

**CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE - WOLFORD**

**BY-LAW No. 16 - 15**

**BEING** a By-Law to adopt the 2015 Environment Budget.

**WHEREAS** pursuant to section 290 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, a local municipality shall in each year prepare and adopt a budget including estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the municipality;

**NOW THEREFOR** the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville - Wolford does enact as follows that:

- 1 The Municipally managed Environment Operating Budget in the amount of \$953,910.00 and attached hereto and marked as Schedule "A" and forming part of this by-law is hereby adopted as the Environment Operating Budget for the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford for the year 2015.
- 2 This By-Law shall be deemed to have been passed and in affect as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2015.

**READ** a first and second time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

**READ** a third and final time and passed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.



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David Nash, Mayor



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Jill E. Armstrong, CLERK

Environmental Revenues		2013		2014		2015		SCHEDULE "A"
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget		
Grant - Ontario - OSWAP/opwp	16-1120	31,901	5,750	31,901	-	-		
Fees - Water	16-1130	230,088	215,845	253,097	225,035	247,539	10 % annually to pay for plant upgrades	
Fees - Sewer	16-1530	410,864	386,503	451,950	401,295	441,425	10 % annually to pay for plant upgrades	
Fees - W & S Connection Charges	16-1920	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,050	1,000	Contingent - based on demand	
Fees - W & S Certificates	16-1925	50	150	100	100	100		
Fees - W & S Miscellaneous	16-1927	5,000	6,550	5,000	7,800	5,000	Consistently in this range	
Penalty - Water and Sewer	16-1910	7,000	8,996	7,000	9,822	7,500	Conservative estimate of penalties	
Costs Recovered - W&S	15-5470	-	-	-	-	-		
Build Canada Fund	16-5185		448,746		-	-	payment from BCF	
Capital Charges	16-1928	29,496	30,617	29,496	30,653	29,500	Main Street capital charge per by-law # 21-11	
Loan Proceeds	16-6000	-	-	-	-	-		
Transfers from reserves	16-1915	-	-	-	-	-		
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>715,399</b>	<b>1,105,157</b>	<b>779,544</b>	<b>675,755</b>	<b>732,063</b>		

Expenses		2013 Budget		2,014		2015		
		Budget	to Dec 31 Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget		
Service Contracts	17-4130	4,000	2,816	4,000	3,043	4,000	Neptune water billing software	
Consultants and Professional Fee	17-4152	-	-	-	-	-		
Insurance	17-4158	17,500	15,461	17,500	17,427	17,900	Renewed. Per broker allocation	
Office Supplies	17-4140	1,183	245	500	740	750	Munisoft special forms	
Administrative Costs	17-4135	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	Allocation of estimated staff time & postage	
Lab Testing	17-4146	-	-	-	-	-		
Utilities	17-4142	44,000	30,207	48,400	3,468	3,500	Water used and billed for Collar Hill plant	
Special Sewer inspection and rep:	17-4190							

Line Breaks	17-4160	10,000	28,838	15,000	46,995	30,000	Estimated based on prior years actuals
Haulage	17-4170	-	-	-	-	-	
New Service Connections	17-4180				-	-	
Road Cuts/ Reinstatements	17-4185				3,450	-	
Loan Payments STP		120,000	120,000	120,000	100,628	201,500	2 Payments on debenture
Loan Payments		29,496	29,496	29,496	29,496	29,500	Main Street - loan payments made
OCWA Contract - Water	17-4126	586,244	538,887	552,373	584,668	275,850	Per OCWA estimated breakdown
OCWA Contract - Sewage						350,910	Per OCWA estimated breakdown
well casings		-					
Miscellaneous	17-4156		1,814	1,000	3,628		Water Trax system, OCWA has own so N/A
Maintenance	17-4153		572	600			
Capital Purchases		-	27,677	82,500			In OCWA as supplies and equipment
Transfer of Capital Working Fund: 17-4355		-	448,746				payment from BCF
Total Expenses		852,423	1,284,759	911,369	833,543	953,910	
Surplus (Deficit)		(137,024)	(179,602)	(131,825)	(157,788)	(221,847)	

**NOTES**

1. It is my understanding that the agreement with OCWA is for the managements of the plants only. The billings and customer services are to be done by the municipality .
2. The government requirements are that the water and sewer systems are to be self sustaing. Therefore a portion of staff time is required to be billed back to W & S and thus the admin chargeback.
3. The contract is reviewed on an annual basis and pre renewal discussions could be carried out at this time.
4. It was anticipated by a previous Council that the plant upgrade would be running a deficit for a number of years before it was running in the black. I have not seen anything in writing but have heard from a number of sources that the deficit was to be made up eventually by imposing an annual increase of 10% on the rates Until the deficit was made up.
5. Based on # 4, I feel that the prudent course of action is to presently increase the rates by the 10% noted and review the process in conjunction with the process to review budgeting procedures as a whole