

Municipality of Trent Hills

2026 FINAL WATER & WASTEWATER BUDGET
MEETING DATE: JANUARY 13, 2026





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Background

The Municipality of Trent Hills has drinking water and wastewater systems located in the communities of Campbellford, Hastings and Warkworth. These systems are considered “user pay” and properties utilizing municipal water and wastewater services and/or are within the mandatory connection areas are subject to the applicable rates, fees and charges.

The Municipal drinking water systems and wastewater systems are operated by the Municipality of Trent Hills in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Environmental Protection Act and related Ontario Regulations.

On an annual basis, the Municipality prepares a Budget for Council to authorize expenditures for the year. The Budget is a plan to implement municipal goals and priorities and provides a method to monitor and control income and expenses throughout the year.

The Budget document is organized by three main categories: Operating, Transfers and Capital.

- The Operating Budget includes amounts for activities related to day-to-day operations.
- Transfers are amounts dedicated each year to Reserves to help finance projects over a long-term period. Transfers may be allocated for operating and capital projects.
- The Capital Budget includes amounts for the acquisition or maintenance of assets that provide or support services to residents over many years.

Council approved the financial plan outlined in the Water and Wastewater Rate Study on September 23, 2025, prepared by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

2026 Revenue and Expenditure totals have been adjusted to align with the recommendations outlined in the Study.



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Water Operations

The following list outlines an overview of the operational activities the Water Department is responsible for that are included in the annual Budget.

- Administration - Software fees for water meter reading, bulk water; bank fees,
- Vehicle Maintenance -Three light duty vehicles, two SUVs, one trailer
- Filtration Plants - Three water treatment plants that process treated potable water
- Water Towers - Three water towers for offsite storage of treated potable water for consumption and fire protection
- Watermain Maintenance - Maintenance and Repairs to infrastructure within the distribution systems
- Water Service Maintenance - Installation, repairs and maintenance of customer water services
- Locates - Identifying buried infrastructure for other utility services (Ontario one-call requirements)
- Hydrant Maintenance - Flushing and maintaining fire hydrants in accordance with application regulations
- Water Meter Maintenance - Installation and repair of customer water meters
- Booster Pumps - Operation and maintenance to ensure adequate water pressure in distribution system



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Water-Summary of Gross Revenues and Expenditures Operating, Transfers and Capital Budgets

Operating	Expenditures	Revenue			
		Fees/Chgs	Grants	Reserves/ Financing	User Rates
2026	2,380,764	268,150	-	-	2,112,614
2025	2,192,960	275,350	-	-	1,917,610
Difference	187,804	(7,200)	-	-	195,004

Transfers	Expenditures	Revenue			
		Fees/Chgs	Grants	Reserves/ Financing	User Rates
2026	268,000	-	-	-	268,000
2025	348,000	-	-	-	348,000
Difference	(80,000)	-	-	-	(80,000)

Capital	Expenditures	Revenue			
		Fees/Chgs	Grants	Reserves/ Financing	User Rates
2026	398,000	-	-	398,000	-
2025	785,000	-	-	785,000	-
Difference	(387,000)	-	-	(387,000)	-

Total	Expenditures	Revenue			
		Fees/Chgs	Grants	Reserves	User Rates
2026	3,046,764	268,150	-	398,000	2,380,614
2025	3,325,960	275,350	-	785,000	2,265,610
Difference	(279,196)	(7,200)	-	(387,000)	115,004



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Detailed Water Budget Summary

Operating	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Y:Y Change
Wages & Benefits	824,126	877,762	53,636
Materials & Supplies	332,547	354,677	22,130
Contracted Services	522,703	518,536	(4,167)
Financial-General	8,200	8,200	-
Debt Payments	505,384	621,589	116,205
Sub-total	2,192,960	2,380,764	187,804
Fees & Charges	(275,350)	(268,150)	7,200
Net Operating Budget	1,917,610	2,112,614	195,004

Transfers	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Y:Y Change
Transfer to Reserve	348,000	268,000	(80,000)
Total Transfers	348,000	268,000	(80,000)

Capital	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Y:Y Change
Capital Expenditures	785,000	398,000	(387,000)
Reserve Revenue	(785,000)	(398,000)	(387,000)
Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Capital	-	-	-

Total (to be recovered from user rate revenue)	2,265,610	2,380,614	115,004
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Notes re Operating Budget

Wages & Benefits-adjusted each year in accordance with corporate cost of living and benefit costs and the collective agreement.

Materials & Supplies-Memberships, Licenses, Parts, Fuel, Chemicals, etc.

Contracted Services-Insurance, Connectivity, Hydro, Telephone, other related contracted services.

Financial-External equipment rentals.

Debt Payments-Payments for infrastructure projects.

Fees & Charges-Bulk water sales, connection/disconnection fees, late payment charges.



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2026 Water Capital

Category	Location	Description	Gross Expenditure	Revenue	Revenue
				Grants	Reserve
Distribution	Water Admin	CITYWIDE MMS Implementation	17,000		17,000
Total			17,000		17,000

Category	Location	Description	Gross Expenditure	Revenue	Revenue
				Grants	Reserve
Distribution	Campbellford	Inkerman Street Reconstruction Engineering	45,000	-	45,000
Distribution	Campbellford	Watermain replacement Project Tanner phase 2	180,000	-	180,000
Distribution	Campbellford	4x4 Extended Cab Replacement	78,500	-	78,500
Distribution	Campbellford	Water Meter Replacement	50,000	-	50,000
Total			353,500		353,500

Category	Location	Description	Gross Expenditure	Revenue	Revenue
				Grants	Reserve
Distribution	Hastings	Water Meter Replacement	15,000		15,000
Total			15,000		15,000

Category	Location	Description	Gross Expenditure	Revenue	Revenue
				Grants	Reserve
Distribution	Warkworth	Water Meter Replacement	12,500	-	12,500
Total			12,500		12,500

Total			398,000	-	398,000
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As recommended in the 2025 Water & Wastewater Study Report prepared by Watson, Capital projects to be funded from Reserves/Reserve Funds. Reserve and Reserve Fund contributions are derived from Connection Charges and annual Budget contributions.

Annual provisional Capital amounts are included in the Budget each year. The 2026 annual provisional Capital amount is 398,000. If annual provisional Capital projects are not completed during the year, the related budget amount is transferred to the Water Reserve and projects are funded by the Reserve in subsequent years. Additional funds may be required from the Water Reserve or Reserve Fund if project costs exceed the annual provisional amounts.



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Summary of Water Debt Payments

Annual Payments	Year of Expiration
\$ 108,494	2026
\$ 47,122	2027
\$ 57,787	2030
\$ 195,714	2036
\$ 39,283	2036
\$ 173,189	2039
\$ 621,589	

Annual payments include principal and interest.

Water Debt Payments represent 26.11% of the Water Operating Budget.



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Monthly Water Service Charges & Volumetric (Consumption) Rates

Description	% of customers	2025 Rate (\$)	2026 Rate (\$)	Monthly Change (\$)
Service Charge 19mm (3/4")	96.95%	33.79	35.43	1.64
Service Charge 25mm (1")	1.39%	57.44	60.23	2.79
Service Charge 37mm (1 1/2")	0.35%	111.51	116.92	5.41
Service Charge 50mm (2")	1.07%	179.08	187.77	8.69
Service Charge 75mm (3")	0.21%	337.89	354.28	16.39
Service Charge 100mm (4")	0.03%	564.28	591.65	27.37
Service Charge 150mm (6")	0.03%	1125.19	1179.77	54.58

Volumetric Rate m ³	1.40	1.50	0.10
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Water Consumption Flat Rate-Residential (11 cubic meters X \$ 1.50)	16.50
Water Consumption Flat Rate-Non-Residential (45 cubic meters X \$ 1.50)	67.50

The monthly service charges are differentiated by meter size, based on American Water Works Association (AWWA) meter factors and industry best practices.



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Examples of Monthly Water Billing Amounts
Residential Customers 19mm (¾”) meter
Includes Service Charges and Consumption

Water Consumption	2025 Dollars SC \$ 33.79 Vol \$ 1.40	2026 Dollars SC \$ 35.43 Vol \$ 1.50	Increase Dollars
5 m ³	40.79	42.93	2.14
10 m ³	47.79	50.43	2.64
15 m ³	54.79	57.93	3.14
25 m ³	68.79	72.93	4.14
35 m ³	82.79	87.93	5.14
50 m ³	103.79	110.43	6.64



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Wastewater Operations

The following list outlines an overview of the operational activities the Wastewater Department is responsible for that are included in the annual Budget:

- Administration - Software license/support fees, off-site SCADA server
- Vehicle Maintenance - One light duty truck, One service van
- Sewer Flushing - Cleaning sewer mains within collection system
- Sewer Collapse/Laterals - Repairs to sewer mains up to property lines
- CCTV - Inspection of sewer mains (covering entire system over 5 year period)
- Sewer Repairs - Repairs to sewer mains as a result of CCTV inspections
- Sewer Locates - Identifying buried infrastructure for other utility services
- Wastewater Treatment - Two Wastewater Treatment Plants, one Stabilization pond
- Pumping Stations - Nine Wastewater Pumping Stations, conveying raw sewage to plants
- Manholes Inspections - Maintenance to ensure adequate access to sewer mains.



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Wastewater-Summary of Gross Revenues and Expenditures Operating, Transfers and Capital Budgets

Operating	Expenditures	Revenue			
		Fees/Chgs	Grants	Reserves	User Rates
2026	2,074,164	4,000	-	-	2,070,164
2025	1,992,849	4,000	-	-	1,988,849
Difference	81,315	-	-	-	81,315

Transfers	Expenditures	Revenue			
		Fees/Chgs	Grants	Reserves	User Rates
2026	894,923	-	-	-	894,923
2025	939,000	-	-	-	939,000
Difference	(44,077)	-	-	-	(44,077)

Capital	Expenditures	Revenue			
		Fees/Chgs	Grants	Reserves	User Rates
2026	3,328,000	-	-	3,328,000	-
2025	2,757,500	-	-	2,757,500	-
Difference	570,500	-	-	570,500	-

Total	Expenditures	Revenue			
		Fees/Chgs	Grants	Reserves	User Rates
2026	6,297,087	4,000	-	3,328,000	2,965,087
2025	5,689,349	4,000	-	2,757,500	2,927,849
Difference	607,738	-	-	570,500	37,238



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Detailed Wastewater Budget Summary

Operating	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Y:Y Change
Wages & Benefits	555,847	625,790	69,943
Materials & Supplies	313,325	294,335	(18,990)
Contracted Services	598,775	602,479	3,704
Financial-General	4,500	4,500	0
Debt Payments	520,402	547,060	26,658
Sub-total	1,992,849	2,074,164	81,315
Fees & Charges	(4,000)	(4,000)	0
Net Operating Budget	1,988,849	2,070,164	81,315

Transfers	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Y:Y Change
Transfer to Reserve	939,000	894,923	(44,077)
Total Transfers	939,000	894,923	(44,077)

Capital	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Y:Y Change
Capital Expenditures	2,757,500	3,328,000	570,500
Reserve Revenue	(2,757,500)	(3,328,000)	(570,500)
Net Capital	-	-	-

Total (to be recovered from user rate revenue)	2,927,849	2,965,087	37,238
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Notes re Operating Budget

Wages & Benefits-adjusted each year in accordance with corporate cost of living and benefit costs and collective agreement.

Materials & Supplies-Memberships, Licenses, Parts, Fuel, Chemicals, etc.

Contracted Services-Insurance, Connectivity, Hydro, Telephone, other related contracted services.

Financial-External equipment rentals.

Debt Payments-Payments for infrastructure projects.

Fees & Charges-Connection/disconnection fees.



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2025 Wastewater Capital

Category	Location	Description	Gross Expenditure	Revenue	Revenue
				Grants	Reserve
Collection	Wastewater Admin	CITYWIDE MMS Implementation	17,000		17,000
Collection	Wastewater Admin	Sanitary Flush Vales	38,000		38,000
Collection	Wastewater Admin	CCTV Inspection Camera	10,000		10,000
Total			65,000	-	65,000

Category	Location	Description	Gross Expenditure	Revenue	Revenue
				Grants	Reserve
Treatment	Campbellford	Variable Frequency Drives on Return Activated Sludge(RAS) Pumps	10,000		10,000
Treatment	Campbellford	RAS Access hatch / Digester roof repair	40,000		40,000
Treatment	Campbellford	Engineering for Frank & Saskatoon Ave	18,000		18,000
Collection	Campbellford	Engineering for Inkerman	45,000		45,000
Collection	Campbellford	Back Up Generator for Inkerman	60,000		60,000
Collection	Campbellford	Materials/Construction for Tanner Road	30,000		30,000
Collection	Campbellford	Reline Queen St	35,000		35,000
Total			238,000	-	238,000

Category	Location	Description	Gross Expenditure	Revenue	Revenue
				Grants	Reserve
Treatment	Hastings	Generator at Homewood Ave	60,000		60,000
Treatment	Hastings	Continuation of UV Disinfection System project	2,840,000		2,840,000
Collection	Hastings	Sanitary Grouting and Repairs	35,000		35,000
Total			2,935,000	-	2,935,000



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Category	Location	Description	Gross Expenditure	Revenue	Revenue
				Grants	Reserve
Treatment	Warkworth	Lagoon Fencing	30,000	-	30,000
Treatment	Warkworth	Generator at George St	60,000		60,000
Total			90,000	-	90,000
Total			3,328,000	-	3,328,000

Capital projects to be funded from Reserves/Reserve Funds. Reserve and Reserve Fund contributions are derived from Connection Charges and annual Budget contributions.

Annual provisional Capital amounts are included in the Budget each year. The 2026 annual provisional Capital amount is \$ 488,000
Major Capital is \$ 2,840,000.

If annual provisional Capital projects are not completed during the year, the related budget amount is transferred to the Water Reserve and projects are funded by the Reserve in subsequent years. Additional funds may be required from the Wastewater Reserve or Reserve Fund if project costs exceed the annual provisional amounts.



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Summary of Wastewater Debt Payments

Annual Payments	Year of Expiration
\$ 32,239	2027
\$ 57,787	2030
\$ 301,109	*2031
\$ 155,925	2036
\$ 547,060	

Annual payments include principal and interest.

*Serial Debenture

Wastewater Debt Payments represent 26.38% of the Wastewater Operating Budget.



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**Monthly Wastewater Service Charges &
Volumetric (Consumption) Rates**

Description	% of customers	2025 Rate (\$)	2026 Rate (\$)	Monthly Change (\$)
Service Charge 19mm (3/4")	97.17%	55.70	55.70	0.00
Service Charge 25mm (1")	1.21%	94.69	94.69	0.00
Service Charge 37mm (1 1/2")	0.40%	183.81	183.81	0.00
Service Charge 50mm (2")	1.17%	295.21	295.21	0.00
Service Charge 75mm (3")	0.12%	556.97	556.97	0.00
Service Charge 100mm (4")	0.00%	930.20	930.20	0.00
Service Charge 150mm (6")	0.04%	1854.82	1854.82	0.00

Volumetric Rate m ³	2.34	2.41	0.07
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Wastewater Consumption Flat Rate-Residential (11 cubic meters x \$ 2.41)	26.51
Wastewater Consumption Flat Rate-Non-Residential (45 cubic meters x \$ 2.41)	108.42

The monthly service charges differentiated by meter size, based on American Water Works Association (AWWA) meter factors and industry best practices.



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Examples of Wastewater Billing Amounts
Residential Customers 19mm (3/4”) meter
Includes Service Charges and Consumption

Wastewater Consumption	2025 Dollars SC \$ 55.70 Vol \$ 2.34	2026 Dollars SC \$ 55.70 Vol \$ 2.41	Increase Dollars (Monthly)
5 m ³	67.40	67.75	0.35
10 m ³	79.10	79.80	0.70
15 m ³	90.80	91.85	1.05
25 m ³	114.20	115.95	1.75
35 m ³	137.60	140.05	2.45
50 m ³	172.70	176.20	3.50



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Combined Monthly Water & Wastewater Charges
Residential Customers 19mm (3/4") meter
Example 1

Consumption 10 m³	2025 Dollars	2026 Dollars	Increase Dollars
Water Service Charge	33.79	35.43	1.64
Water Consumption	14.00	15.00	1.00
Sewer Service Charge	55.70	55.70	0.00
Sewer Consumption	23.40	24.10	0.70
Total Monthly	126.89	130.23	3.34
Total Annual	1,522.68	1,562.76	40.08



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Combined Monthly Water & Wastewater Charges
Residential Customers 19mm (3/4”) meter
Example 2

Consumption 15 m³	2025 Dollars	2026 Dollars	Increase Dollars
Water Service Charge	33.79	35.43	1.64
Water Consumption	21.00	22.50	1.50
Sewer Service Charge	55.70	55.70	0.00
Sewer Consumption	35.10	36.15	1.05
Total Monthly	145.59	149.78	4.19
Total Annual	1,747.08	1,797.36	50.28



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Other Water and Wastewater Rates, Fees, Charges

Category	Description	2024	2025	Change
Water & Wastewater Administration	Account Changes/New Customer Account Set Up	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	No change
	Account Status Request (Owner/Lawyer)	No Charge	No Charge	No change
	Late Payment Charge	5%	5%	No change
	Returned Item (NSF, Stop Payment)	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	No change
	Water/Sewer Arrears Transfer to Tax Account	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	No change
	Removal of Services/Abandonment	Labour/material/equip	Labour/material/equip	No change
	Service Installations (New) From water or sewer main to property line. No oversize watermain charges.	Labour/material/equip	Labour/material/equip	No change



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Other Water and Wastewater Rates, Fees, Charges

Category	Description	2025	2026	Change
Water	Bulk Water Charge	Cubic meter \$ 3.85 1000 imp gal \$ 17.50	Cubic meter \$ 4.13 1000 imp gal \$ 18.75	\$.28 \$ 1.25
	Bulk Water Key Deposit	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	No change
	Disconnection/Reconnection			
	○ Regular Business Hours	\$ 51.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 2.00
	○ After Regular Business Hours	\$ 302.00	\$ 316.00	\$ 14.00
	Water-Fire Protection Line Charge	Monthly service charge based on water meter size	Monthly service charge based on water meter size	Various
	Hydrant Rental (each; annual; Municipal)	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	No change
	Meters (New)	Labour/material/equip	Labour/material/equip	No change
	Non-Metered Seasonal per month	\$ 65.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 4.00
	Temporary Water Service	Labour/material/equip	Labour/material/equip	No change
	Thawing Frozen Lines/Meter	Labour/material/equip \$ 50.00 minimum	Labour/material/equip \$ 50.00 minimum	No change
	Water Connection Inspection Fee Existing water service (due to repair/alteration)	\$ 50.00	\$ 53.00	\$3.00



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Other Water and Wastewater Rates, Fees, Charges

Category	Description	2025	2026	Change
Wastewater	Leachate/Waste Processing/m ³			
	○ Low Strength	\$ 15.43	\$ 15.88	\$0.45
	○ High Strength	\$ 29.95	\$ 30.85	\$0.90
	○ Imported/Abnormal Waste	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	No Change
	Sanitary Lateral/Main Video Inspection and/or clearing of debris For pipes up to 125mm (5") in size	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	No change
	Sanitary Lateral/Main Video Inspection and/or clearing of debris For pipes larger than 125mm (5") in size	First hour \$ 300.00 Addt'l hours \$ 100.00	First hour \$ 300.00 Addt'l hours \$ 100.00	No change No change
	Wastewater Connection Inspection Fee Existing wastewater service (due to repair/alteration)	\$ 50.00	\$ 53.00	\$3.00

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