

East Hants Water Utility – Water Rate Review
Summary of Proposed Significant Changes
October 2025

Charge	Current Rate (from 2019 *)	04/01/2026	04/01/2027	04/01/2028
5/8" Meter base charge per quarter*	\$47.00	\$49.37	\$48.79	\$51.92
3/4" Meter base charge per quarter*	\$69.01	\$72.46	\$71.60	\$76.28
1" Meter base charge per quarter*	\$113.02	\$118.64	\$117.20	\$124.99
1.5" Meter base charge per quarter*	\$223.05	\$234.09	\$231.21	\$246.78
2" Meter base charge per quarter*	\$355.09	\$372.62	\$368.03	\$392.93
3" Meter base charge per quarter*	\$707.18	\$742.05	\$732.87	\$782.65
4" Meter base charge per quarter (new in 2023)	\$1,094.24	\$1,157.66	\$1,143.31	\$1,221.09
6" Meter base charge per quarter	NA	\$2,311.12	\$2,283.43	\$2,438.98
Consumption per cubic meter*	\$2.71	\$3.65	\$3.62	\$3.73
Bulk water per cubic meter*	\$3.07	\$7.67	\$7.70	\$8.14
Public Fire Protection – annual charge	\$735,716	\$815,422	\$891,471	\$1,030,523

Worksheet D-1 (page 33) of the Water Rate Study provides an analysis of \$ and % impact of these changes. This page takes into consideration the meter size, its base charge, average consumption and the consumption charge.

In addition, various fees noted in Schedules A, B and C (Schedule of Rates) that are listed after section 3, will all be increased by 20% effective April 1, 2026 and then remain the same in following two years.

In the Regulations section of the report (Schedule D), several additions have been made and some wording revised. The more significant changes are in the following sections of Schedule D.

Section 8 – Billing. This paragraph is new and clarifies billing practices when billing periods are at any other time than the regular billing cycle.

Section 29 – Unauthorized Extensions, Additions, or Connections. New wording indicates those who made the unauthorized changes will be responsible for related costs.

Section 31 – Sprinkler Service Mains and Hydrant System. This paragraph has been reworded to add clarity.

Section 24 – Improper Use, Manufacturing or Waste of Water. Wording has been added to provide the utility with more ability to address these situations, including manufacturing businesses.

Section 25 – Reselling of Water. This is a new paragraph that provides the utility with clear authority to address instances of water reselling.

Section 38 – Water Conservation Directives. New wording has been added to provide clear authority to address bulk water customers not abiding by conservation directives.