



Public Notice

Notice of Intention to Pass By-Law to Establish and fix the rates or charges for supplying water to users from the Municipal Water Works Systems and to establish procedures for the collection of water accounts (*Municipal Water Rates By-Law*)

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio intends to pass a By-Law to establish and fix the rates or charges for supplying water to users from the Municipal Water Works Systems and to establish procedures for the collection of water account. The proposed By-Law will come before Council for its consideration at its Regular Meeting of **Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm** in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building located at 7855 Sideroad 30, Alliston, Ontario.

Part XII of the *Municipal Act, 2001* allows the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio to pass a by-law to impose fees or charges for the consumption of water and/or the use of a sewage system. Ontario Regulation 244/02, s.12 requires that the Township hold at least one public meeting to inform the public of the proposed rates and the basis for these rates.

Please be notified that such a Public Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm** in the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Council Chambers, 7855 Sideroad 30, Alliston. As the Township Office remains closed to the public at this time, members of the Public are not permitted to attend in person due to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency. To submit written comments please contact the Clerk's Department by email at clerk@aditos.ca by no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. The comments will be read during the public meeting portion on the Agenda.

Current Adjala-Tosorontio Water Rates have for many years been insufficient to cover ongoing operational and maintenance costs. Overages have been annually covered by using taxation reserves and now these reserves have been exhausted.

For 2021, the Township is proposing to cover the expected Annual balance by making two changes to the Water Rate By-law:

1. maintain the current volumetric (metered) rate of \$4.54/cubic meter and
2. Impose a per user levy in 2021 of \$274.14 per connected unit

Council plans to adjust the current Water Connection Charge for New Connections (**not** existing connections – but new ones caused by development and/or new requested hook ups) to an amount of \$5,892.00 per new connected unit.

The remainder of the By-Law will remain unchanged.

Pending development, when occupied will have the ability to ensure operational and maintenance costs will be covered by current rates with adequate opportunity to fund reserves necessary for future capital and replacement costs. Collection of associated Water Connection Charges from the expected additional pending development units are expected to provide adequate funding to allow levies, as noted above, to be foregone in future years.

The proposed 2021 Water Rates By-Law will be available upon request by contacting the Clerk at clerk@adjtos.ca or by calling 705-434-5055 ext. 263. The proposed By-Law will also be available on the Township's website at www.adjtos.ca

Dated at the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio this 18th day of May, 2021. Any questions regarding this By-Law may be directed to John Thompson at 705-434-5055 ext. 232 or by email to jthompson@adjtos.ca

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