



NORTHERN ROCKIES REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Regional Council Sewer Rates & Regulation Bylaw No. 18, 2009

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Consolidated version includes and is amended by:

- NRRM Council Sewer Rates & Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 183, 2020

Northern Rockies Regional Municipality Sewer Rates & Regulations Bylaw No. 18, 2009

A Bylaw of the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality to regulate connections to the municipal sewer system and to establish service installation rates and monthly rental rates.

WHEREAS, the Regional Council deems it expedient to implement regulations governing the operation and use of the sewerage system and to establish the rates charged for sewer system usage by the owners of real property connected to and serviced by the Municipality's sanitary sewer system;

NOW THEREFORE, the Regional Council of the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

INTERPRETATION

1. Citation

This Bylaw may be cited as "The Northern Rockies Sewer Rates & Regulations Bylaw No. 18, 2009".

2. Repeals

2.1 The Sewer Rate & Regulation Bylaw No. 207, 1981 is hereby repealed in its entirety .

2.2 The Town Sewer Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 386, 1989 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

2.3 The Town Sewer Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 433, 1993 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

2.4 The Town Sewer Rates (Lagoon Dumping) Amendment Bylaw No. 497, 1995 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Part 3 Amended by Bylaw RM 183/20

3. Definitions

3.1. "Sewerage System" means the system of pipes, treatment facilities, lift stations, etc. used for collection and transmission of sewerage.

3.2. "Service Sewer" means the sewer pipe extending from the property line of any parcel of land to any building or structure situated on such parcel.

3.3. "Sewer Connection" means the sewer pipe extending from the common

sanitary sewer main to the property line of any parcel of land.

- 3.4. "Director of Public Works" means the person as may be appointed by the Regional Council from time to time.
- 3.5. "Domestic Waste" means sanitary waste or grey water generated from a residential or personal recreational use of land that is discharged directly or indirectly into the sewerage system.
- 3.6. "Sani-Dump" means a Municipal facility, connected to the sewerage system, that collects domestic waste from recreational vehicles.
- 3.7. "Septic Tank Waste" means any domestic waste extracted from a sewage holding tank, cesspool, septic tank, seepage pit, interceptor, or other containment for human excretion and wastes, other than domestic waste from recreational vehicles.
- 3.8. "Trucked Domestic Waste" means domestic waste, including septic tank waste, that is discharged into the sewerage system from a vehicle or portable tank. This excludes any waste originating from an industrial camp.
- 3.9. "Waste Discharge Permit" means a permit issued by the Director of Public Works under this Bylaw to allow non-domestic waste to be discharged into the sewerage system.
- 3.10. "Non-Domestic Waste" means any waste, other than domestic waste, that is discharged directly or indirectly into the sewerage system.

REGULATIONS

4. Regulations Governing Connection to the Sewerage System

No property owner or other person shall install any service sewer or shall connect any pipe by any means to the sewerage system except in compliance with the provisions contained in this bylaw. This bylaw shall take effect upon its reconsideration, final passage and adoption.

- 4.1 A property owner shall make application in writing for sewer connection and for permission to install his service sewer and shall pay at the time of application the respective connection fee as shown on "Schedule A" which is attached hereto and forms part of this bylaw.
- 4.2 Only municipal work forces, or a contractor approved by the Director of Public Works shall install the sewer connection to the property line prior to the installation of service sewer.

4.3 Installation of the service sewer is the responsibility of the property owner, however, the service sewer shall be installed in compliance with the following regulations:

- (i) the type and size of pipe being first approved by the Director of Public Works or his designate;
- (ii) all service sewers shall be laid to a grade of not less than 1/2" to the foot in the direction of flow;
- (iii) all service sewers shall be bedded in sand and properly tamped to the satisfaction of the Director of Public works or his designate
- (iv) all service sewers shall be laid below the frost line and/or properly frost protected to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works or his designate
- (v) all service sewers shall be provided with a clean-out of the same diameter as the service pipe, such clean-out to be installed in an accessible position within the building being serviced
- (vi) all service sewers shall be equipped with a back-water flap valve or other protective device to prevent sewage from re-entering the subject building
- (vii) if there is a change in direction of the service pipe, a sweep bend pipe of a minimum radius of 36" shall be installed
- (viii) no service sewer shall be covered or backfilled until after the installation has been inspected and approved the Director of Public Works or his designate

5. Regulations Governing Maintenance & Clean-out of Sewer Connections and Service Sewers

Property owners shall be responsible for maintenance and unplugging of service sewers and shall also be responsible for unplugging of the sewer connection of any obstacle, material or debris originating from within a service sewer or connected building. The municipality shall be responsible for repair of any frozen or broken sewer connection.

6. Regulations Governing Use of Sewers

- 6.1 No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, ground water or roof run-off in the sewerage system. The municipality reserves the right to grant permission for connections of weeping tiles to the sanitary sewer system.
- 6.2 No liquid industrial waste, inflammable liquids or explosive substances, or other material or liquid which may act in a corrosive or clogging nature shall be discharged into any sewer.

- 6.3 No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the sewer system any steam exhaust or heated water except with the written approval of the Director of Public Works or his designate, who may stipulate the use of cooling or neutralizing devices prior to discharge.
- 6.4 No person, other than the Municipality, its employees or its contractors shall install or cause to be installed any part of the sewer connection on any public highway or right-of-way or in any way, to break, interfere or tamper with any sanitary sewer system or storm drain system of the Municipality.
7. Regulations Governing Mandatory Connections to the Sewerage System and Requirements for Independent Sewer Connections
- 7.1 Every person owning property and buildings situated within 150' of the sewerage system shall connect or cause to be connected such buildings to the sewerage system. The Director of Public Works, or designate, may serve a notice on any owner not complying with this Section, requiring them to make connection to the sewerage system within 60 days. If at the expiration of 60 days the owner has not made such connection, it shall be lawful for the municipality by its employees or designated others, to enter upon such property and to effect such connection and if the cost for so doing is unpaid as at December 31st of the current year, it shall be added to the real property taxes as arrears.
- 7.2 Each property and building shall be serviced singularly by an independent sewer connection.

Parts 8-10 and their subsections are re-numbered Parts 9-11 and a new part 8 is added by Bylaw RM183/20

8. Regulations Governing Trucked Domestic Waste

- 8.1 No person shall directly or indirectly discharge or cause to be discharged trucked domestic waste into the sewerage system except:
- (i) recreational vehicle or boat toilet waste at a Sani-Dump operated by the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, or
 - (ii) other trucked domestic waste at the Northern Rockies Wastewater Treatment Plant, subject to:
 - prior approval by the Director of Public Works, and
 - payment of applicable fees as set out in Section 10.4.
- 8.2 Waste from portable toilets is only permitted under 7.1 where it is transported in a truck used only for domestic waste.

- 8.3 The Director of Public Works reserves the right to request or take samples of any trucked domestic waste in advance of discharge and analyze the results to confirm compliance with this Bylaw.

Part 9 Amended by adding 9.4 by Bylaw RM183/20

9. Regulations Regarding Rates and Payments of Rates

- 9.1 There is hereby imposed and levied a sewer user rate against the owner of real property which is connected to the sanitary sewer system.
- 9.2 Each real property shall be classified in accordance with the categories set out in Schedule 'B', which is attached hereto and forms part of this bylaw, and the owner is liable for the applicable rate.
- 9.3 The user rates shall be due and payable quarterly, and a 10% penalty shall be added at the end of the quarter for non-payment. Any rates unpaid on the 31st day of December shall be deemed to be taxes in arrears in respect of the property and be entered on the real property tax roll as taxes in arrears
- 9.4 Users discharging trucked domestic waste into the community sewerage system are subject to the fees and charges set out in "Schedule C".

OFFENCE AND PENALTIES

10. Penalties

Any person who violates any provision of this bylaw will be deemed to have committed an offence and shall be liable upon summary conviction to the following penalties:

- a. a minimum fine of \$500;
- b. a maximum fine of \$10,000;

In the case of a continuing offense, for each day that the offense continues, either or both of:

- a. a minimum fine under paragraph a.
- b. a maximum fine under paragraph b;

In a prosecution of an offense against a municipal bylaw, the justice or court may impose all or part of the penalties applicable in relation to the offense, together with the costs of prosecution.

SEVERABILITY

11. Severability

- a) If any division, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the bylaw.
- b) Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a person from complying with any provision of any federal or provincial law or regulation, other bylaw or any requirement of any lawful permit, order or license.

READ a first time this 23 day of November, 2009.

READ a second time this 23 day of November, 2009.

READ a third time this 23 day of November, 2009.

3rd Reading Rescinded on December 14th, 2009.

Bylaw Amended and Read a third time on December 14th, 2009

ADOPTED this 18th day of December, 2009.

CERTIFIED a true & correct copy of the "The Northern Rockies Sewer Rate Bylaw No. 18, 2009" as adopted by the Regional Council of the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality.

[original signed]

Heather Cosman
Corporate Manager

THE CORPORATE SEAL of the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality was hereto affixed in the presence of:

[original signed]

Heather Cosman
Corporate Manager

[original signed]

Bill Streeper
Mayor

“Schedule A”
Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
Bylaw No. 18, 2009

CONNECTION CHARGES

To defray the cost of a sewer connection, there is hereby imposed upon owners of land upon which may be situated buildings or structures, a sewer connection charge based on the following:

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| a) For a residential sewer connection for a single family or two family residence: | \$300 |
| b) For a multi-family, commercial or business sewer connection: | Actual cost of installation with a minimum charge of \$300 |
| c) For a residential sewer connection to a lot resulting from the subdivision of an existing residential lot: | Actual cost of installation with a minimum charge of \$300 |

“Schedule B”
Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
Bylaw No. 18, 2009

SEWER SYSTEM USER RATES

Property shall be classified into the applicable following categories and the property owner shall pay the respective rates for each quarter:

A.	For each single-family dwelling, trailer or apartment unit:	\$45.00
B.	For each grocery, meat market, bakery or retail food store:	\$76.50
C.	For each business office:	\$45.00
D.	For each hardware, dry goods, shoe, dental, florist, gift, variety, furniture, drug or confectionary store:	\$60.00
E1.	For each motel unit with housekeeping facilities:	\$34.50
E2.	For each motel unit, cabin or self-contained room without housekeeping facilities:	\$21.00
F1.	For each bus depot including waiting room, baggage room	\$93.00
F2.	Provided however that if the bus depot operates out of an establishment already paying water rates, the fee shall be:	\$76.50
G1.	For each service station or garage:	\$135.00
G2.	Provided however that if car-washing facilities are included, the fee shall be:	\$190.50
H.	For each police office and/or barracks:	\$183.00
I1.	For each cafe, restaurant or dining room with a seating capacity of up to 20:	\$97.50
I2.	For each cafe, restaurant or dining room with a seating capacity of up to 40:	\$172.50
I3.	For each cafe, restaurant or dining room with a seating capacity of over 40:	\$205.50
J.	For each hotel room or suite:	\$28.50
K.	For each school classroom:	\$45.00
L.	For each laundry and drycleaner, except a laundromat:	\$105.00
M.	For each barber shop:	\$60.00
N1.	For each coin-operated machine in a laundromat:	\$31.50
N2.	Or a minimum charge of	\$286.50
O.	For each hospital, per bed:	\$45.00
P.	For each hairdresser or beauty parlour:	\$97.50
Q.	For each pool hall or bowling alley:	\$97.50
R.	For each taxi operating out of a residence:	\$76.50
S.	For each sleeping trailer or bunkhouse:	\$121.50
T1.	For each wash house used for and by overnight trailers, campers and tents:	\$121.50
T2.	If not separately connected, the fee will be effected between April 1st and September 30 th annually	
U.	For each public beverage room:	\$190.50

“Schedule C”

WASTE DISCHARGE FEES AND CHARGES

Schedule C Added by Bylaw RM183/20

Trucked Domestic Waste

All users discharging trucked domestic waste into the sewerage system shall be responsible for paying the following fees:

Trucked Domestic Waste Discharge Fee	\$150 / load*
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**Disposal is to occur during business hours: Monday – Friday 7:30am – 4:30pm. Where the Director of Public Works permits disposal outside of these hours, all fees and charges will be doubled.*