

F. Fire - Summary of Fee Changes				
	Service or Activity	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee 2025	Rationale and Additional Information
NEW	Fire Response Fees - Indemnification Technology®	\$ -	Current MTO rates plus personnel costs, plus any additional costs for each incident.	Added to support cost recovery from property insurance providers when fire services are used, based on best practices from Fire Marque.
NEW	Court Costs	\$ -	Cost Recovery	To recover court costs for Fire personnel when required to attend court in relation to fire incidents. Determined by incurred staff and legal expenses, not to exceed full cost recovery.
REMOVED	Bunker Gear Cleaning	\$ 16.00	Removed	Removed as fee is no longer used.

K. Tax, Water, Finance - Summary of Fee Changes				
	Service or Activity	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee 2025	Rationale and Additional Information
Tax Division				
NEW	Tax and Water/Wastewater Certificate - Virtual City Hall	\$ -	\$ 70.00	New fee for tax and water certificates generated by law offices through VCH.
NEW	Early Warning Letter Fee	\$ -	\$ 25.00	Adds the ability for formal communication to all properties eligible for tax sale per City policy, prior to formal registration processes.
NEW	Registered Mail Fee	\$ -	\$ 15.00	To recoup costs of registered mail postage and staff time for tax and water notices as required. (Canada Post fee for a registered envelope is currently \$13.65)
NEW	Final Notice Fee - Prior to Tax Sale Registration	\$ -	\$ 45.00	For properties eligible for tax sale proceedings.
NEW	Tax Sale Registration Process Fees	\$ -	Cost Recovery	Adding in more defined steps for tax sale registration as per best practices from other municipalities; allows for full cost recovery throughout the tax sale process. Cost determined based on staff and legal expenses, not to exceed full cost recovery.
REMOVED	Penalty on Late Payment	1.25%	\$ -	Duplicate fee, same as Interest on Arrears fee.
REMOVED	Account Set Up Fee - If new Roll number is required	\$ 40.00	\$ -	No longer in use.
REMOVED	Refund Fee - incorrect payment to account - Initial request N/C for property owner	\$ 30.00	\$ -	Included in Payment Reallocation Fee to include more options.
REMOVED	Transfer Fee - incorrect payment to account - initial request N/C for property owner	\$ 20.00	\$ -	Included in Payment Reallocation Fee to include more options.

REMOVED	EDI Payment Errors - to allocate to correct account and send subsequent letter	\$ 20.00	\$ -	Included in Payment Reallocation Fee to include more options.
REMOVED	Water Arrears Transfer to Tax	\$ 35.00	\$ -	Duplicate fee, already included under Water.
REMOVED	Unpaid charges added to the Tax Roll for collection	\$ 35.00	\$ -	No longer in use. Replaced by \$35.00 fee under Finance.
REMOVED	PAD Tax Plan Adjustment - Initial Request N/A	\$ 20.00	\$ -	Included in Payment Reallocation Fee to include more options.
REMOVED	Tax Sale Registration Admin Fee - Stage 1 - Initial review and file setup	\$ 200.00	\$ -	Removed outdated tax sale fees and added additional fees to allow for full cost recovery throughout the tax sale process.
REMOVED	Tax Sale Registration Admin Fee - Stage 2 - Registration of the Property	\$ 300.00	\$ -	Removed outdated tax sale fees and added additional fees to allow for full cost recovery throughout the tax sale process.
Water Division				
NEW	Stand Alone Water & Wastewater Certificate	\$ -	\$ 30.00	Applicable only for properties that do not remit property taxes to the City of Owen Sound - e.g., Georgian Bluffs and/or Meaford properties on City water services.
NEW	Water Meter Inspection Fee	\$ -	\$ 75.00	Added to recoup staff time to inspect water meter at the request of the ratepayer and there are no functionality concerns found by the City.
NEW	Water Meter Inspection - Missed Appointment Fee	\$ -	\$ 75.00	Added to recoup staff time for missed water meter inspection appointments made at the request of the ratepayer.
NEW	Water Meter Bench testing Fee	\$ -	Cost Recovery	Added to allow for cost recovery if ratepayer requests water meter bench testing but City attends property for water meter inspection and determines the meter functionality is working as expected.
REMOVED	Tax and Water/Wastewater Certificate	\$ 80.00	\$ -	Duplicate fee, already included under Tax.

REMOVED	Tax and Water/Wastewater Certificate - Rush	\$ 100.00	\$ -	Duplicate fee, already included under Tax.
REMOVED	Refund Fee - incorrect payment to account - Initial request N/C for property owner	\$ 30.00	\$ -	Included in Payment Reallocation Fee to include more options.
REMOVED	Transfer Fee - incorrect payment to account - initial request N/C for property owner	\$ 20.00	\$ -	Included in Payment Reallocation Fee to include more options.
REMOVED	EDI Payment Errors - to allocate to correct account and send subsequent letter	\$ 20.00	\$ -	Included in Payment Reallocation Fee to include more options.
Finance Division				
NEW	Accounts Receivable Transfer to Tax Roll Fee	\$ -	\$ 35.00	Added new fee to cover administrative costs of transferring unpaid invoices to the tax roll.
NEW	Property Lien Registration Fee	\$ -	Cost Recovery	New fee to cover lien registration costs for City items to be collected that are not eligible to be collected under tax sale registration. Cost determined based on staff and legal expenses, not to exceed full cost recovery.
NEW	Detailed Account Analysis	\$ -	\$ 70.00	New fee to allow for staff cost recovery for detailed disputes/write-off requests. Does not apply to FOI requests or if due to billing error. Includes detailed review of tax, water and AR accounts.
NEW	Payment Reallocation Fee	\$ -	\$ 20.00	Replaces payment refund, transfer, and EDI error fees as removed above. To redistribute, allocate or transfer payments to correct account or to refund the payment. Includes electronic payments. Grace for first occurrence.