

**MUNICIPALITY OF ROBLIN
BY-LAW NO. 8-21
WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES BY-LAW**

***BEING A BY-LAW OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROBLIN TO
ESTABLISH WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES WITHIN THE
MUNICIPALITY.***

WHEREAS the Municipality of Roblin owns and operates a water and wastewater facility within the limits of the municipality,

AND WHEREAS Section 232 (1) and (2) and 252 (1) of The Municipal Act, S.M. 1996, c. 58, provides in part as follows:

232(1) A council may pass by-laws for municipal purposes respecting the following matters:

(l) public utilities;

232(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a council may in a by-law passed under this Division....

(d) establish fees or other charges for services, activities or things provided or done by the municipality or for the use of property under the ownership, direction, management or control of the municipality;

252(1) A municipality exercising powers in the nature of those referred to in clauses 250(2)(b), (c) and (e) may set terms and conditions in respect of users, including

(a) setting the rates or amounts of deposits, fees and other charges, and charging and collecting them;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to provide rates for January 1, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and thereafter to be paid by persons to whom water wastewater services are supplied by the Utility and to provide for the collection thereof;

NOW THEREFORE be it and it is hereby passed and enacted as a by-law of the Municipality of Roblin in council duly assembled as follows:

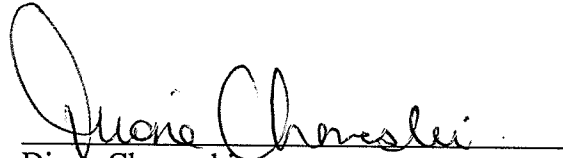
- 1) **THAT** all accounts for minimum quarterly charges for metered services for the Utility as set forth in the Schedule of Quarterly Rates shall be billed quarterly. Consumers shall pay for water and wastewater service supplied to them by the Utility at the rates and terms set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.
- 2) **THAT** the Municipality of Roblin reserves the right to discontinue the supply of water for fountains, jets, hoses and sprinklers, or to limit the hours for use of the same, whenever, at the discretion of Council it is in the best interests of the public to do so.
- 3) **THAT** no person, other than the Fire Chief or someone acting on his/her behalf, or a representative of the Municipality of Roblin duly authorized in writing by the Chief Administrative Officer, shall open or use any fire hydrant, either for construction purposes, street cleaning, or any other purpose.
- 4) **THAT** the meter shut off valve inside premises serviced with water by Roblin Water and Wastewater Utility, shall be readily accessible and not used by the owner except for the protection of the premises. No person shall tamper with the meter or cause the water supply to bypass the meter. All pipes and valves inside the premises shall be kept in good repair by the owner or occupant. Any damage through neglect or otherwise, by a contractor for the owner or occupant, to the water service pipes from the street to the premises including the meter shall be the responsibility of the owner or occupant.
- 5) **THAT** no person shall wilfully or maliciously hinder or cause to hinder the Municipality of Roblin or its representative in the exercise of their duties in relation to the operation and maintenance of the water system.

- 6) **THAT** any person violating any provision of this by-law shall:
- a) be guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand hundred dollars (\$1,000) and costs for each violation;
 - b) be liable to the Municipality of Roblin for any expense, loss or damage suffered by the Municipality as a result of the violation;
 - c) be liable for the repairs and costs of the repairs to the system as a result of the violation. If that person is in default of effecting the repairs, the Municipality may effect the repairs and charge the cost thereof to that persons, or add the cost to property taxes and collect those property taxes in the same manner as other property taxes.
- 7) **THIS** by-law and rates for January 1, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 and thereafter, shall come into force and be effective on, from and after both approval of the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba and receipt of third and final reading thereof.
- 8) **THAT** By-laws #535-08 and #568-10 of the Municipality of Roblin be repealed as of January 1, 2022 and upon final approval of this By-law by the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba.

DONE AND PASSED by the Council of the Municipality of Roblin,
duly assembled at Roblin, Manitoba, this 25th day of November, 2021.



Robert Misko
Head of Council



Dione Cherneski
Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time this 24th day of August, 2021.

Read a second time this 26th day of October, 2021.

Read a third time this 25th day of November, 2021.

MUNICIPALITY OF ROBLIN
SCHEDULE "A" – BY-LAW NO. 8-21
SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES

January 1, 2022

1. Rates per cubic meters

	Water	Wastewater	Total Water & Wastewater
First 115 cubic meters (Domestic)	\$2.23	\$1.08	\$3.31
Next 1,000 cubic meters (Intermediate)	\$2.00	\$1.08	\$3.08
Over 1,115 cubic meters (Wholesale)	\$1.82	\$1.08	\$2.90
Rate Rider per cubic meters of water sold (see Clause 3)			\$0.58

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

	Group	Water	Customer	Water	Wastewater	Water & Wastewater		Water & Wastewater
Meter	Capacity	Included	Service	Commodity	Commodity	Total Quarterly	Rate	Total Quarterly
Size	Ratio	Cubic Meters	Charge	Charge	Charge	Minimum	Rider	Minimum with Rate Rider
5/8 inch	1	15	\$22.10	\$33.45	\$16.20	\$71.75	\$8.70	\$80.45
3/4 inch	2	30	\$22.10	\$66.90	\$ 32.40	\$121.40	\$17.40	\$138.80
1 inch	4	60	\$22.10	\$133.80	\$ 64.80	\$220.70	\$34.80	\$255.50
1 1/2 inch	10	150	\$22.10	\$326.45	\$ 162.00	\$510.55	\$87.00	\$597.55
2 inch	25	375	\$22.10	\$776.45	\$ 405.00	\$1,203.55	\$217.50	\$1,421.05
3 inch	45	675	\$22.10	\$1,376.45	\$ 729.00	\$2,127.55	\$391.50	\$2,519.05

b) Water Only Customers

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

c) Wastewater Only Customers

The quarterly wastewater only charge is based on average quarterly consumption of 40 cubic meters plus the quarterly customer service charge (40 * \$1.08) + \$22.10 = \$65.30

d) Bulk Water

All water sold in bulk by the Roblin Utility shall be charged at the rate of: \$4.10 per cubic meter. Charges for water sold in bulk are payable at the time of delivery.

e) Septic Truck Lagoon Tipping Fee

The lagoon tipping fee for septic trucks is \$0.02 per gallon. Charges shall be based on septic truck size. Septic haulers must register with the Municipality of Roblin prior to being allowed access to the lagoon and shall maintain a log of lagoon use, including the recording of septic services provided to residents located outside the boundaries of the Municipality of Roblin.

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES

January 1, 2023

1. Rates per cubic meters

	Water	Wastewater	Total Water & Wastewater
First 115 cubic meters (Domestic)	\$2.29	\$1.12	\$3.41
Next 1,000 cubic meters (Intermediate)	\$2.12	\$1.12	\$3.24
Over 1,115 cubic meters (Wholesale)	\$1.98	\$1.12	\$3.10

Rate Rider per cubic meters of water sold (see Clause 3) \$0.58

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 Ratio	Water Included Cubic Meters	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum	Water & Wastewater Rate Rider	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum with Rate Rider
5/8 inch	1	15	\$23.63	\$34.35	\$16.80	\$74.78	\$8.70	\$83.48
3/4 inch	2	30	\$23.63	\$68.70	\$33.60	\$125.93	\$17.40	\$143.33
1 inch	4	60	\$23.63	\$137.40	\$67.20	\$228.23	\$34.80	\$263.03
1 1/2 inch	10	150	\$23.63	\$337.55	\$168.00	\$529.18	\$87.00	\$616.18
2 inch	25	375	\$23.63	\$814.55	\$420.00	\$1,258.18	\$217.50	\$1,475.68
3 inch	45	675	\$23.63	\$1,450.55	\$756.00	\$2,230.18	\$391.50	\$2,621.68

b) **Water Only Customers**

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

c) **Wastewater Only Customers**

The quarterly wastewater only charge is based on average quarterly consumption of 40 cubic meters plus the quarterly customer service charge (40 * \$1.12) + \$23.63 = \$68.43

d) **Bulk Water**

All water sold in bulk by the Roblin Utility shall be charged at the rate of: \$4.10 per cubic meter. Charges for water sold in bulk are payable at the time of delivery.

e) **Septic Truck Lagoon Tipping Fee**

The lagoon tipping fee for septic trucks is \$0.02 per gallon. Charges shall be based on septic truck size. Septic haulers must register with the Municipality of Roblin prior to being allowed access to the lagoon and shall maintain a log of lagoon use, including the recording of septic services provided to residents located outside the boundaries of the Municipality of Roblin.

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES

January 1, 2024

1. Rates per cubic meters

	Water	Wastewater	Total Water & Wastewater
First 115 cubic meters (Domestic)	\$2.35	\$1.16	\$3.51
Next 1,000 cubic meters (Intermediate)	\$2.24	\$1.16	\$3.40
Over 1,115 cubic meters (Wholesale)	\$2.14	\$1.16	\$3.30

Rate Rider per cubic meters of water sold (see Clause 3) \$0.58

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 Ratio	Water Included Cubic Meters	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum	Water & Wastewater Rate Rider	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum with Rate Rider
5/8 inch	1	15	\$25.16	\$35.25	\$17.40	\$77.81	\$8.70	\$86.51
3/4 inch	2	30	\$25.16	\$70.50	\$34.80	\$130.46	\$17.40	\$147.86
1 inch	4	60	\$25.16	\$141.00	\$69.60	\$235.76	\$34.80	\$270.56
1 1/2 inch	10	150	\$25.16	\$348.65	\$174.00	\$547.81	\$87.00	\$634.81
2 inch	25	375	\$25.16	\$852.65	\$435.00	\$1,312.81	\$217.50	\$1,530.31
3 inch	45	675	\$25.16	\$1,524.65	\$783.00	\$2,332.81	\$391.50	\$2,724.31

b) Water Only Customers

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

c) Wastewater Only Customers

The quarterly wastewater only charge is based on average quarterly consumption of 40 cubic meters plus the quarterly customer service charge (40 * \$1.16) + \$25.16 = \$71.56

d) Bulk Water

All water sold in bulk by the Roblin Utility shall be charged at the rate of: \$4.10 per cubic meter. Charges for water sold in bulk are payable at the time of delivery.

e) Septic Truck Lagoon Tipping Fee

The lagoon tipping fee for septic trucks is \$0.02 per gallon. Charges shall be based on septic truck size. Septic haulers must register with the Municipality of Roblin prior to being allowed access to the lagoon and shall maintain a log of lagoon use, including the recording of septic services provided to residents located outside the boundaries of the Municipality of Roblin.

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES

January 1, 2025

1. Rates per cubic meters

	Water	Wastewater	Total Water & Wastewater
First 115 cubic meters (Domestic)	\$2.41	\$1.20	\$3.61
Next 1,000 cubic meters (Intermediate)	\$2.36	\$1.20	\$3.56
Over 1,115 cubic meters (Wholesale)	\$2.30	\$1.20	\$3.50
Rate Rider per cubic meters of water sold (see Clause 3)			\$0.58

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 Ratio	Water Included Cubic Meters	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum	Water & Wastewater Rate Rider	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum with Rate Rider
5/8 inch	1	15	\$26.69	\$36.15	\$18.00	\$80.84	\$8.70	\$89.54
3/4 inch	2	30	\$26.69	\$72.30	\$36.00	\$134.99	\$17.40	\$152.39
1 inch	4	60	\$26.69	\$144.60	\$72.00	\$243.29	\$34.80	\$278.09
1 1/2 inch	10	150	\$26.69	\$359.75	\$180.00	\$566.44	\$87.00	\$653.44
2 inch	25	375	\$26.69	\$890.75	\$450.00	\$1,367.44	\$217.50	\$1,584.94
3 inch	45	675	\$26.69	\$1,598.75	\$810.00	\$2,435.44	\$391.50	\$2,826.94

b) **Water Only Customers**

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

c) **Wastewater Only Customers**

The quarterly wastewater only charge is based on average quarterly consumption of 40 cubic meters plus the quarterly customer service charge (40 * \$1.20) + \$26.69 = \$74.69

d) **Bulk Water**

All water sold in bulk by the Roblin Utility shall be charged at the rate of: \$4.10 per cubic meter. Charges for water sold in bulk are payable at the time of delivery.

e) **Septic Truck Lagoon Tipping Fee**

The lagoon tipping fee for septic trucks is \$0.02 per gallon. Charges shall be based on septic truck size. Septic haulers must register with the Municipality of Roblin prior to being allowed access to the lagoon and shall maintain a log of lagoon use, including the recording of septic services provided to residents located outside the boundaries of the Municipality of Roblin.

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES

January 1, 2026

1. Rates per cubic meters

	Water	Wastewater	Water & Wastewater
Rates per cubic meters/quarter	\$2.47	\$1.23	\$3.70

Rate Rider per cubic meters of water sold (see Clause 3) \$0.58

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 Ratio	Water Included Cubic Meters	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum	Water & Wastewater Rate Rider	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum with Rate Rider
5/8 inch	1	15	\$28.21	\$37.05	\$18.45	\$83.71	\$8.70	\$92.41
3/4 inch	2	30	\$28.21	\$74.10	\$36.90	\$139.21	\$17.40	\$156.61
1 inch	4	60	\$28.21	\$148.20	\$73.80	\$250.21	\$34.80	\$285.01
1 1/2 inch	10	150	\$28.21	\$370.50	\$184.50	\$583.21	\$87.00	\$670.21
2 inch	25	375	\$28.21	\$926.25	\$461.25	\$1,415.71	\$217.50	\$1,633.21
3 inch	45	675	\$28.21	\$1,667.25	\$830.25	\$2,525.71	\$391.50	\$2,917.21

b) Water Only Customers

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

c) Wastewater Only Customers

The quarterly wastewater only charge is based on average quarterly consumption of 40 cubic meters plus the quarterly customer service charge (40 * \$1.23) + \$28.21 = \$77.41

d) Bulk Water

All water sold in bulk by the Roblin Utility shall be charged at the rate of: \$4.20 per cubic meter. Charges for water sold in bulk are payable at the time of delivery.

e) Septic Truck Lagoon Tipping Fee

The lagoon tipping fee for septic trucks is \$0.02 per gallon. Charges shall be based on septic truck size. Septic haulers must register with the Municipality of Roblin prior to being allowed access to the lagoon and shall maintain a log of lagoon use, including the recording of septic services provided to residents located outside the boundaries of the Municipality of Roblin.

The following clauses take effect January 1, 2022:

3. Deficit Rate Rider

Deficit Rate Rider commencing January 1, 2022 for 2011 to 2015 and 2017 to 2018 audited deficits is calculated based on a 7 year recovery period as follows:

2011 actual audited deficit	\$68,568.
2012 actual audited deficit	\$47,496.
2013 actual audited deficit	\$70,256.
2014 actual audited deficit	\$112,737.
2015 actual audited deficit	\$82,950.
2017 actual audited deficit	\$79,342.
2018 actual audited deficit	<u>\$81,936.</u>
Total to recover	<u>\$543,284.</u>

Divided by water volume sold 134,590 cubic meters

Deficit Rate Rider, per cubic meter over 7 years: \$0.58 per cubic meter for 2022 to 2028, inclusive.

4. Service to Customers Outside Utility's Limits

The Council of the Municipality of Roblin may sign Agreements with customers for the provision of water and wastewater services to properties located outside the boundaries of Roblin Utility. Such Agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in this 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 Roblin Utility boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the Utility's mains, and installing and maintaining service connections, will be paid by the customer.

5. Billings and Penalties

Accounts shall be billed quarterly based on water used. A late payment penalty charge of 1.25% compounded monthly shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date. The due date will be at least fourteen (14) days after the mailing of the bills.

6. Disconnection and Reconnection

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.

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$40.00 have been paid.

7. Multi-Use Customers

If more than one business is carried on in a building, or if a building is used for both business and residential purposes, a separate minimum charge shall be made for each such business or residential premises, if connected to the water system.

8. Liability for Charges

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

9. Hydrant Charges

The Municipality of Roblin, or any other hydrant owner, will pay to the Roblin Utility a fee of \$200 per hydrant for the purpose of maintaining and repairing all fire hydrants connected to the system which shall include the cost of water used for firefighting.

10. Water Meters

All new residential customers for water and wastewater shall be charged a turn-on service charge of \$40.00. Ownership, inspection and maintenance of meters will remain the responsibility of the utility system of the Municipality of Roblin. Commercial water meter maintenance will be the responsibility of the utility system of Roblin, however the commercial water customer will reimburse the Municipality for costs associated with the meter maintenance.

11. Re-checking of Meter Readings

Any customer requesting that their meter reading be checked for accuracy shall be levied a charge of \$10.00 on their next regular utility billing if the meter reading is found to have been read correctly in the first place.

12. 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 \$150. 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 and the customer's account will be adjusted for the preceding four (4) months. 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.

13. Water Allowance Due to Line Freezing

That in any case where, at the request of 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. Wastewater Surcharges

a) There may be levied annually, in addition to the 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.

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 waste.

15. Conditions of Disrepair

In the event that there are conditions of disrepair in the wastewater and 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.