

Water Wastewater Rate Workshop

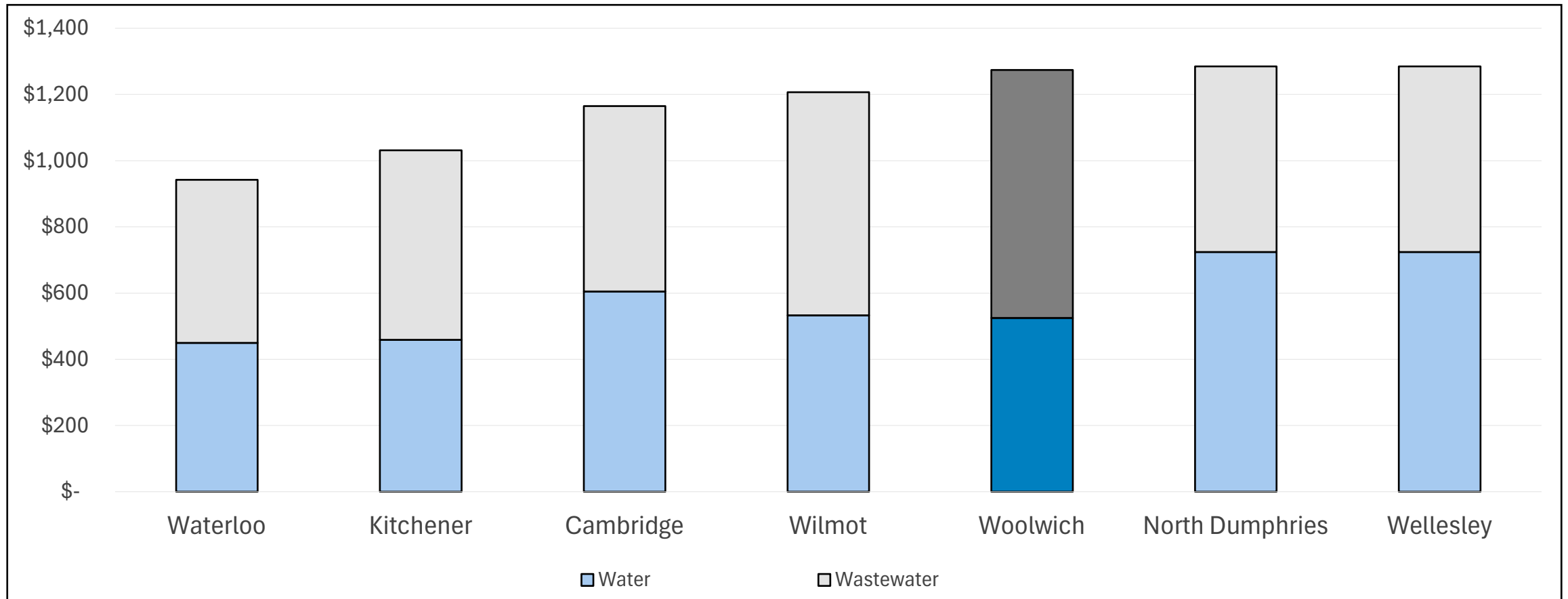
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Current Rates

Charges	Rates
Water Charges	\$2.11 per cubic meter
Sewer Charges	\$3.39 per cubic meter

Comparators



Utility Rate Calculations

Regional Wholesale Rate

+ Direct Costs (Salaries, Materials)

+ Indirect Costs (Overhead)

+ Reserve Contributions

/ Estimated Consumption

= Utility Rate per cubic metre

Direct Costs

- Water Wastewater Operators
- Water / Wastewater Supervisor
- Manager of Operations (portion)
- Billing / Collection Clerk
- Manager of Revenue 30% – New for 2025
- Equipment allocations – internal charges
- Purchased goods and services (materials, contracts, etc.)



Indirect Costs / Overhead

Previously flat \$200k per year added in inflationary amt. in recent years (current \$216k).

No basis for previous amount. New cost allocation model developed based on headcount

2025 Budget includes an increase of \$107,000 based on headcount

Reserve Contributions

Source of funding for the capital program

Flat \$26 combined per month (bi monthly) – since 2006

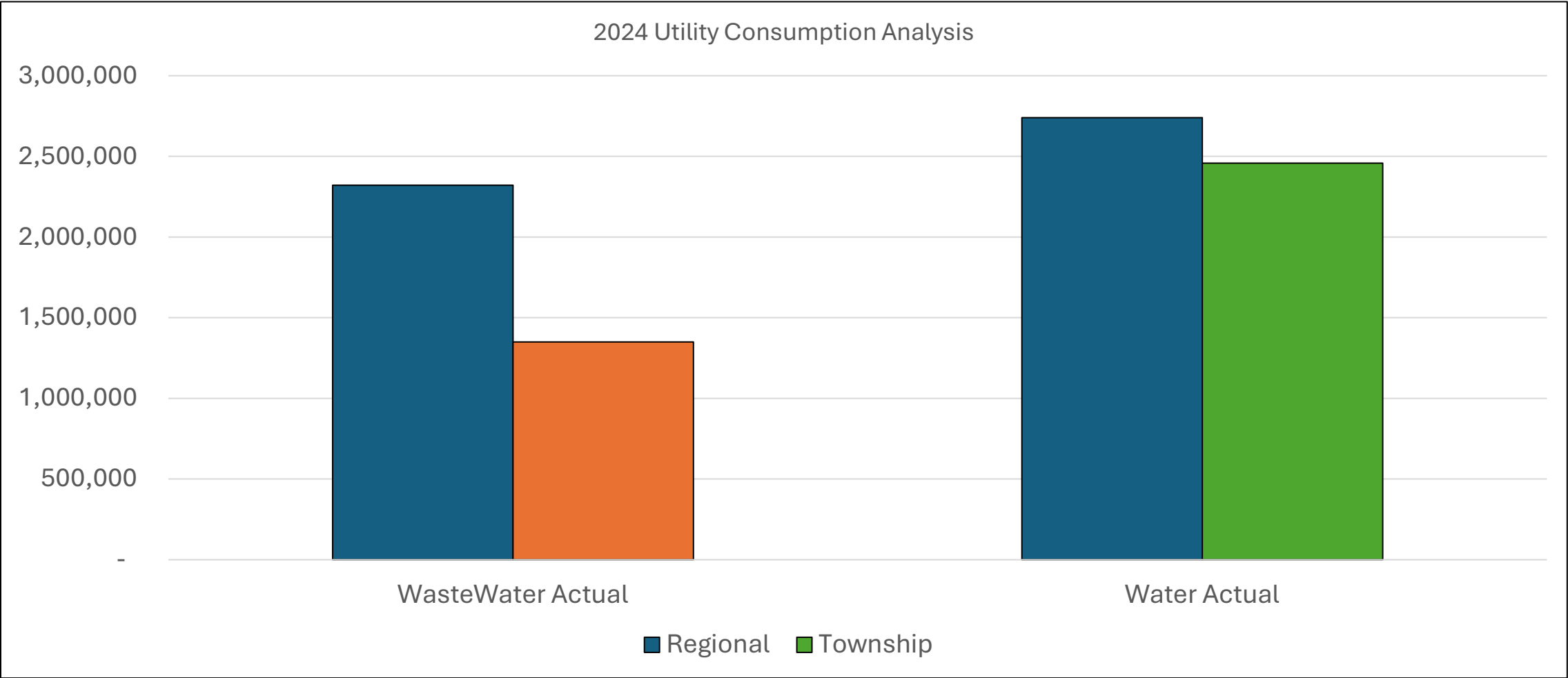
Has recently been used to fund operating deficits

Works paused in 2025 budget to help build this balance

Recommend an additional amount in 2025 rates to start to build an operating stabilization reserve

Future increases the reserve transfer based on BMA analysis to keep pace with capital costs

Water Consumption Analysis



Actions Taken to Date



Greater understanding of our costing model



Validated / improved the overhead allocation



Identified large industrial users with low reads and billed



Billed for developer autoflusher issues



Added meters to Township assets – splashpads, facilities



Convening an internal working group to discuss discrepancies

2025 Utility Budget Highlights

Regional billing increase – (5.4% water / 6.4% wastewater)

Direct cost (materials and staff) - inflationary increase

Increased overhead allocation from tax supported budget - \$107k

BMA rate increase (6.3% water / 10.2% wastewater) -Reserves

Increased meter replacement costs – should help with consumption

Operating Stabilization \$100,000 for each to establish operating reserve

Further analysis needed to identify consumption issues - 2025

2025 Proposed Volumetric Rates

Charges	2024	2025	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Water Charges	\$2.11	\$2.27	\$0.16	7.6%
Sewer Charges	\$3.39	\$3.72	\$0.33	9.7%

2025 Proposed Fixed (Reserve) Rates

Charges	2024	2025	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Water Reserve	\$26.00	\$27.64	\$1.64	6.30%
Sewer Reserve	\$26.00	\$28.65	\$2.65	10.20%

Summary

Charges	2024	2025	Change (\$)	Change (%)	Combined (%)
Water Charges	\$2.11	\$2.27	\$0.16	7.6%	9.0%
Sewer Charges	\$3.39	\$3.72	\$0.33	9.7%	11.5%
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Sewer Reserve	\$26.00	\$28.65	\$2.65	10.20%	