



Bylaw: 16-2024

WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES BYLAW

BEING A BYLAW OF THORHILD COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNCIL TO SET RATES CHARGED TO THE PUBLIC FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES SUPPLIED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter M-26, and amendments thereof authorize the Council to repeal and amend any bylaw. All resolutions, bylaws and orders pertaining to water and wastewater (sewer) rates, or collection thereof, prior to this bylaw being hereby repealed and rescinded.

WHEREAS the Council of the Thorhild County (referred to as the "County") deems it advisable to establish a set of rates, rules and regulations, and enforcement thereof as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the water and wastewater services and systems supplied by the municipality.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Thorhild County, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts and adopts the Schedule of Rates, Schedules "A" and "B" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw which will affect invoices and bills issued after the date of passage of this Bylaw; and

1. Utility account shall mean an account specific to an individual customer (residential, commercial, industrial and other non-residential customer), or as named on a specified service agreement, containing a register of amounts owed for provision of water and wastewater utility service.
2. All rates charged by the County in connection with any utility shall be due and payable on the day on which any bill or invoice for such rates are forwarded or mailed to the person in whose name the utility account appears on the County record.
3. All utility accounts which remain unpaid after the indicated due date on the invoice or bill described in Section 1 of this bylaw shall be assessed interest charges at the rate of two percent (2.0%) per month until such accounts are paid in full. Any utility account that remains unpaid after the indicated due date shall be deemed to be an account in default.
4. Where any utility account is in default, the County shall be entitled to pursue any and all available legal and equitable remedies for payment without liability or responsibility, except for obligations arising prior to the date of termination, by

written notice to the defaulting party, which may include any or all of the following methods:

- a. by action in any court or competent jurisdiction,
 - b. immediate suspension or discontinuance of service by shutting off the utility being supplied to the consumer,
 - c. by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the person owing the rates wherever they may be found within the County.
5. Any utility account in default may be assessed for any and all administrative and collection costs relating to the recovery by the County of amounts owed.
 6. The Chief Administrative Officer of the County shall exercise the powers of the County specified in Section 3 of this bylaw.
 7. In addition to the exercise of the powers specified in Section 3 of this bylaw and subject to Section 553 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, the Chief Administrative Officer may at any time enter, on the assessment of the tax roll of a property the amount or amounts of all utilities in default in respect of any utilities supplied to the subject property.
 8. This bylaw may be cited as the "Water and Wastewater Rates Bylaw".

Bylaw 01-2023, being the previous Water and Wastewater Bylaw of Thorhild County, is repealed effective February 1, 2025, the date this bylaw comes into force.

READ A FIRST TIME IN COUNCIL THIS 17th DAY OF December 2024




Reeve




Chief Administrative Officer

READ A SECOND TIME IN COUNCIL THIS 14th DAY OF January, 2025



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer

READ A THIRD TIME IN COUNCIL THIS 14th DAY OF January, 2025



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Chief Administrative Officer

If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed, and the remainder of the bylaw is deemed valid.

SCHEDULE A

DEFINITION OF WATER & WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES:

Service Charge:

A flat fee charge that is intended to recover costs for such things as: billing and other related charges, customer service, securing supply, energy related charges, communication, facilities, and administration of customer accounts.

Capital Rate Rider:

A flat fee charge that is intended to reflect each customers share of costs of capital program related assets; such as equipment and replacement of defective pipe or installation of new pipe.

Cost of Supply:

A variable charge that reflects the cost of acquiring and providing supply, where applicable, to the County for further distribution to utility (water) account holders.

Hwy 28/63 RWSC is the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Service Commission.

Industrial User:

Not for human consumption purposes. ie: oilfield, construction

SCHEDULE OF WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES:

Thorhild Water	Billing Item	Charge	Application
Service Charge	Residential and non-residential	\$24.00	per billing month per utility account
Cost of Supply – Consumption Charge	Residential and non-residential	\$3.034 plus the flow through cost from Hwy 28/63 RWSC	per cubic meter consumed during each billing period
Capital Rate Rider	Residential and non-residential	\$4.00	Per billing month per utility account

Thorhild Wastewater	Billing Item	Charge	Application
Service Charge	Residential	\$14.00	per billing month per utility account
	Other non-residential	\$25.00	
Consumption Charge	Residential and other non-residential	\$3.00	per 50% cubic meter of water consumed during each billing period

Thorhild Truckfill	Billing Item	Charge	Application
Resident	Cost of Supply	\$7.75	per cubic meter consumed
Industrial User	Cost of Supply	\$7.75	per cubic meter consumed

Radway Water	Billing Item	Charge	Application
Service Charge	Residential and non-residential	\$24.00	per billing month per utility account
Cost of Supply – Consumption Charge	Residential and non-residential	\$3.034 plus the flow through cost from Hwy 28/63 RWSC	per cubic meter consumed during each billing period
Capital Rate Rider	Residential and non-residential	\$4.00	per billing month per utility account

Radway Wastewater	Billing Item	Charge	Application
Service Charge	Residential	\$14.00	per billing month per utility account
	Other non-residential	\$25.00	
Consumption Charge	Residential Other non-residential	\$3.00	per 50% cubic meter of water consumed during each billing period

Radway Truckfill	Billing Item	Charge	Application
Resident	Cost of Supply	\$7.75	Per cubic meter consumed
Industrial User	Cost of Supply	\$7.75	per cubic meter consumed

Egremont Water	Billing Item	Charge	Application
Service Charge	Residential and non-residential	\$24.00	per billing month per utility account
Cost of Supply – Consumption Charge	Residential and non-residential	\$3.034 plus the flow through cost from Hwy 28/63 RWSC	per cubic meter consumed during each billing period
Capital Rate Rider	Residential and non-residential	\$4.00	per billing month per utility account

Egremont Wastewater	Billing Item	Charge	Application
Service Charge	Residential	\$14.00	per billing month per utility account
	Other non-residential	\$25.00	
Consumption Charge	Residential Other non-residential	\$3.00	per 50% cubic meter of water consumed during each billing period

Egremont Truckfill	Billing Item	Charge	Application
Resident	Cost of Supply	\$7.75	Per cubic meter consumed
Industrial User	Cost of Supply	\$7.75	per cubic meter consumed

Newbrook Water	Billing Item	Charge	Application
Service Charge	Residential and non- residential	\$24.00	per billing month per utility account
Cost of Supply – Consumption Charge	Residential and non-residential	\$3.034 plus the flow through cost from Hwy 28/63 RWSC	per cubic meter consumed during each billing period
Capital Rate Rider	Residential and non-residential	\$4.00	per billing month per utility account

Newbrook Wastewater	Billing Item	Charge	Application
Service Charge	Residential	\$14.00	per billing month per utility account
	Other non-residential	\$25.00	
Consumption Charge	Residential Other non-residential	\$3.00	per 50% cubic meter of water consumed during each billing period

Newbrook Truckfill	Billing Item	Charge	Application
Resident	Cost of Supply	\$7.75	Per cubic meter consumed
Industrial User	Cost of Supply	\$7.75	per cubic meter consumed

Abee Truckfill	Billing Item	Charge	Application
Resident	Cost of Supply	\$7.75	Per cubic meter consumed
Industrial User	Cost of Supply	\$7.75	Per cubic meter consumed

Opal Wastewater	Billing Item	Charge	Application
Flat Rate	Residential and Commercial	\$18.00	per billing month per utility account

Opal Truckfill	Billing Item	Charge	Application
	Cost of Supply	\$3.00	per cubic meter consumed during each billing period

Alpen Truckfill	Billing Item	Charge	Application
	Cost of Supply	\$3.00	per cubic meter consumed during each billing period

SCHEDULE B

DEFINITION OF OTHER WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES

Meter Testing:

A flat fee charge that is intended to reflect the cost of removing, testing and re-installation of a meter that the consumer believes is faulty. Should the meter be found to be faulty the consumer will be credited back the Meter Testing charge.

Arrears Administration:

A combination of a flat fee charge and variable charge that is intended to reflect the cost of managing and processing the administration and collection of utility accounts that are deemed to be in payment arrears or default.

Re-connection Charge:

A flat fee charge that is intended to reflect the cost of re-installing utility service to a consumer that was previously disconnected due to a default in utility account.

Deposit:

A onetime flat fee, refundable payment, applicable to new utility account holders with intermit or absent credit history; payable prior to commencement of service. Fee is refundable, less any outstanding amounts owed upon termination of service.

SCHEDULE OF OTHER WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES:

Billing Item	Charge	Application
Meter Testing	\$100.00	per request or event
Arrears Administration	\$20.00	per notification or event plus any additional costs that may be incurred
Re-connection Charge	\$75.00	per request or event
Deposit	\$300.00	per utility account, where deemed necessary – applied prior to activation of new service
Annual Fee	\$500.00	Per commercial user of the lagoons