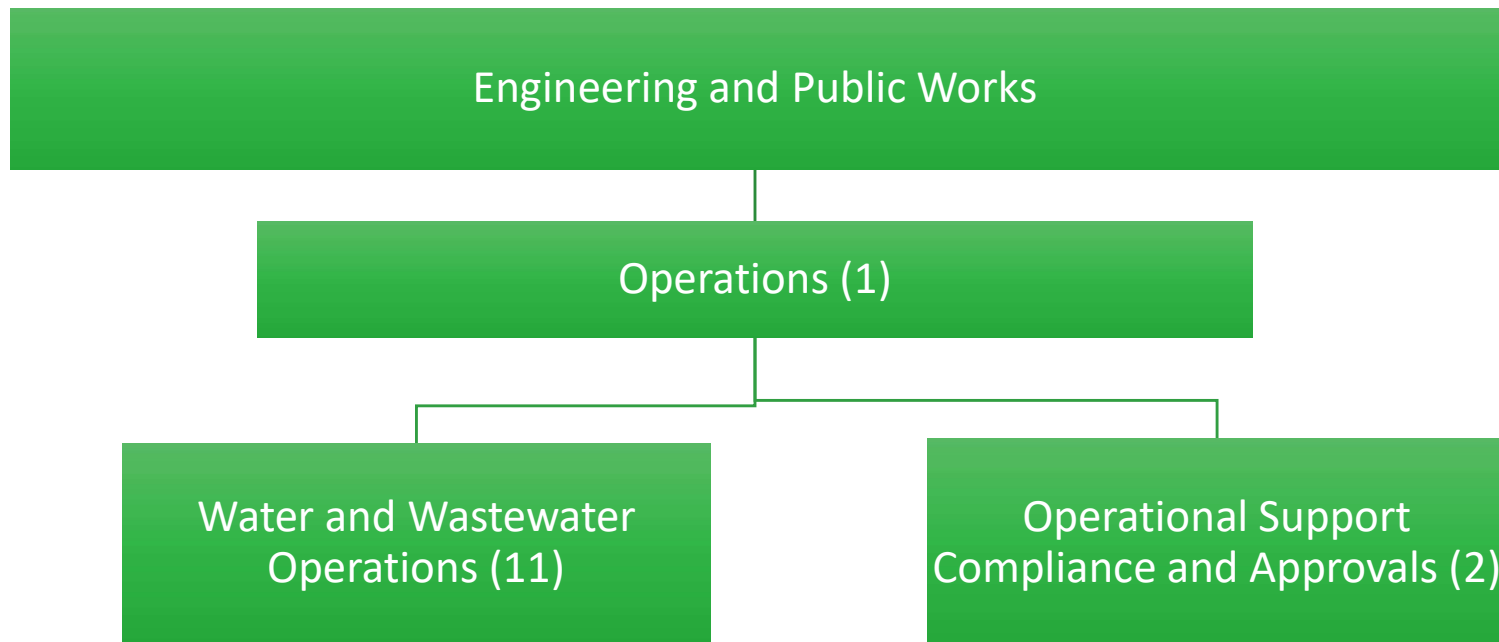


The Water and Wastewater business unit resides within the Public Works Branch of the Engineering and Public Works Department. This business unit is unique from the rest of the Department as its operations are funded through the water and wastewater rates rather than through the tax levy. The Water and Wastewater business unit provides for the maintenance of the Town's water distribution and wastewater collection systems in accordance with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regulations. Drinking water quality is of the utmost importance and a significant effort is directed towards maintaining compliance and providing services in this highly regulated area.

The Water and Wastewater business unit is supported by 14 full-time positions.



Budget Summary

The Water and Wastewater operating budget includes expenditures of approximately \$14 million.

The main driver for the increase in expenses is the regional cost of supplying water and treating wastewater. Water costs have increased by approximately \$401,000 from both an increased rate from York Region as well as volume increases. Wastewater costs from the Region have increased by approximately \$626,000 due to increased rates and volume increases.

Salaries and benefits have increased by approximately \$22,000 due to increased wages and benefit costs. Contingency has increased by \$45,000 due to cost-of-living increases and will be reallocated to salary and benefit lines upon budget adoption. Contracted services have increased by \$23,000 to align to recent actuals, increases in watermain and service repair costs, and an allocation from equipment repair.

Courier and mail processing increased by \$20,000 to reflect increased volume and postage costs. Communications increased by \$2,000 to transition to tablets as current hardware is obsolete.

Materials and supplies increased by \$21,000 for hydrant replacement parts for aging infrastructure and an increase in watermain and service repair costs. Utilities are increasing by \$8,000 to install phone lines at the additional assumed pumping stations. There is a \$2,000 increase for safety clothing and shoes as a new contract was awarded at a higher contract cost. There is also a \$2,000 increase in professional development as there are new required courses for Health and Safety and Public Health.

Indirect corporate costs increased by \$125,000 as a result of a review and more accurate alignment of expenses across tax, fee and rate supported areas.

User fee revenue is increasing by approximately \$1.7 million. This is related to a combination of volume and rate increases.

Contributions to reserve increased by approximately \$420,000 to progressively move towards the asset management target contribution for future replacement of infrastructure.

The variable water and wastewater rates are increasing for 2026. This increase is in line with inflation and aligns the water rates with the 2026 variable rates in the updated 2025 Water and Wastewater Financial Plan. The rates are shown in the table below.

Service	Usage(Variable) < 35 m ³ per month	Usage(Variable) > 35 m ³ per month Residential	Usage(Variable) > 35 m ³ per month Non-Residential
Water	\$2.57 m ³	\$4.19 m ³	\$3.36 m ³
Wastewater	\$2.46 m ³	\$2.46 m ³	\$2.46 m ³

The fixed rate is increasing by \$0.85 per service per month for the majority of our meters, with rates adjusted for larger meters in line with American Water Works Association (AWWA) ratios.

Meter Size	2026 Fixed Charge per service (monthly)
5/8" & 3/4"	\$24.85
1"	\$62.13
1.5"	\$124.25
2"	\$198.80
3"	\$372.75
4"	\$621.25
6"	\$1,242.50
8"	\$1,988.00
10"	\$2857.75

Water and Wastewater 2026 Rate Supported Budget	2026 Budget	2025 Budget	Variance \$	Variance %
Expenditures				
Salaries and Benefits	2,294,880	2,272,650	22,230	1%
Audit Services				
Communications	14,500	12,500	2,000	16%
Contingency	45,000		45,000	
Contracted Services	384,987	361,987	23,000	6%
Courier and Mail Processing	120,000	100,000	20,000	20%
Equipment Repair		2,500	(2,500)	(100%)
Materials and Supplies	312,485	291,588	20,897	7%
Mileage	1,500	1,500		
Software Licences and Maintenance	74,000	74,000		
Training, Professional Development and Memberships	35,000	33,000	2,000	6%
Uniforms, Corporate Attire and Safety Clothing	15,000	13,000	2,000	15%
Utilities	37,000	29,000	8,000	28%
Indirect Corporate Costs	1,623,631	1,498,592	125,039	8%
Regional Water Charges	4,526,400	4,125,520	400,880	10%
Regional Wastewater Charges	4,741,650	4,115,419	626,231	15%
Total Expenditures	14,226,033	12,931,256	1,294,777	10%
Revenues				
Miscellaneous	(51,000)	(51,000)		
Sales	(55,000)	(55,000)		
User Fees	(17,126,554)	(15,411,447)	(1,715,107)	11%
Total Revenues	(17,232,554)	(15,517,447)	(1,715,107)	11%
Transfers				
Contributions to Reserves	3,006,521	2,586,191	420,330	16%
Total Transfers	3,006,521	2,586,191	420,330	16%
NET BUDGET	0	0	0	0%