



TOWN OF KENTVILLE POLICY STATEMENT G15 FIRE PROTECTION RATE

1.0 PURPOSE

To establish a policy for the establishment of an annual area rate for fire protection as permitted under the Municipal Government Act, Section 80.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

3.0 SCOPE

The council may levy a rate on the value of all assessable property and business occupancy assessment in the area served by the Kentville Water Commission, as defined by Council, in order to recover that part of the cost of the water system that is attributable to fire protection.

4.0 PROCEDURES

CALCULATION OF CHARGE

The Fire Protection Charge is the total charge by the Kentville Water Utility to the Town Operating Fund, in any fiscal year, and is referred to by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board as "Public Fire Protection Rate". The Board approved this rate April 1, 1995 as per Schedule "C"-Schedule of Rates Supplied by the Kentville Water Commission. This rate is calculated as follows:

- a) the sum of \$ 250,200.00; or
- b) the sum of:
 - i. 37.0% of the depreciation and taxes charged as expense by the Commission in the immediately preceding fiscal year.
 - ii. 37.0% of 10.52% of the rate base of the Commission as at the last day of the immediately preceding year.
 - iii. 17.35% of all operating expenses, exclusive of depreciation and taxes charged by the Commission to operating expenses in the immediately preceding fiscal year.

whichever is greater.

In order to recover the Fire Protection Charge, the Town of Kentville shall levy a rate by resolution per one hundred dollars of assessed value of all assessed properties within the Town of Kentville served by the Kentville Water Utility.

No property, except property of Her Majesty in right of the Province, in the Town of Kentville is exempt from the rate.

The rate is a first lien on the real property and may be collected in the same manner as taxes.

The Town of Kentville policy on interest charges on overdue taxes shall also apply to Fire Protection Area Rate bills.

In order to recover the Fire Protection Charge for those properties protected outside the Town of Kentville boundaries, the respective municipal unit will be billed yearly "en bloc" based on the percentage of meters in service.

5.0 ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

6.0 POLICY REVISION HISTORY

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