



Memo

from John Dupray, Mayor

To: **New Baltimore Residents**

Date: **September 7, 2021**

Regards: **Water Rates**

New Baltimore Residents,

The City reviews and adjusts water rates every year. This is done with the advice of our City Engineer and our tax professionals. Every year the water rate is then subject to an independent audit and the results sent to the State Attorney General for evaluation.

By statute the rate must be sufficient to pay for delivery services, pay off existing debt and provide funds for future repairs and construction. The rates are lowered or raised to meet those expenses. By Charter the Mayor is an administrator and is charged with ensuring that clean and safe drinking water reaches residents. Only City Council has the authority to authorize changes to any taxes or fees like water rates.

I like to think that water is free. Residents are charged a fee for its delivery. Every year the rate is looked at very closely by Council before they approve any change. I think they have done a good job keeping the rates at a reasonable level.

Please review the attached spread sheet which shows how New Baltimore's rates compare to surrounding communities.

Best Regards,

John