THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASPHODEL-NORWOOD

BY-LAW NUMBER 2025-03

Being a By-law to impose water service charges for users of the Norwood Water System in the Township of Asphodel-Norwood

WHEREAS pursuant to Part XII of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, a municipality and a local board may pass By-laws imposing fees or charges on any class of persons:

- (a) for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it; and
- (b) for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or local board.

AND WHEREAS A By-law under this Part may provide for:

- (a) interest charges and other penalties, including the payment of collection costs, for fees and charges that are due and unpaid;
- (b) discounts and other benefits for early payment of fees and charges;
- (c) fees and charges that vary on any basis the municipality or local board considers appropriate and specifies in the By-law, including the level or frequency of the service or activity provided or done, the time of day or of year the service or activity is provided and whether the class of persons paying the fee or charge are residents or non-residents of the municipality;
- (d) different classes of persons and deal with each class in a different way;
- (e) the exemption, in whole or in part, of any class of persons from all or any part of the By-law.

AND WHEREAS Fees and charges imposed by a municipality or local board or a person under this Part constitute a debt of the person to the municipality or local board, respectively, and in the case of fees and charges for the supply of a public utility the Treasurer of a local municipality may add fees and charges imposed by the municipality or local board, respectively, under this Part to the tax roll for the property to which the public utility was supplied in the local municipality and collect them in the same manner as municipal taxes.

WHEREAS a public meeting was advertised and held on January 14, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood enacts as follows:

Definitions
 In this By-law:

"General Service Water Rate" shall apply to all residential dwelling units and individual commercial units (known as fixed rate).

"Water Rate" shall mean a charge for the operation, repair and maintenance of the water works.

"Residential Dwelling Unit" shall include a single detached dwelling, a semidetached single dwelling, and a row housing single dwelling, an apartment unit, and condominium unit.

"Business Unit" shall include a complete building or self-contained portion of a building for the use of providing for the sale, supply, manufacture, assembly, repair, rental or storage of goods or services or both, for gain or profit, which may or may not have direct access to the outside by a separate exterior entranceway.

"Metered Rate" provided for herein shall apply to all properties with a meter and receiving water services from the Corporation.

2. General Service (Fixed) Water Rate shall be a \$33.72 monthly fixed rate charge per residential and/or business unit.

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- 3. Metered rate shall be \$0.85 per cubic meter.
- 4. All newly constructed buildings shall be connected to the Corporation's water system where water lines are available.
- 5. All newly constructed buildings that are connected to the Corporation's Water system will have a meter installed. Meters are to be installed by the Township or an approved designate at a fee as approved in the Township's current Fees & Charges By-law.
- 6. The water meters shall at all times remain the property of The Township of Asphodel-Norwood and shall not be tampered with or interfered with at any time by the user or those under his/her control. Any damage to the said meter shall be paid for by the individual or firm using the water services, on the basis of costs repair including parts and labor or meter replacement.
- 7. A charge of SEVENTY- FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) will be made for turning off the water service and also for turning on the water service after the initial installation. No person other than an employee of the Township's Public Works or Water/Wastewater Department or their designate shall turn off or turn on the water supply from the Norwood Distribution system to the owner's premises.
- 8. It is the responsibility of the property owner to have the water shut off valve accessible to Township staff. The Township shall not be responsible for damage to driveways due to valve maintenance.
- 9. Fees and charges that are due and unpaid will be charged a penalty of one and one quarter (1.25) percent per month. Costs incurred by the municipality in collecting unpaid fees and charges shall be added to the amount due and owing. The Treasurer may add unpaid fees and charges to the tax roll of the property to which the service was provided and collect them in the same manner as municipal taxes. The Township of Asphodel-Norwood also reserves the right to disconnect the water supply to any property of which the said utility bill remains outstanding.
- 10. If water is disconnected from a unit, the monthly consumption charge shall be discontinued, however the monthly General Service (Fixed) Water Rate shall continue.
- 11. This By-law shall come into force and effect on February 1, 2025.
- 12. That By-Law 2023-54 is hereby repealed, effective February 1, 2025.

Read a first and second time this 14th day of January, 2025.

Read a third time and finally passed this 14th day of January, 2025.

<Original signed by>
Patrick Wilford, Mayor

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Melanie Hudson, Clerk