

Regional Development Charges

Information brochure December 2020



Region of Waterloo

By-law 19-037

General purpose for which Regional Development Charges are imposed

Regional Development Charges are applicable to all lands within the corporate boundaries of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo unless specifically exempted in the By-law. Development Charges are collected for the purpose of recovering, to the extent possible, the net growth-related costs of capital projects. Growth-related projects in the following service categories are included in the regional development charge:

Service category:

- General Government
- Police Service
- Paramedic Services
- Airport
- Operations
- Transit*
- Library**
- Waste Management
- Transportation
- Water Supply
- Wastewater

* Applicable only in the Cities of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo

** Applicable only in the Townships of North Dumfries, Wellesley, Wilmot and Woolwich

Determination of Applicable Development Charge

The calculation of the amount payable will take into account the schedule on page 3. Certain exemptions and discounts approved by Council or provided under the Development Charges Act, 1997 may apply. Please refer to the Region's Development Charge By-law 19-037 for additional information.

Payment of Regional Development Charge

Payment of all applicable Regional Development Charges is made through the municipal offices of the Cities of Waterloo, Kitchener and Cambridge and the Townships of North Dumfries, Wilmot, Wellesley, and Woolwich. Please contact the applicable area Municipal Building Department to determine processing times and application procedures for Building Permit issuance.

Residential Development Charges (\$ per unit)** (Effective December 1, 2020)

Service category	Single / semi dwelling		Townhouse dwelling		Apartment dwelling		Lodging unit	
	City	Township	City	Township	City	Township	City	Township
General Government	310	310	232	232	168	168	107	107
Police Service	843	843	630	630	459	459	292	292
Paramedic Services	177	177	132	132	97	97	62	62
Airport	607	607	454	454	331	331	210	210
Operations	168	168	125	125	91	91	58	58
Transit	3,190	-	2,385	-	1,737	-	1,107	-
Library	-	671	-	502	-	366	-	232
Waste Management	310	310	232	232	168	168	107	107
Transportation	12,457	12,457	9,309	9,309	6,783	6,783	4,323	4,323
Water Supply	4,612	4,612	3,447	3,447	2,512	2,512	1,601	1,601
Wastewater	6,458	6,458	4,826	4,826	3,517	3,517	2,241	2,241
Total general services ***	18,062	15,543	13,499	11,616	9,834	8,463	6,266	5,391
Total full services	29,132	26,613	21,772	19,889	15,863	14,492	10,108	9,233

Non-residential Development Charges (per square foot, gross floor area) ** (Effective December 1, 2020)

Service category	Non-residential* (Per square foot)	
	City	Township
General Government	0.18	0.18
Police Service	0.49	0.49
Paramedic Services	0.03	0.03
Airport	0.36	0.36
Operations	0.09	0.09
Transit	2.03	0.00
Library	0.00	0.05
Waste Management	0.01	0.01
Transportation	7.08	7.08
Water Supply	2.68	2.68
Wastewater	3.75	3.75
Total general services ***	\$10.27	\$8.29
Total full services	\$16.70	\$14.72

* Qualifying Industrial development that meets the definition of "Industrial Building" as prescribed by the Region's Development Charge By-law 19-037 is eligible for a 60 per cent discount to the Non-Residential Rate.

* Qualifying Office development that is in excess of 20,000 square feet (for the third floor and above) in an urban growth centre is eligible for a 50 per cent discount to the Non-Residential Rate (for the third floor and above).

Please refer to the Region's Development Charge By-law 19-037 for additional information.

** - indexed annually in accordance with Section 6 of the By-law

*** - General Services includes General Government, Police Service, Paramedic Services, Airport, Operations, Transit Services (Cities only), Library (Townships only), Waste Management, Transportation

Note: 1 square foot = 0.0929 square metres

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This brochure is provided for convenience only. Reference should be made to the Regional Development Charge By-law 19-037 for all provisions. The by-law and the Development Charges Interest Rate Policy are available on the Region's website: <https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/doing-business/development-charges.aspx>

The Region of Waterloo's Development Charge By-law 19-037 expires July 31, 2024.

Treasurer's statement

A Statement of The Treasurer will be presented to Regional Council each year. The statement will contain a summary of development charge transactions, including opening and closing reserve fund balances. The Treasurer's Statement is available on the Region's website: <https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/doing-business/development-charges.aspx>

Further information

For further information on the applicability of Regional Development Charges, please contact The Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Finance department at 519-575-4421 for inquiries within Cambridge or Kitchener, and 519-575-4543 for inquiries within Waterloo, North Dumfries, Woolwich, Wellesley, or Wilmot.

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