

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

BY-LAW NO. 2025-68

A BY-LAW TO ADOPT THE 2026 WASTEWATER  
BUDGET AND SET THE REQUISITIONS TO BE  
CHARGED FOR WASTEWATER RECEIVED FROM  
THE LOWER-TIER MUNICIPALITIES  
FOR THE PERIOD OF  
JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026

WHEREAS section 11 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, provides that a municipality may pass by-laws respecting services and things that the municipality is authorized to provide;

WHEREAS section 390 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, provides that the definition of a person includes a municipality;

WHEREAS section 391 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, provides that a municipality is authorized to impose fees or charges on persons for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality;

WHEREAS wastewater received from the lower-tier municipalities is a service provided by The Regional Municipality of Niagara on behalf of the lower-tier municipalities within the Niagara Region; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara passed By-Law No.119-2011 which indicated that, consistent with the wastewater reconciliation methodology described in PWA 87-2011, a reconciliation adjustment will commence with the 2013 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara enacts as follows:

1. That the 2026 Wastewater Gross Operating Budget of \$131,291,303 and Net Operating Budget of \$126,662,585 be and hereby is adopted.
2. That the 2026 budgeted net wastewater operating budget be apportioned to the lower-tier municipalities based on their proportionate share of the Region's total three-year average historical wastewater flows.

3. That the 2026 wastewater bills also include reconciliation of the 2024 net requisition allocated based on actual wastewater flows versus the estimated flows.
4. That the lower-tier municipalities be requisitioned during the period January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 as follows:

| Municipality        | 2026 Net Budget Allocation (\$) | 2024 Reconciliation (\$) | Total (\$)           | Monthly (\$)        |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Fort Erie           | \$11,962,207                    | (1,018,238)              | \$10,943,969         | \$911,997           |
| Grimsby             | \$7,214,547                     | 1,604,134                | \$8,818,681          | \$734,890           |
| Lincoln             | \$4,872,697                     | (634,910)                | \$4,237,787          | \$353,149           |
| Niagara Falls       | \$25,415,679                    | 1,678,210                | \$27,093,888         | \$2,257,824         |
| Niagara-on-the-Lake | \$5,740,196                     | 373,404                  | \$6,113,600          | \$509,467           |
| Pelham              | \$2,690,717                     | 131,603                  | \$2,822,319          | \$235,193           |
| Port Colborne       | \$6,567,132                     | (548,039)                | \$6,019,093          | \$501,591           |
| St. Catharines      | \$33,283,463                    | (411,796)                | \$32,871,667         | \$2,739,306         |
| Thorold             | \$8,087,645                     | (163,556)                | \$7,924,089          | \$660,341           |
| Welland             | \$18,687,392                    | (1,024,902)              | \$17,662,490         | \$1,471,874         |
| West Lincoln        | \$2,140,910                     | 14,090                   | \$2,155,001          | \$179,583           |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$126,662,585</b>            | <b>-</b>                 | <b>\$126,662,585</b> | <b>\$10,555,215</b> |

5. That the Treasurer of the Regional Corporation shall submit similar invoices on or before the 15th day of each month commencing February 15, 2026 for the monthly requisition. Such monthly invoices shall continue thereafter until December monthly requisition has been invoiced. Each lower-tier municipality shall remit the amount on each such invoice to the Treasurer of the Regional Corporation on or before the last business day of the month in which such invoice is submitted.

6. That in the event of default of payment of any monies payable under this by-law by the lower-tier municipality, interest at the rate of 15 per cent per annum shall be added to the amount in arrears from the date of default until the date of payment thereof.
7. That this by-law shall come into force and effect on the day upon which it is passed.

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

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Robert Foster, Acting Regional Chair

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Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Passed: December 11, 2025