

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA

BYLAW NUMBER 2024.XX.

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A SPECIFIC AREA DEVELOPMENT CHARGE  
FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA  
BRECHIN/LAGOON CITY  
MUNICIPAL SANITARY SEWER AND WATER SERVICE AREA

**WHEREAS** subsection 2(1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997 provides that a council of municipality may pass Bylaws for the imposition of development charges against land for increased capital costs required because of the need for services arising from development;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara has given Notice in accordance with Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, of its intention to pass a development charge bylaw under the Act.

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Township of Ramara on [month][day], 2024 approved the Area Specific Development Charge Background Study dated April 25, 2024 in which certain recommendations were made relating to the establishment of a development charge policy for the Township pursuant to the Development Charges Act, 1997.

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Township of Ramara heard all persons who applied to be heard concerning the development charge proposal and background study at a public meeting held on May 27, 2024;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Township of Ramara deem that no further public meetings were required;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Township of Ramara has given consideration of the use of more than one Development Charge By-law to reflect different needs for services in different areas, also known as “area rating” or “area specific development charges”, and has determined that for the services, and associated infrastructure proposed to be funded by development charges under this by-law, that it is fair and reasonable that the charges be calculated on an area-specific basis;

**AND WHEREAS** the Study dated April 25, 2024 contains an Asset Management Plan that deals with all assets whose capital costs are intended to be funded under the Development Charge By-law and that such assets are considered to be financially sustainable over their full life-cycle; and

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Township of Ramara will give consideration to incorporating the Asset Management Plan outlined in the Study within the Township of Ramara’s ongoing practices and Asset Management Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Township of Ramara enacts as follows

**1. DEFINITIONS**

1.1 In this bylaw:

- a) “Act” shall mean the Development Charges Act, 1997 and any amendment thereto.

- b) "Council" shall mean the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara.
- c) "Development" shall mean the construction, erection or placing of one or more buildings or structures on land or the construction, erection or making of an addition or alteration to a building or structure that increases the size or floor area.
- d) "Development charge" shall mean a charge imposed on land with respect to this bylaw.
- e) "Dwelling Unit" shall mean any part of a building or structure or mobile home as defined in Section 46 of the Planning Act used or intended to be used as living quarters whether on a permanent or seasonal basis.
- f) "Floor area" shall mean the total of all floor area within the building or structure measured between the outside surfaces of the exterior walls and shall include floor area below grade. For the purpose of this bylaw, floor area shall not include the floor area used for equipment for the heating, cooling, ventilating, electrical or mechanical for the building.
- g) "Industrial" shall mean any land, building or structure used for manufacturing processing, fabricating or assembly of raw materials or good or warehousing or bulk storage of goods and shall include any related accessory uses.
- h) "Non-residential" shall mean any use that is not defined as a residential use.
- i) "Re-development" shall have the same meaning as development.
- j) "Residential use" shall mean the lands, building or structures or portions thereof used, or designed or intended for use as a home or residence of one or more individuals, and shall include a single detached dwelling, a semi detached dwelling, a townhouse dwelling, an apartment dwelling, and the residential portion of a mixed use building or structure;

## **2. DESIGNATED MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

- 2.1 The designated municipal services for which the development charge will be collected are:

Brechin/Lagoon City Municipal Sanitary Sewer Services  
Brechin/Lagoon City Municipal Water Services

## **3. APPLICABLE LANDS, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

- 3.1 This bylaw shall apply to only those lands described in Schedule "B" to the bylaw.
- 3.2 This bylaw shall not apply to land that is owned by and used for the purposes of:
  - a) the Township or local board thereof;
  - b) the County of Simcoe
  - c) a Board of Education

3.3 This bylaw shall not apply to:

- a) the enlargement of an existing dwelling unit or the creation of additional dwelling units in a new/existing residential building in accordance with the Act and associated Regulations, including any amendments;
- b) other uses as defined by the Act and/or Regulations, in accordance with any amendments thereof, as being exempt from development charges;
- c) the enlargement of the gross floor area of an existing industrial building, in accordance with Section 4 of the Act and associated Regulations, including any amendments;
- d) a non-residential building used or designated or intended for use in connection with the production of crops, animal husbandry or other similar uses normally associated with agriculture;
- e) an institutional building; and
- f) all non-residential development, as defined herein, for all lands shown in Schedule "C" as attached to this by-law. For greater certainty, these lands are designated as the "Brechin Industrial Park".

#### **4. TRIGGERS FOR THE CHARGE**

4.1 Development charges shall be imposed on land to be developed or re-developed from residential and non residential use only where the development requires:

- a) the passing of a zoning bylaw or an amendment thereto under Section 34 of the Planning Act;
- b) the approval of a minor variance under Section 45 of the Planning Act;
- c) a conveyance of land to which a bylaw passed under subsection 50(7) of the Planning Act;
- d) the approval of a plan subdivision under Section 50 of the Planning Act;
- e) a consent under Section 53 of the Planning Act;
- f) the approval of a description under Section 9 of the Condominium Act;
- g) the issuing of a permit under the Building Code Act, in relation to a building or structure.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

5.1 Subject to the provisions of this bylaw, development charges against land shall be imposed and collected in accordance with the rates set out in Schedule "A" to this bylaw. Such charges are in addition to the municipal wide development charges established under the authority of the Act by a separate bylaw.

5.2 Notwithstanding Section 5.1 development charges against land for industrial use,

buildings and structures shall be imposed and collected at 50% of the rates set out in Schedule "A" to this bylaw.

**6. LOCAL SERVICE INSTALLATION**

6.1 Nothing in this bylaw prevents Council from requiring, as a condition of an agreement under Section 51 or 53 of the Planning Act, that an owner, at his or her own expense, shall install or pay for such local services, as Council may require in accordance with Section 59 of the Planning Act.

**7. MULTIPLE CHARGES**

7.1 Where two or more of the actions described in subsection 4.1 are required before land to which a development charge applies can be developed, only one development charge shall be calculated and collected in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw.

7.2 Notwithstanding subsection 7.1, if two or more of the actions described in subsection 5(1) occur at different times, and if the subsequent action has the effect of increasing the need for municipal services as set out in Schedule "B", an additional development charge on the additional residential dwelling units and on residential floor area, shall be calculated and collected in accordance with the provision of this bylaw.

**8. SERVICES IN LIEU**

8.1 Council may be agreement with the owner of land, substitute services in lieu for all or a part of the development charge applicable to the owner's land as may be specified in the agreement. Such agreement shall specify that where the owner provides services in lieu in accordance with the agreement, Council shall give the owner a credit against of the development charge.

**9. DEVELOPMENT CHARGES CREDITS**

9.1 In the case of the demolition of removal of all or part of a building or structure, a credit for the number of residential dwelling units or non-residential floor area will be recognized provided that a building permit has been issued for the development or re-development within 3 years from the date of the demolition permit was issued. If no demolition permit was issued, no credit will be recognized.

9.2 In the case of a conversion of an existing structure, a credit will be provided in the amount equal to the existing residential units or non-residential floor area prior to the conversion.

9.3 Where a development charge has been paid to the Township since the passage of development charge bylaws under the authority of the Development Charges Act, 1997, a credit to the amount paid will be recognized toward the current development charge so that the applicant shall top up the recognized credit to an amount equal to the development charge at the time the building permit is issued.

9.4 A credit can, in no case, exceed the amount of the development charge that would otherwise be payable.

**10. TIMING OF CALCULATION AND PAYMENT**

10.1 Development charges shall be calculated and payable in full in money or by provision of

services as may be agreed upon, or by credit granted under the Act, on the date that the first building permit is issued in relation to a building or structure on land to which a development charge applies.

- 10.2 Notwithstanding Section 10.1 of this By-law, the amount of development charge will be determined in accordance with Section 26, 26.1 and 26.2 of the Act, and any amendments thereof, prior to issuance of the building permit or revision to building permit;
- 10.3 Notwithstanding Section 10(1) and 10(2) of this By-law, development charges for Rental Housing and Institutional Developments in accordance with Section 26.1 of the Act and any amendment thereof, are due inclusive of interest established from the date the development charge would have been payable in accordance with Section 26 of the Act, in 6 equal annual payments beginning on the date that is the earlier of:
- (a) the date of the issuance of a permit under the Building Code Act, 1992 authorizing occupation of the building; and
  - (b) the date the building is first occupied and continuing on the following five anniversaries of that date.
- 10.4 Notwithstanding Sections 10(1), 10(2) and 10(3) of this By-law, the Township may enter into an agreement with any person in accordance with Section 27 of the Act to pay a development charge providing for all or part of the development charge to be paid before or after the time it would otherwise be payable.
- 10.5 Despite the payments required under Section 10 of this By-law, Council may, by agreement, give a credit towards a development charge in exchange for work that relates to a service for which a development charge is imposed under Schedule "A".
- 10.6 Where development charges apply to land in relation to which a building permit is required, the building permit shall not be issued until the development charge has been paid in full.

## **11. RESERVE FUNDS**

- 11.1 The municipality will establish the following reserve funds as it relates to development charges:
- Brechin/Lagoon City Sewer Development Charge Reserve Fund
  - Brechin/Lagoon City Water Development Charge Reserve Fund
- 11.2 The Treasurer shall invest each reserve in accordance with Council policy.
- 11.3 Council may borrow from the reserve funds and in accordance with the Act at the Bank of Canada Rate in effect at the date of passage of this bylaw updated quarterly on the first business day of January, April, July and October of each year.
- 11.4 The Treasurer shall submit an annual report of each reserve fund to Council for the year following and in accordance with the Act and Regulations thereto.

## **12. BYLAW AMENDMENT OR APPEAL**

- 12.1 Where this bylaw or any development charge prescribed thereunder is amended or repealed by order of the Ontario Municipal Board, the Municipal Treasurer shall calculate forthwith the amount of any over payment to be refunded plus interest as a result of said

amendment or repeal;

**13. BYLAW INDEXING**

13.1 The development charges set out in Schedule "A" to this bylaw shall be adjusted annually on September 1, without amendment to this bylaw, in accordance with the most recent twelve month change in the Statistics Canada Quarterly Construction Price Statistic.

**14. BYLAW ADMINISTRATION**

14.1 This bylaw shall be administered by the Municipal Treasurer.

**15. SEVERABILITY**

15.1 In the event any provision, or part thereof, of this bylaw is found, by a court of competent jurisdiction, to be ultra vires, such provision, or part thereof, shall be deemed to be severed, and the remaining portion of such provision and all other provisions of the bylaw shall remain in full force and effect.

**16. SCHEDULES TO THE BYLAW**

16.1 Schedule "A", Schedule "B" and Schedule "C" attached hereto shall be and form part of this bylaw.

**17. CORRECTIONS**

17.1 The Clerk of the Township is authorized to effect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

**18. DATE BYLAW EFFECTIVE**

18.1 This bylaw shall come into force and effect on June 24, 2024.

**BYLAW READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 24TH DAY OF JUNE 2024.**

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**BASIL CLARKE, MAYOR**

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**JENNIFER CONNOR, CLERK**

**SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW 2024.XX**

<b>BRECHIN/LAGOON CITY</b>	<b>Residential Charge By Unit Type</b>			<b>Non-Residential Charge Per Square Metre of Gross Floor Area</b>
	<b>Single- Detached</b>	<b>Semi-Detached and Townhouse</b>	<b>Apartment</b>	
Sanitary Sewage Service	\$17,985	\$14,622	\$13,891	\$107.52
Water Service	\$1,084	\$882	\$838	\$6.12
<b>Total Sewer and Water</b>	<b>\$19,069</b>	<b>\$15,504</b>	<b>\$14,729</b>	<b>\$113.63</b>

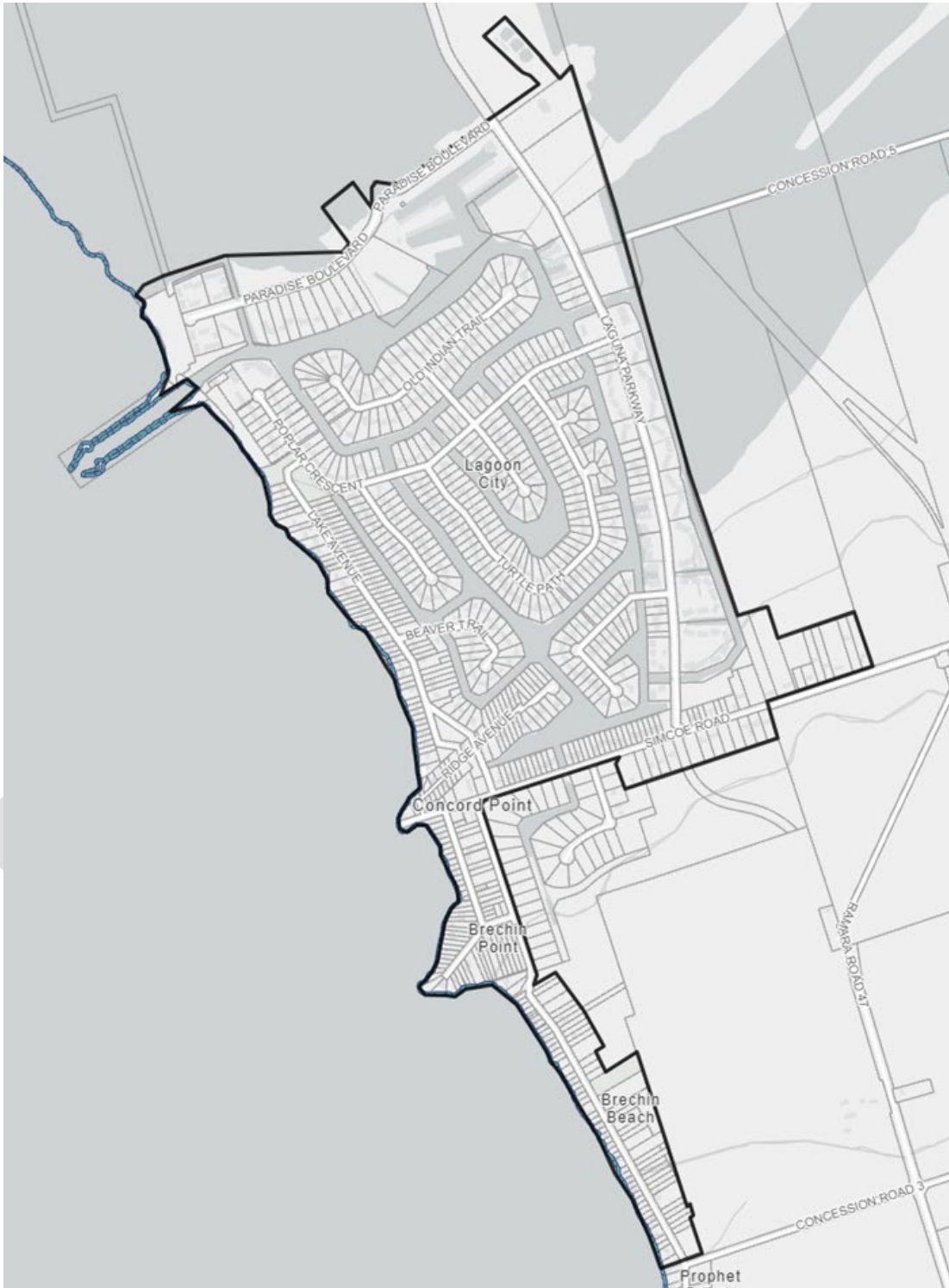
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**Schedule "B-1" to Bylaw 2024-XX  
Brechin/ Lagoon City Water Service Area**





**Schedule "B-2" to Bylaw 2024-24  
Brechin/ Lagoon City Water Service Area**



**Schedule "C" to Bylaw 2024-XX  
Brechin Industrial Park**

