a more equitable, fair and just system can be divided.

There was discussion with regard to the motion and previous motion passed during wastewater presentations.

Pamela Malott advised that this information is available to anyone in past minutes and reports and is available to be searched in Laserfiche on the Town website. The Mayor noted that the Town continually meets with its Federal and Provincial representatives about any possible funding. The Mayor stated that he would send correspondence to the Federal and Provincial government and provide copy of the response received.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Failed** 

Councillor Pillon moved, Councillor Sutton seconded:

That Administration investigate imposing 5% increases over 6-years and report back to Council.

Councillor Pillon noted that this would be instead of a 15% increase over 2-years.

The Mayor put the Motion.

#### REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA SESSION

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor Pillon seconded:

#### **COUNCIL IN-CAMERA SESSION REPORT**

**During Closed Session of January 7, 2011,** Council would report the following for the approval of Council:

#### 1. Amherstburg Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAAC)

That <u>Bart DiPasquale</u> be appointed to the Amherstburg Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAAC) and that Administration advertise the layperson positions in the local papers.

#### 2. Committee on the Environment (ACE)

That <u>John Sutton</u> be appointed to the Committee on the Environment (ACE) and that Administration advertise the layperson positions in the local papers.

#### 3. Fence Viewer

That Administration advertise for a Fence Viewer in the local papers.

#### 4. Heritage Committee

That <u>Carolyn Davies</u> and <u>Diane Pouget</u> be appointed to the Heritage Committee and that Administration advertise the layperson positions in the local papers.

#### 5. Livestock Valuer

That Administration advertise for a Livestock Valuer in the local papers.

#### 6. Committee of Adjustment

That Administration advertise for layperson positions in the local papers.

#### 7. Co-An Park Board

That <u>Bob Pillon</u> be appointed to the Co-An Park Board and that Administration advertise the layperson position in the local papers.

#### 8. Community Spirit Committee

That Administration advertise for layperson positions in the local papers.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### **COUNCIL IN-CAMERA SESSION REPORT**

**During Closed Session of January 10, 2011,** Council would report the following for the approval of Council:

Councillor Sutton moved, Councillor Pillon seconded:

#### 1. Essex County Library Board

That <u>Michael Savo</u> be nominated to serve as a representative on the Essex County Library Board.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no Notices of Motion.

#### **BY-LAWS**

(From Supplementary Agenda)

#### Signing Authority

Councillor Sutton moved, Deputy Mayor Sutherland seconded:

That By-Law 2011-04 being a by-law to appoint bank signing authorities be taken as having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

Deputy Mayor Sutherland moved, Councillor Sutton seconded:

That By-Law 2011–05 being a bylaw to amend Zoning By-law No. 199-52, as amended be taken as having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

The Mayor put the Motion.

**Motion Carried** 

#### Confirmatory By-Law

Councillor Pillon moved, Councillor Sutton seconded:

That By-Law 2011- 09 being a By-Law to confirm all resolutions of the Municipal Council Meeting held on January 10, 2010 at 5:30 PM be taken as having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

The Mayor put the Motion.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	
Councillor Sutton moved, Deputy Mayor Sutherland seconded:	
That Council adjourn at 7:57 p.m. and move to In-Camera session.	
The Mayor put the Motion.	Motion Carried
MAYOR - WAYNE HURST	
CLERK - BRENDA M. PERCY	

## Town of Amherstburg Harmonized Wastewater Rate

Council Meeting January 10, 2011

CH2M Hill Limited & Mike Fortin Consulting Economist

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# Town of Amherstburg Sewage Collection and Treatment Systems - 2009 Data Plant Treatment Rated Residential General Total Total Capacity Customers Service Customers Customers Customers

Plant	Treatment	Rated Capacity (m3/d)	Residential Customers	General Service Customers	Total Customers Number	Total Customers %
Amherstburg PCP	Primary Treatment	7,770	3,623	239	3,862	63.3%
Edgewater Lagoons	Lagoons	1,614	1,116	5	1,121	18.4%
Boblo STP	Rotating Biological Contactor	258	66	1	67	1.1%
Mc Gregor Lagoons	Lagoons	1,127	376 <sup>b</sup>	8	384	6.3%
Mc Leod STP	Sequencing Batch Reactor	1,015	561	0	561	9.2%
Big Creek STP	Rotating Biological Contactor	195	110	0	110	1.8%
Total			5,852	253	6,105	100.0%

## Harmonized /Consolidated Rate

- A Consolidated rate is the use of a unified rate structure for multiple water or sewer systems
- Under consolidated pricing, all customers of the utility pay the same rate for the same service, even though the individual systems providing the service may vary in terms of operating characteristics and stand-alone costs.

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## Harmonized Rate in Amherstburg

- In 2006 Amherstburg completed a study to update the Town's wastewater rates.
- Prior to 2006 there were six different wastewater rate structures in place
- No review of the rates had been completed since the amalgamation in 1998.
- The rates were approved by the Council of the day in September of 2006 and they came into effect in October.
- Key components of the approved rates were :
  - a unified or harmonized rate for all areas of the Town
  - a base monthly charge and a constant volumetric rate structure.

## Harmonized Rate in Amherstburg (continued)

- In the 2006 rate study calculations were completed for
  - the rate that would apply if all service areas had the same rate under a unified or harmonized
  - the rates that would apply to each service area if their rates were independent.

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## Harmonized Rate in Amherstburg (continued)

- Individual sewage rates for each sanitary sewage area were not calculated as part of the 2009 rate review process as a harmonized or consolidated rate was established
- However this has now been done for each service area using the same base information used in the 2009 study.

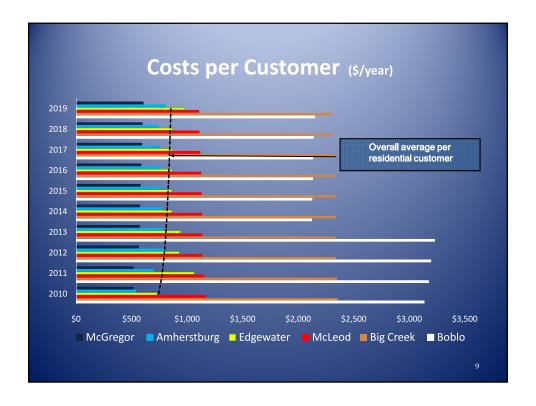
## Harmonized Rate in Amherstburg (continued)

- Under the unified rate currently in place annual residential customer bills averaged \$712 in 2010 and are expected to increase to \$1,158 by 2019.
- The increase reflects the impact of inflation as well as increases recommended in both 2011 and 2012 of 15%.
- These initial larger increases are required to finance capital investments

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## Average vs. Individual Service Areas

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Overall Average	\$663	\$817	\$868	\$855	\$827	\$821	\$817	\$812	\$806	\$863
Amherstburg	\$538	\$701	\$803	\$781	\$772	\$763	\$759	\$752	\$745	\$807
Edgewater	\$731	\$1,063	\$930	\$942	\$863	\$863	\$867	\$869	\$869	\$979
Boblo	\$3,135	\$3,176	\$3,195	\$3,230	\$2,121	\$2,124	\$2,130	\$2,134	\$2,136	\$2,150
McGregor	\$518	\$515	\$563	\$570	\$575	\$579	\$585	\$591	\$596	\$603
McLeod	\$1,167	\$1,152	\$1,135	\$1,135	\$1,132	\$1,127	\$1,123	\$1,118	\$1,110	\$1,106
Big Creek	\$2,356	\$2,349	\$2,336	\$2,338	\$2,340	\$2,337	\$2,332	\$2,326	\$2,316	\$2,309
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## Benefits of a Harmonized Rate

- Sharing of cost burdens to improve overall affordability (especially for small service areas)
- Increased rate stability
- Simplified rate setting and billing
- More effective financial management with opportunity to allocate reserves to areas of greatest need

## Benefits of a Harmonized Rate (continued)

- Use of ratemaking treatment similar to that for other utilities
- The promotion of universal service for customers
- Lower administrative cost
- Ratepayer equity
- Encouragement of investment in the infrastructure

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### Wastewater Rates

- What is included in the Rates?
  - The full cost of operating all of the Town's wastewater treatment plants and the sewage collection system including the cost of upgrading and replacing aging infrastructure.
- What isn't included in the Rate?
  - The cost of providing additional capacity to accommodate residential growth.

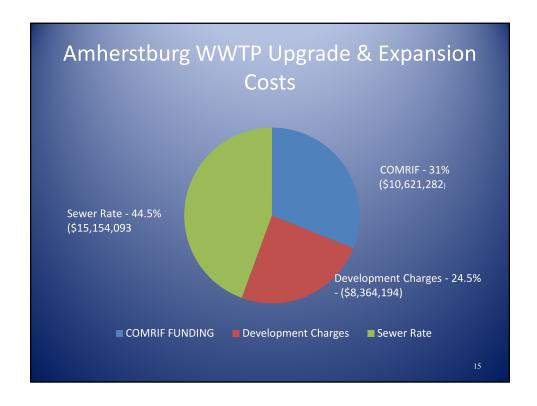
### **Wastewater Connection Charges**

- First time connection charges applied
  - Charge for allocation of capacity in sewage treatment plant by either:
    - Impost Charge
    - Direct or Deferred Benefit Charge
  - Local Services connection charge for sanitary sewer in front of a property and the sewer lateral to the property's lot line by either:
    - Provision of local service through a Subdivision Agreement or
    - Frontage and connection charge

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## Upgrading and Replacing Existing Infrastructure

- Replacements and upgrades to municipal systems are always completed to the standards of the day and usually require improvements in order to meet regulatory requirements.
- Once a customer is connected to a system the cost of renewals and upgrades are paid for from either user rates or taxation with user rates being the preferred method in the majority of cases and the method used by Amherstburg for water and wastewater services.



Cost Shares							
		Total		placement of Existing perations *		Provision of ndary Treatmen	
Total Project Cost	\$	34,139,569	\$	21,019,919	\$	13,119,650	
Development Charges (24.5%)	\$	8,364,194	\$	5,149,880	\$	3,214,314	
COMRIF Grant	\$	10,621,282	\$	6,539,581	\$	4,081,701	
Remaining to Be paid by Sewer Rates	\$	15,154,093	\$	9,330,458	\$	5,823,635	
Cost per Customer – 6,013 total customers	\$	2,520	\$	1,552	\$	969	

## Amherstburg WWTP Upgrade & Expansion Cost Shares

	Replacement of Existing Operations	Provision of Secondary Treatment
Annual Payment on \$9,330,458	\$ 600,995	
Cost per Customer per year for provision of primary treatment- 6,013 Customers	\$ 99.95	
% of Average Annual Residential Bill estimated as \$817 in 2011	12.24%	
Annual Payment on \$5,823,635		\$375,114
Cost per Customer per year for provision of secondary treatment- 6,013 Customers		\$ 62.38
% of Average Annual Residential Bill estimated as \$817 in 2011		7.63%

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## Malden Sewage Treatment Plants

- Completed construction in 2002
  - Total Cost \$11,845,345
  - Provincial Grant \$6,986,540
  - Benefitting Owners \$4,858,805
- Benefitting Owner Charge
  - Frontage Charge \$53.50 per foot
  - Treatment Plant Charge \$2,844.55
- Owner of a 60 foot lot paid \$6,055 to connect to the sewer system

### Cost to Connect To Sewage System

- Lot in Plan of Subdivision (as per Subdivision Agreement)
  - Developer pays all local services charges for sewer along frontage of property and lot connection to property
  - Developer Pays Development Charge of \$4,426 per lot for capacity in sewage plant

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### Is Secondary Treatment a New Service?

- The service provided to all customers connected to Amherstburg's Sewage Systems is the conveyance, treatment and disposal of their sewage.
- The upgrades to the Amherstburg WTTP are being done to the standard of the day and in accordance with Federal and Provincial regulations.
- When these upgrades are completed the customers connected to the Amherstburg WWTP will have the same service they had before that is conveyance, treatment and disposal of their sewage.

## Is Secondary Treatment a New Service? (continued)

- The treatment provided by the Amherstburg WWTP will be to a higher standard than previously but it is the standard required by the regulations.
- There is no new service being provided. The level of treatment being provided is superior to that previously done but it is necessary to meet regulations.

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## For Council's Consideration

- Amherstburg continue to use a harmonized sewage rate.
- That the cost of providing secondary treatment at the Amherstburg WWTP be paid for by all sewage customers as part of the harmonized sewage rate.

