

BYLAW 36-23

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF OKOTOKS IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO ESTABLISH NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE FEES

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, Council may pass a bylaw for the purpose of establishing franchise fee rates to be levied by utility providers operating within the Town of Okotoks; and

WHEREAS sections 45 and 360 of the *Municipal Government Act* authorize a council to make a tax agreement with an operator of a public utility and that agreement may provide for an annual payment to the municipality by the operator in the form of franchise fees; and

WHEREAS the natural gas utility provider in the Town of Okotoks is ATCO Gas.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Okotoks enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

- 1.1. This Bylaw shall be known as the “Natural Gas Franchise Fee Bylaw”.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE FEE RATES

- 2.1 Alberta Utilities Commission Disposition 24880-D01-2019 shall direct ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. South to collect franchise fees under ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. South - Method A at a rate of 35%, beginning January 1, 2024.

3. SEVERABILITY

It is the intention of Council that each separate provision of this Bylaw shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein and it is the further intention of Council that if any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid, all other provisions hereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon third and final reading.

READ A FIRST TIME this 25th day of September 2023.

-- ORIGINAL SIGNED --

Mayor

-- ORIGINAL SIGNED --

Chief Administrative Officer

READ A SECOND TIME this 27th day of November 2023.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED this 19th day of December 2023.

-- ORIGINAL SIGNED --

Mayor

-- ORIGINAL SIGNED --

Acting Chief Administrative Officer