

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON

By-law No. 6-2021

Being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Thompson to amend By-Law No. 10/17 which establishes water and wastewater rates for Miami Water and Wastewater Utility and to amend By-Law No. 9/17 which establishes water rates for the Thompson Rural Water Utility;

WHEREAS the Public Utilities Board "PUB" approved Board Order #172/18 authorizing Pembina Valley Water Coop "PVWC" wholesale/bulk water rates for the years 2019 to 2023;

AND WHEREAS the PUB approved Board Order #3/14 to establish a process to "pass through" increases from PVWC to consumers without further application to the PUB;

AND WHEREAS the PUB approved Board Order #147/19 approving 2016, 2017 and 2018 deficits for Miami Utility and setting a deficit rate rider of \$0.50 per cubic meter of water sold for 3 years for customers of the Miami Utility, effective April 1, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality through an oversight has not previously implemented the aforesaid Miami Utility deficit rate rider;

AND WHEREAS the wholesale/bulk water rate charged by PVWC is increasing from \$9.16 per 1,000 gallons of water in 2020 to \$9.52 per 1,000 gallons of water in 2022;

AND WHEREAS the unaccounted water volume in 2020 for Miami and Thompson Rural Utilities was 21%;

AND WHEREAS the customer water rate increase calculated in accordance with PUB Order #3/14 is therefore:

Increase in PVWC bulk water rate from 2020 to 2022	\$0.36
Add 21% for unaccounted for water	<u>\$0.08</u>
Amount to increase customer water rate in gallons	<u>\$0.44</u> per 1,000 gallons
Amount to increase customer water rate in C.M.	<u>\$0.10</u> per cubic meter

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Municipality of Thompson, in council duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT the following clauses 1 & 2 be added to Schedule "A" of By-law No. 10/17, **Miami Water and Wastewater Rates** to increase the water commodity price from \$3.56 per C.M. to \$3.66 per C.M, and to reflect the deficit rate rider to recover the 2016, 2017 and 2018 deficits over 3 years, effective January 1, 2022.

1. Schedule of Commodity Rates & **January 1, 2022**

Quarterly Service Charge

Rates per Cubic Meter	<u>Cubic Meter per quarter</u>		
	Water	Sewer	Water & Sewer
	\$3.66	\$.71	\$4.37

Deficit Rate Rider on Water

January 1, 2022 for 3 years \$0.50

Water Rate January 1, 2022 to
December 31, 2025 \$4.16

Quarterly Service Charge \$7.35

2. Minimum Charges per Quarter

Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges per quarter set out below, which includes the water allowance as listed.

a) Water & Wastewater Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity	Water Included Ratio	Customer Service Cubic Meters	Water Commodity	Sewer Commodity Charge	Water & Sewer Total Quarterly Charge	Minimum
5/8 & 3/4 inch		1	14	\$7.35	\$58.24	\$9.94	\$75.53
1 inch	2	28	\$7.35	\$116.48	\$19.88	\$143.71	
1 1/2 inch	5	70	\$7.35	\$291.20	\$49.70	\$348.25	
2 inch	12.5	175	\$7.35	\$728.00	\$124.25	\$859.60	

b) Water Only Customers

The minimum charge will be the same for each meter size as shown above but the Sewer Commodity Charge will be excluded.

c) Bulk Water Sales

All water sold in bulk by the Miami Utility will be charged at the rate of \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons. For any quantity of 500 gallons or less, the minimum charge will be \$8.00.

2. THAT the following clauses 1 & 2 be added to Schedule "A" of By-law No. 9/17, **Thompson Rural** Water Rates to increase the water commodity price from \$20.37 per 1,000 gallons to \$20.81 per 1,000 gallons, effective January 1, 2022.

1. Schedule of Commodity Rates & January 1, 2021

Quarterly Service Charge

Rates per 1,000 Gallons	<u>1,000 Gallons per quarter</u>
	Water
	\$20.81
Quarterly Service Charge	\$11.54

2. Minimum Charges per Quarter


Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges per quarter set out below, which includes the water allowance as listed.


a) **Water Customers**

Group Capacity	Water Included Ratio	Customer Service Gallons	Water Commodity Charge	Water Only Total Quarterly Charge	Minimum
5/8 inch	1 3,000	\$11.54	\$62.43	\$73.97	
1 inch	4 12,000	\$11.54	\$249.72	\$261.26	

3. That bylaw No. 2/19 be repealed effective January 1, 2022.

PASSED AND ENACTED by the Rural Municipality of Thompson, in Council duly assembled at the Miami, in the Province of Manitoba this 22nd day of December 2021.


 Reeve, Brian Callum


 Chief Administrative Officer, Dallas Braun



Read a first time this 9th day of December 2021
 Read a second time this 22nd day of December 2021
 Read a third time this 22nd day of December 2021

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON
THOMPSON RURAL UTILITY
WATER UTILITY RATES BY-LAW NO. 6-2022
SCHEDULE "A"
SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES**

1. <u>Schedule of Commodity Rates & Quarterly Service Charge</u>	<u>January 1, 2023</u>
Rates per 1,000 Gallons	<u>1,000 Gallons per quarter</u>
	Water
	\$21.32
 Quarterly Service Charge	 \$11.84

- 2. Minimum Charges per Quarter**
Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges per quarter set out below, which includes the water allowance as listed.

a) Water Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Water Commodity Charge</u>	<u>Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8 inch	1	3,000	\$11.84	\$63.96	\$75.80
¾ or 1 inch	2	12,000	\$11.84	\$255.84	\$267.68

1. <u>Schedule of Commodity Rates & Quarterly Service Charge</u>	<u>January 1, 2024</u>
Rates per 1,000 Gallons	<u>1,000 Gallons per quarter</u>
	Water
	\$21.83
 Quarterly Service Charge	 \$12.14

- 2. Minimum Charges per Quarter**
Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges per quarter set out below, which includes the water allowance as listed.

a) Water Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Water Commodity Charge</u>	<u>Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8 inch	1	3,000	\$12.14	\$65.49	\$77.63
1 inch	4	12,000	\$12.14	\$261.96	\$274.10

1. Schedule of Commodity Rates & Quarterly Service Charge
 Rates per 1,000 Gallons

January 1, 2025

1,000 Gallons per quarter

Water

\$22.34

Quarterly Service Charge

\$12.44

2. Minimum Charges per Quarter

Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges per quarter set out below, which includes the water allowance as listed.

a) **Water Customers**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Water Commodity Charge</u>	<u>Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8 inch	1	3,000	\$12.44	\$67.02	\$79.46
1 inch	4	12,000	\$12.44	\$268.08	\$280.52

3. Schedule of Commodity Rates & Quarterly Service Charge
 Rates per 1,000 Gallons

January 1, 2026

1,000 Gallons per quarter

Water

\$22.83

Quarterly Service Charge

\$12.75

4. Minimum Charges per Quarter

Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges per quarter set out below, which includes the water allowance as listed.

b) **Water Customers**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Water Commodity Charge</u>	<u>Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8 inch	1	3,000	\$12.75	\$68.49	\$81.24
1 inch	4	12,000	\$12.75	\$273.96	\$286.71

The following clauses take effect January 1, 2023:

1. Service To Customers Outside Utility's Limits

The Council of Rural Municipality of Thompson may sign Agreements with customers for the provision of water services to properties located outside the boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Thompson. Such Agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in the Schedule, as well as a surcharge, set by Resolution of Council, which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes, and special taxes for the Utility purposes in effect at the time or may be in effect from time to time, and which would be levied on the property concerned if it were within the Rural Municipality of Thompson's boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the Utility's mains, and installing and maintaining service connections, will be paid by the customer.

2. Billings And Penalties

Accounts shall be billed quarterly and the due date shall be at least 14 days after the mailing of the bills.

A late payment charge of 1.25% per month shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date.

3. Disconnection

The Public Utilities Board has approved the Conditions Precedent to be followed by the Municipality with respect to disconnection of service for non-payment including such matters as notice and the right to appeal such action to The Public Utilities Board. A copy of the conditions precedent is available for inspection at the Municipality's office.

4. Reconnection

Any service disconnected, whether due to non-payment of account or for any other reason(s) mutually agreed to by the customer and the Municipality (ie. repairs necessitated by negligence of the customer, changes in tenant, vacancy for an extended period of time, etc.) shall not be reconnected until a reconnection fee of \$35.00 and all arrears and penalties, if any, have been paid.

5. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of The *Municipal Act*, the amount of all outstanding charges for water services are a lien and charge upon the land serviced and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.

6. Water Allowance Due To Line Freezing

That in any case where, at the request of the Council, a customer allows water to run continuously for any period of time to prevent the water lines in the water system from freezing, the charge to the customer for the current quarter shall be the average of the billings for the last two previous quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.

7. Meter Testing

That in any case where a utility customer requests that a meter be tested for accuracy, the customer will provide the Municipality with a deposit of \$200. The Municipality will then

remove the subject meter and send it to an independent lab for testing. If the meter is found to be faulty, all costs associated with the testing process will be borne by the Municipality and the deposit will be refunded to the customer. If the meter is found to be in proper working order, all costs associated with the testing process will be borne by the customer and the customer will be billed or refunded any balance owing.

8. Cross Connections

No customer or person shall connect, cause to be connected or allow to remain connected any piping, fixture, fitting, container or appliance in a manner which under any circumstances may allow water, wastewater or any harmful liquid or substance to enter the Municipality's water system.

If a condition is found to exist which, in the opinion of the Municipality, is contrary to the aforesaid, the Municipality may either:

Shut off the service or services; or

Give notice to the customer to correct the fault at his or her own expense within a specified time period.

9. Conditions of Disrepair

In the event that there are conditions of disrepair in the water works on a property that detrimentally affects the system as a whole and, upon the failure of the owner of the property to correct the condition within a reasonable time, the Municipality, or its agents, may enter the property, effect repairs and charge the cost thereof against the subject property as ordinary taxes.

10. Authorization For Officer To Enter Upon Premises

The Public Works Manager, or other employee authorized by the Municipality in the absence of the Public Works Manager, shall be authorized to enter upon any premise for the purpose of:

Affixing to any pipe, wire or apparatus connected with any such utility, a meter or any other measuring or testing device; or taking readings from, repairing, inspecting or removing any meter or apparatus belonging to the Municipality.