



# MUNICIPALITY OF West Elgin

## Staff Report

**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**From:** Magda Badura, CAO/Treasurer  
**Date:** 2020-09-10  
**Subject:** Update on Utilities Receivable

### Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from M. Badura, CAO/Treasurer re: Update on Utilities Receivable for information only.

### Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on how the pandemic is impacting water/sewage receivables.

### Background:

At the Emergency Council's special meeting on March 20, 2020, Council approved waiving all penalties and interest on any overdue balance through to and including April 30, 2020. On June 26, 2020 West Elgin Council approved additional relief by waiving interest and/or penalty on water/sewage outstanding account balances with the due date of June 26<sup>th</sup> and authorized no water service disconnection happen until August 1, 2020. The decision was consistent among the local Municipalities and provided some temporary relief to residents and business owners within the community.

Figure 1 – Utilities Receivable

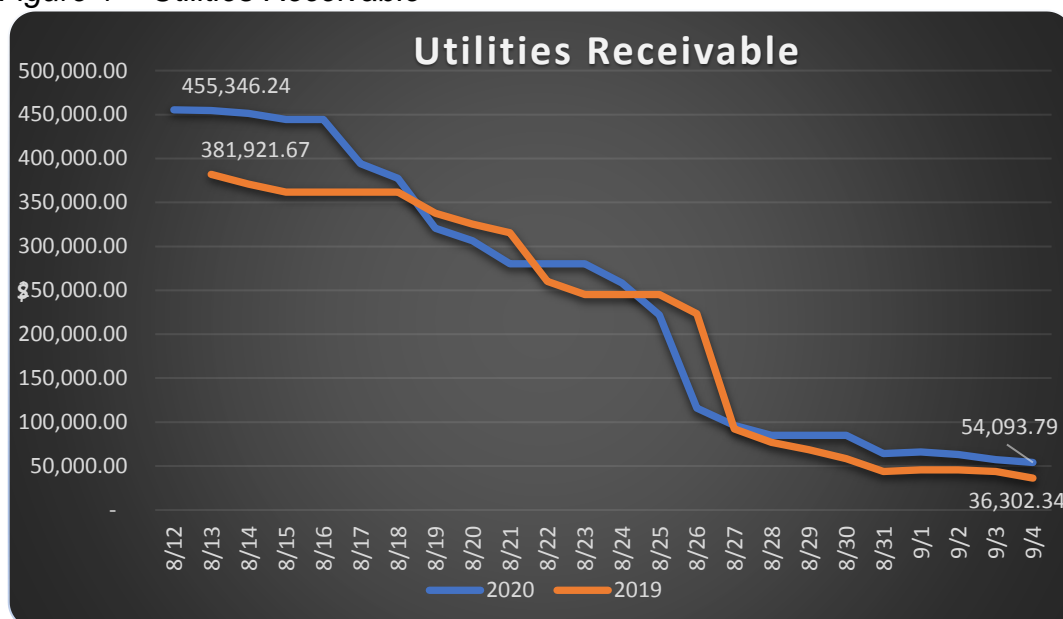


Figure 1-3 shows how receivables are collected from the initial billing date (August 12) until September 4<sup>th</sup>. Based on the information below there is no unusual spikes within the 23 days of data collection in both years.

Figure 2 – Utilities Receivable Balance

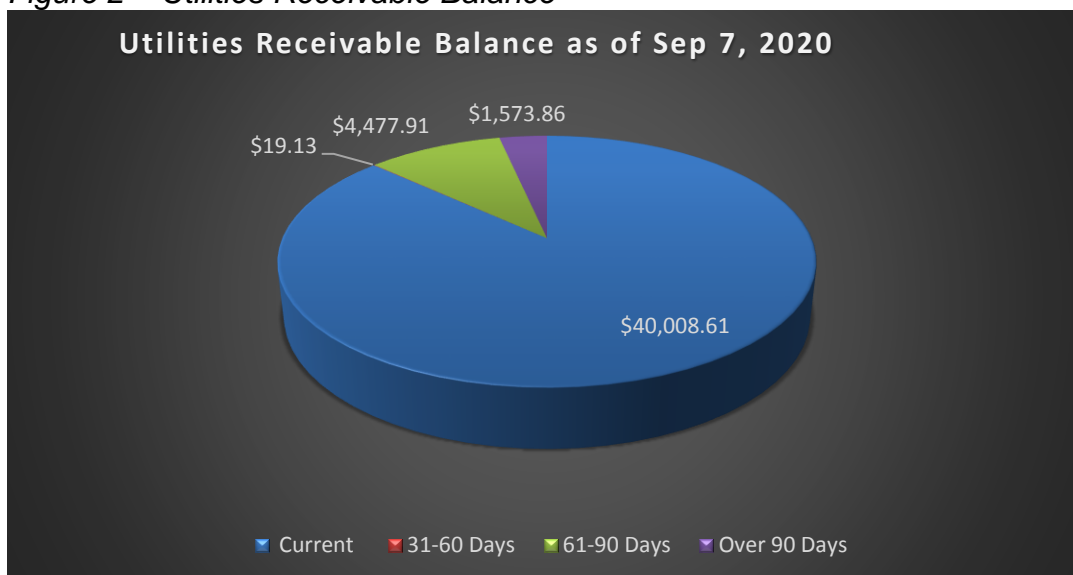
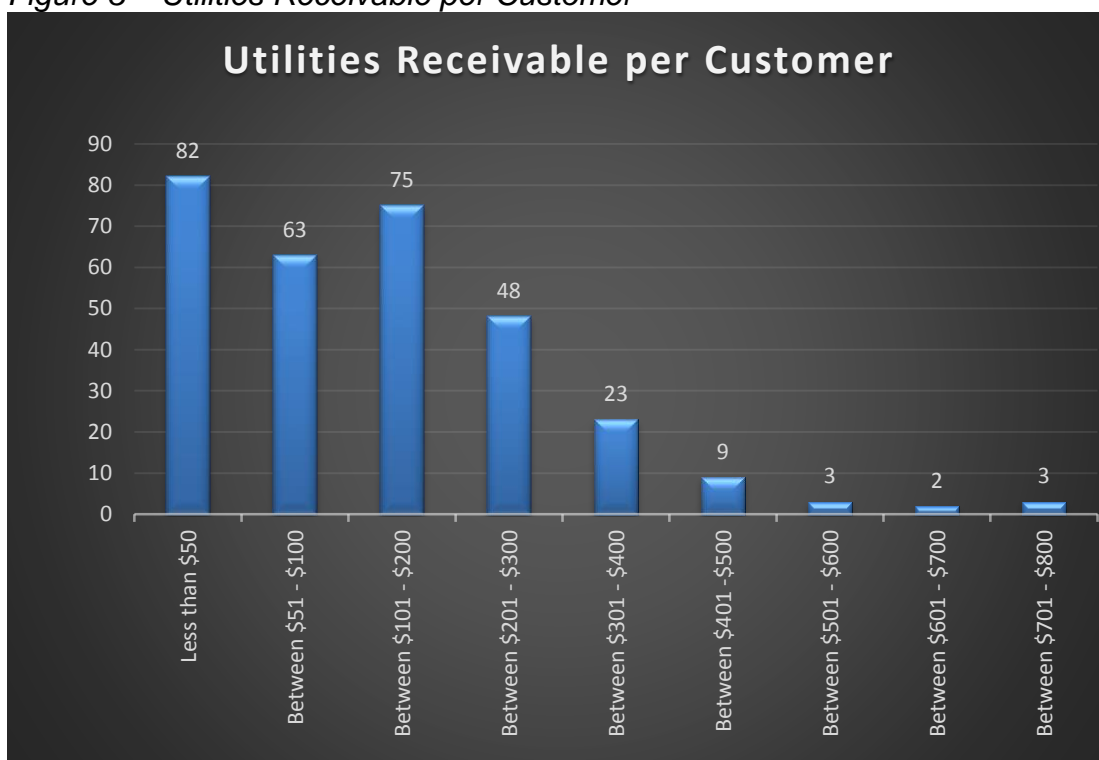


Figure 3 – Utilities Receivable per Customer



While financial relief may be necessary for some of residents, property owners are encouraged to maintain their regular, water and wastewater payments to support West Elgin's ability to continue to provide essential services. It is critical that the Municipality maintain positive cash flows in order to pay for ongoing operational and capital costs.

#### **Financial Implications:**

Deferring the interest and penalties through to and including August 1, 2020 assisted the financial burden that West Elgin property owners were facing. This deferral did come at a cost to the

Municipality in the amount of approximately \$4,000 and is based on the amount included in the 2020 budget for interest/penalty and disconnect fees revenue.

The Municipality continues to have a strong cash position.

**Report Approval Details**

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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