



March 29, 2011

**Information to Property Owners serviced by the
Municipal sanitary sewer system installed on the
north side of the Saugeen River, Southampton, ON**

The enclosed invoice reflects the total sewer connection charge, payable by each property owner, recently serviced by the municipal sanitary sewer system installed on the north side of the Saugeen River in the Town of Saugeen Shores. Where applicable, water services have been installed to previously un-serviced properties and a water connection charge has also been invoiced. The following information is provided to assist each property owner in understanding their payment options and connection obligations now that the system has been commissioned and is ready for connection.

The following are the applicable service connection costs that are being invoiced:

Connection Type	Service Connection Cost	Estimated Annual Cost over 10 Years
Residential sewer (125mmØ)	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 1,088.52
Non-Residential sewer (150mmØ)	\$ 15,035.00	\$ 1,919.76
Residential Water - If applicable (20mmØ)	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 332.00
Non-Residential Water - If applicable (50mmØ)	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 395.84

The connection costs have been calculated based on an estimated final project cost. While the town is confident that the final project cost will not be significantly different than the estimate, it is possible that benefitting property owners may either be rebated if the project cost comes in under budget or receive an additional billing in the event that the final cost exceeds the estimated projection.

Property owners have two primary payment options:

- 1) Pay the invoice in full by May 31st, 2011 – cash, cheque, or using your Saugeen Shores Tax or Saugeen Shores Water and Sewer on-line banking account.
- 2) Take advantage of the 10 year long-term financing option offered by the municipality and elect to pay over ten years. The loan will be financed at a fixed rate **estimated** to be 5%, with no prepayment option (if the municipality is required to fund externally). The actual annual cost can only be confirmed once financing rates are finalized. The annual cost will be added to your property tax account and will be paid with your property taxes beginning with the final tax bill in 2011 and continuing until 2020. Balances not paid by May 31st, 2011 will convert

automatically to the 10 year financing option and a repayment schedule will be mailed out to you in June, 2011 to provide you with the amount to be added to your tax account beginning with your final 2011 tax bill.

- 3) In addition to the two primary payment options, property owners may request to set up an amortization period for a maximum 20 year term. If a property owner wishes to take advantage of an amortization period in excess of 10 years, please contact Lori or Grace in the Treasury Department at the municipal office prior to May 31st, 2011.
- 4) The service connection cost is due, either by May 31st, 2011, or on your property taxes beginning with the final 2011 tax bill regardless of whether you actually connect to the municipal system.

Connection:

- Owners of developed property are required to connect to the municipal sanitary sewer system by December 31st, 2011.
- Upon request by the property owner, municipal staff has the authority, approved through the Health Unit, to permit a deferral to the connection. As per the Health Unit's directive, "Property owners who have installed a new private septic system within the past five (5) years that is warranted by the Health Unit to be operating within the Ontario Building Code Guidelines may request a further two (2) year deferral." The property owner is responsible for the Health Unit fee for the review and assessment of the septic system. A request to defer must be made prior to the end of the initial nine month mandatory connection time frame.
- The Town of Saugeen Shores is responsible for the cost of installing the sanitary sewer service to the property line and for inspecting the connection from the municipal system to the private connection.
- The property owner is responsible for the cost of installing the private connection from their residence/business to the municipal system at the property line.
- Prior to connecting to the municipal system, a property owner must complete the service connection permit application enclosed and bring it in to the Public Works department to arrange for a site inspection.
- Once connected to the municipal sanitary sewer system, the bi-monthly fixed capital contribution and consumption rates will apply on your bi-monthly water bill, a rate schedule with the current rates is enclosed.
- A list of plumbers/contractors is available on the Municipal web-site at www.saugeenshores.ca/municipal.

Questions regarding your financing options should be directed to Lori Sweiger or Grace Currie at 519 832 2008.

Questions regarding the sewer system, connection requirements or to request a deferral to connect to the system should be directed to Darlene Noble, Public Works Administration Assistant at 519 832 2008.