

**The Corporation of the
Township of South-West Oxford**

By-law No. 41-2025

**A By-Law to establish a stormwater management utility
and to establish the provision of rates**

Whereas municipalities are authorized to levy fees and charges pertaining to a stormwater system pursuant to Sections 9, 11 and 391 of *The Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 c.25 as amended*;

And Whereas the Corporation of the Township of South-West Oxford desires to create a separate stormwater utility to fund the operation, maintenance and capital projects pertaining to stormwater management;

And Whereas subsection 391(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a fee or charge imposed for capital costs related to services or activities may be imposed on persons not receiving an immediate benefit from the services or activities but who will receive a benefit at some later point in time;

And Whereas it is deemed just that the cost of operating, maintaining and upgrading the stormwater drainage system is paid for by those who benefit from this system, or who will benefit from the system in the future;

And Whereas the Township desires to maintain a funding option for the long-term enhancement and operation of its existing stormwater drainage system through effective and efficient capital construction, operation and maintenance programs;

And Whereas the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford deems it appropriate and beneficial to set such stormwater rates, and amend those rates from time to time;

Now Therefore the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford enacts as follows:

1. Scope

The areas subject to this fee are defined in the Schedule 'A' to this by-law, and exclude properties outlined in Section 2 - Exemptions of this by-law.

Schedule 'A' may be amended as required, delegated to and by the Township Clerk, to update the Schedule to include additional properties as they become subject to the

Stormwater Rate within the boundary defined in this by-law, without an amendment to this by-law.

This delegation does not apply to major changes in the boundary that may occur from amendments to the Official Plan of the County of Oxford, or an expansion of the Settlement Boundaries for the subject areas.

2. Exemptions

The following Properties are exempt from this fee:

- Lands Owned by the Corporation of the Township of South-West Oxford
- Lands Owned by the Corporation of the County of Oxford
- Railroads
- Cemeteries
- Agricultural lands (subject to Drain Maintenance under the *Drainage Act*)
- Future Development lands (subject to Drain Maintenance under *Drainage Act*)

3. Rates

Stormwater rates are hereby imposed as outlined in the “Township of South-West Oxford Fees and Charges By-law” as is amended from time to time.

4. Billing and Late Payment

The Township is appointed to collect the rates and charges imposed under this by-law, and the amounts assessed and imposed by this by-law shall be added to the Collector’s Roll and levied in the same manner and at the same time as the property taxes levied against each property.

The stormwater rate and charges imposed by this by-law are a lien and charge upon the land upon which the said rates and charges are imposed, and if the said rate and charges or any part thereof remain unpaid after the due date, the Treasurer shall collect the owing amount and apply any late penalties or interest in the same manner as the property taxes levied against each property.

No person shall be entitled to any discounts for the early payment of any Stormwater Charge under this by-law.

5. Effective Date

This By-law shall come into full force and effect on July 1, 2025.

Read a First and Second time this 20th day of May, 2025.

Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 20th day of May, 2025.

Mayor: David Mayberry

Clerk: Julie Middleton

APPROVED

Schedule “B” to By-law 41-2025
Stormwater Rates

1.1 All Users

- 1.2 The following stormwater rates are imposed upon owners of each lot that is within the settlement areas as outlined in Section 1 of this by-law.

	Monthly Rate
All properties less than 0.4 hectares in size subject to Stormwater Charge.	\$7.00 for Beachville, Brownsville, Salford and Sweaburg \$11.00 for Mount Elgin
Properties larger than 0.4 hectares in size subject to Stormwater Charge. For these properties, the fee shall consider the runoff generated (C factor) and adjusted up or down compared to an average C of 0.45. All properties are subject to the minimum charge set above. Properties that drain away from the storm sewer system (all or part of lands) are still subject to the minimum fee above.	\$12.50/ha for Beachville, Brownsville, Salford and Sweaburg \$22.50/ha for Mount Elgin