



March 4 , 2024

Chair and Members
AASWWS

Re: Report AASWWS-24-01 March 6, 2024 Meeting

Dear Chair and Members of the Board,

Recently the municipalities of Malahide and Aylmer have been proactively reviewing historic billings to ensure authorization exists for charges. Town staff note a desire for the 2023 water loss estimates incorporated within such a review.

As part of this review, Town staff would request the Board revisit the Watson and Associates study dated December 19, 2022, as adopted by the Board. Table 5-1 of this report appears to indicate that the cost of water loss have already been included within the overall rate calculations. This is a common approach used throughout the province.

The Town of Aylmer has previously recommended the strategy of recovering costs in the water rates to the Administrating Municipality. We agree with such an approach as it has favourable impacts upon reserves and encouraging water loss reduction. This approach also prevents tax payers subsidizing water users.

As referenced above, there are numerous reviews on historic billing practices and agreements ongoing between Malahide and Aylmer. While the Town does not challenge the ability of the AASWWS to set water rates to recover loss, we are requesting a review of this item, the Watson and Associates Report, and the Transfer Order. We are requesting that the Secondary Board present agreements or materials to support the charging of additional fees for water that was neither metered nor delivered to the Town.

We look forward to the opportunity for further discussions on this matter. We believe that open and transparent communication is essential in addressing these matters and ensuring the equitable distribution of costs.

Respectfully,

Andy Grozelle
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