



The Corporation of the County of Essex

By-Law Number 2026-04

A By-law to Impose Fees and Charges by the Corporation of the County of Essex.

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex adopted By-Law 2025-38 on September 17, 2025, which established a schedule of fees and charges imposed by the Corporation of the County of Essex:

- a) for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;
- b) for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or any local board;
- c) for the use of its property including property under its control; and
- d) for the processing of applications made in respect of planning matters;

And Whereas By-law 2025-38 requires the annual review and adjustment, if required, of fees and charges;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex hereby enacts as follows:

- 1) **That** fees and charges as provided for in Schedules A through G, attached hereto and forming part of this By-law, shall be imposed and charged for the services, activities and use of property as indicated in said Schedules A through G.

1B) For the purposes of Schedule H:

- i. The Green Bin User Fee shall be collected by the Municipalities listed at Schedule H on behalf of the County and added as a user fee line item on the property tax bill of each eligible residential

- property with access to the green bin organic waste collection service (the "**Green Bin Program**").
- ii. The Green Bin User Fee is mandatory for all eligible properties and shall not be optional. Residents shall not be permitted to opt-out of the Green Bin Program under this By-law.
 - iii. The County shall provide the Municipalities listed at Schedule H with the final list of eligible properties and associated Green Bin User Fee to be billed each year.
 - iv. The Green Bin User Fee shall be due and payable for County residents in accordance with the Local Municipality's property tax collection schedule. Each Local Municipality may apply penalties or interest on overdue amounts in accordance with their standard property tax procedures.
 - v. The Municipalities listed at Schedule H are responsible for including the Green Bin User Fee in their property tax system, ensuring the fee appears on the tax bill, and remitting all collected amounts to the County.
 - vi. Administration of the Green Bin Program, including fee adjustments, eligibility updates, and related communications with residents, shall be coordinated by the County in collaboration with the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority ("**EWSWA**") and the County's Local Municipalities.
 - vii. The Green Bin User Fee shall be adjusted annually to reflect actual program costs and shall be adjusted following the reconciliation of EWSWA described in ix. below.
 - viii. For 2026, payment of the Green Bin User Fee shall be collected by the Municipalities listed in Schedule H on the final tax bill and remitted to the County in two installments as follows:

Installment Due Date	Installment Amount
September 24, 2026	50 per cent of the Green Bin User Fees collected by the Local Municipality on the 2026 Final Tax Bill
December 10, 2026	50 per cent of the Green Bin User Fees collected by the Local Municipality on the 2026 Final Tax Bill

- ix. EWSWA shall reconcile Green Bin program revenues and expenses on an annual basis to ensure accurate alignment of the Green Bin User Fee with the actual costs of the Green Bin Program. Increases or decreases identified through the annual reconciliation process will be accounted for in the following year’s budget estimates, as set by EWSWA, and approved by Essex County Council.

- 2) **That** By-law 2025-38 and all other by-laws deemed contrary to this by-law are hereby repealed.

- 3) **That** specific fees and charges, determined within agreements approved by Essex County Council, do not form part of this By-law.

- 4) **That** this by-law be reviewed annually to adjust fees and charges as required.

- 5) **That** this By-law shall come into force and take effect on January 1, 2026.

Read a first, second, and third time and Finally Passed this Fourth day of March, 2026.

Hilda MacDonald, Warden

Katherine J. Hebert, Clerk

Clerk's Certificate

I, Katherine J. Hebert, Clerk of the Corporation of the County of Essex, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy, of **By-law Number 2026-04** passed by the Council of the said Corporation on this **Fourth day of March, 2026.**

Katherine J. Hebert, Clerk
Corporation of the County of Essex