

VILLAGE OF CANWOOD ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION

ANNUAL INFORMATION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CONSUMERS BY SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR

Year: 2017

Name of Municipality: Village of Canwood

Date: August 16, 2017

WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

On June 25, 2014, Council passed a bylaw to fix the rates to be charged for the use and consumption of water and to fix the rates to be charged by way of rent or service charge for the use of the sewer.

Under the waterworks rate policy bylaw, the water rate of \$27.50 per month for the first 3,000 gallons of water and \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 3,000 gallons, as adopted under the Water Bylaw, dated June 25, 2014. The sewer rate is a flat rate of \$27.50 per month, metered water users are also charged a sewer surcharge of 15% of the dollar amount charged for the water for the amount above 3,000 gallons per month.

The Village is working towards adjusting the rates in 2018 to maintain or better our current water/sewer system and support our Capital Investment Stragedy that will include funding for our our Lift Station Upgrade. The proposed rate plan is as follows:

DATE	RATES				ESTIMATED MONTHLY CHARGE
	Water	Sewer	Infrastructure Charge	Lift Station Upgrade	Combined Total
JANUARY 1, 2017	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$65.00*
JANUARY 1, 2018	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$78.00*
JANUARY 1, 2019	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$83.00*
JANUARY 1, 2020	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$83.00*

*All above will include metered water in excess of 3,000 gallons - \$3.50 per 1,000 and a sewer surcharge of 15% of the dollar amount above 3,000 gallons per month.

The Village of Canwood currently has a flat rate infrastructure fee of \$10.00 per month billed to all services. This amount will be dedicated to the repair and replacement of the aging water and sewer infrastructure in the Village.

The Village of Canwood also charges 2% interest per month on accounts that are 60 days overdue.

Metered billing has been put into force for most of the businesses within the Village. This is a first step at working towards metering the Village in an effort to make residents more accountable for their water usage.

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The following businesses have metered billings while every other business or residence in the Village is charged a flat rate of \$27.50 (water) and \$27.50 (sewer) per month plus a \$10.00 per month infrastructure fee per service:

- Restaurant
- Store (Co-op)
- Hotel
- Clinic
- Gas Station & Convenience Store (Pineland)
- Canwood Business Centre (Hairdresser, SGI, Library, Businesses)
- Nursing Home
- Car Wash
- Canwood Public School
- Agricultural Operations

The objective of the Waterworks rate policy is that we are finding most of our Waterworks infrastructure is getting past its life expectancy and are moving towards replacing our Waterworks infrastructure.

WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The objective of the waterworks capital investment strategy is to address anticipated waterworks infrastructure maintenance, the immediate drinking water infrastructure problems and future infrastructure replacements in a timely fashion. This is to ensure the municipal waterworks provides safe drinking water to residents and businesses. The strategy uses the 2006 waterworks system assessment that was required by Saskatchewan Environment for infrastructure planning.

To cover the costs of future waterworks infrastructure maintenance and replacement, Council at some point will need to undertake a future increase in water sewer rates in order to build and or maintain waterworks reserve. The capital investment strategy will ensure that safe drinking water and removal of waste can be provided to the residents, businesses, and surrounding rural community in the present and future.

In 2017 our capital plan includes the full block relining of the sewer line under Highway 55, east from the intersection on Main Street and has been scheduled for September 2017. If the relining is successful, monies will be allocated for a second block to be completed in the spring of 2019. The Village has also shorten our five year plan for maintenance of our fire hydrant system by completing in 2017. We also have been approved under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund to upgrade Wastewater Pump Station (lift station) and work has commenced with the engineered design plans. At this time we are unsure as to the effect a project of this size will have on our expected rates and fees for sewer. Our goal is to commence construct on this project March 2017 but currently awaiting engineering designs, confirmed cost and then secure contractors for the project.

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ANNUAL WATERWORKS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The following is information on the waterworks, as required under The Municipalities Regulations:

2016 Waterworks Financial Overview:

Total waterworks revenues: \$168,897

Total waterworks expenditures: \$123,425

Total debt payments on waterworks infrastructure loans: \$14,892.11

Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures plus debt payments, expressed as a ratio:

$$\frac{\$168,897}{\$123,425} = 1.37$$

RESERVES

Reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure - \$102,166

The following additional information is available at the Municipal Office on the waterworks:

- The August 2017 Waterworks Rate Policy and Capital Investment Strategy.
- Capital plans in place and related sources of funding for the projects.
- 2016 Financial overview of the waterworks.
- Waterworks reserves.
- A copy of the 2006 waterworks assessment.