

CITY OF WINKLER

By-law No. 2358-25

Being a by-law of the City of Winkler to amend its By-law No. 2331-24, which provides for establishing water & sewer rates;

WHEREAS the Public Utilities Board has approved a water rate increase for Pembina Valley Water Cooperative (PVWC) for water sales to its municipal members, effective January 1, 2026;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winkler is a member of the PVWC and public notice was given for the Public Hearing with regards to the said water rate increase;

AND WHEREAS The Public Utilities Board has approved a process to “pass through” the increase to consumers without further application of rate review;

AND WHEREAS the approved rate increase for PVWC is in the amount of \$0.31 per 1000 gallons of water, this being from the present rate of \$11.37 per 1000 gallons to \$11.68 per 1000 gallons;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winkler purchases 30% of water requirements from the PVWC and therefore the “pass through” process reflects an increase in water rates in the amount of \$0.10 per 1000 gallons;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Winkler, in council duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Schedule “A” to By-law No. 2331-24 be cancelled and that Schedule “A” attached hereto be substituted therefore;
2. That the rates as set forth in Schedule “A” hereto shall be effective for the March 15, 2026 quarterly billing.

DONE AND PASSED by Council of the City of Winkler, duly assembled at Winkler, in Manitoba this 23rd day of December A.D. 2025.



Mayor



City Manager

Read a First time this 9th day of December, 2025.

Read a Second time this 23rd day of December, 2025.

Read a Third time this 23rd day of December, 2025.

SCHEDULE "A"

to

BY-LAW NO. 2358-25

of

The CITY OF WINKLER

1. Commodity Rates per 1000 Gallons:

<u>Quantity per quarter</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water & Sewer</u>
All water consumption	\$9.16	\$9.25	\$18.41

2. Minimum Charges, Quarterly

Notwithstanding Section 1 hereof, the minimum rates according to Column V of this Section shall be charged per quarter for which the occupant shall be entitled to receive up to the quantity of water according to Column I of this section per quarter and included therein shall be a quarterly service charge as shown in Column II of this section.

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	I	II	III		IV	V
		Water Included Gallons	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charges		Quarterly Minimum	
				Water	Sewer		
5/8"	1	3,000	27.50	27.48	27.75	82.73	
1"	4	12,000	27.50	109.92	111.00	248.42	
1 1/4"	7	21,000	27.50	192.36	194.25	414.11	
1 1/2"	10	30,000	27.50	274.80	277.50	579.80	
2"	25	75,000	27.50	687.00	693.75	1408.25	
3"	45	135,000	27.50	1236.60	1248.75	2512.85	
4"	90	270,000	27.50	2473.20	2497.50	4998.20	
6"	170	510,000	27.50	4671.60	4717.50	9416.60	

- The City assumes the responsibility of supply, service and repair of all water meters.

3. Water Only Customers

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

4. Sewer Only for Residential Customers

Since these customers are all without meters, and the average quarterly consumption of water by residential customers was 8,000 imperial gallons, the Flat Rate Charge per Quarter for these customers will be **\$101.50**/quarter including the customer service charge.

5. Bulk Sales Rate

All water sold in bulk by the City of Winkler shall be charged for at the rate of **\$12.91** per 1,000 imperial gallons on a pro-rated basis for all quantities greater than 500 imp. gallons. For any quantity of 500 imp. gallons or less the minimum charge will be **\$12.91**.

6. Service to Customers Outside the City of Winkler Limits

The Council of the City of Winkler may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and sewer services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the City of Winkler. 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 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 these boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the utility's mains and installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

7. Billings and Penalties

A late payment charge of 1.25% shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date. The due date will be at least fourteen days after the mailing of the bills.

8. Disconnection

The Public Utilities Board has approved the Conditions Precedent to be followed by the municipality with respect to the 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.

9. Reconnection

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of **\$30.00** have been paid. The outstanding amount may be added to taxes of the property, by the City Manager, to be collected in a like manner.

10. Request for Disconnection and Reconnection Fee

Any customer requesting a service disconnection shall pay a fee of **\$30.00** and if the customer requests a reconnection that occurs at another date or time, a reconnection fee of **\$30.00** will apply.

11. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of The Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer service 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.

12. Hydrant Rentals

The City of Winkler will pay to the utility an annual rental of **\$75.00** for each hydrant connected to the system.

13. 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 that 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.

14. Meter Testing

Any customer wishing to have a meter tested for accuracy will pay in advance a fee of **\$125.00**, plus any applicable meter testing costs. In the event that the meter tests proves that the meter is recording water flows in excess of actual flows, the meter testing fee and associated costs will be refunded to the customer, and the customer's account will be reviewed and adjusted accordingly.

15. Sewage Surcharges

- (a) There may be levied annually, in addition to rates set forth above, a special surcharge on sewage having a Biochemical Oxygen Demand in excess of 300 parts per million, to be set by resolution of Council. Refer to our current Sewer By-law for more detail.
- (b) A special surcharge for substances requiring special treatment shall be charged based on the actual costs of treatment required for the particular sewage or industrial wastes.