

LAKESHORE COLLECTION & SEWAGE PLANT COSTS INFORMATION

- In 2004 the Municipality hired consultants to draft a Sewer Master Plan. By 2006, the Service Area had been outlined, namely, all of the lands along the lakeshore from Grand Bend to St. Joseph, lands along the north side of Huron Road 83 (Dashwood Road) and the north half of the hamlet of Dashwood.
- In May 2008 Council passed a resolution that the costs of the 2006 Sewer Master Plan be tracked against the Tri-Municipal Sewage Plant Project.
- Once funding was confirmed for the plant, Council started the process of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a collection system. Public consultation is a normal component of process in the completion of EA studies. While these were two separate projects, the service area was the same so costs accumulated were tracked accordingly.
- On October 17, 2011 Council passed a motion to remove the Dashwood area from the Collections System Class EA and Preliminary Design report.
- On November 7, 2011 Council passed a motion that due to lack of available funding programs from senior levels of government that they would not be proceeding with the Lakeshore Collection System at this time and that the Tri-Municipal Committee be informed of this decision.
- On December 5, 2011 Council passed a motion to withdraw from the Grand Bend Sewage Treatment Facility and provided the official notice to the Tri-Municipal partners under date of December 7, 2011.
- The Municipality continued to negotiate to preserve our future access to the plant with the Tri-Municipal Agreement receiving final approval on April 7, 2014.
- On August 24, 2015 Council directed staff to bill out the combined project costs.
- On November 19, 2018 Council directed staff to proceed with the billing of these projects apportioned to the respective service area with an option to pay on property taxes over a three-year period.
- On December 17, 2018 a By-law was passed to impose a Capital Charge for the Lakeshore Sewage Works. All property owners in the servicing area have received a letter and payment option notice regarding the professional costs/fees for the Tri-Municipal Sewage Project and Lakeshore Collection System.
- Within the Dashwood portion of the Study Area the amount assessed per property is \$547.66.
- Within the Lakeshore portion of the Study Area the amount assessed per property is \$616.50.
- Property owners have the option to pay the flat rate charge due and payable by May 31, 2019 or to debenture for the full amount of the outstanding capital charge (total charges at the full payment value) over a period of three (3) years commencing on the final tax billing in the year 2019.