

THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA
BY-LAW NO. 3217-22

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA'S UTILITY.

WHEREAS the Town of Neepawa owns and operates a water and sewer utility within the limits of the said Town;

AND WHEREAS the Town also provides utility services outside of the Town limits;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act states, 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 (l), 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED as a By-Law of the Town of Neepawa in Council duly assembled as follows:

1. THAT all accounts for minimum quarterly charges for metered services as set forth in the Schedule of Quarterly Rates shall be billed quarterly in advance together with any excess charges for metered water and sewer services for the preceding quarter. Consumers shall pay for water and sewer service supplied to them by the Town of Neepawa at the rates and terms set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-Law.
2. THAT this By-Law shall come into force and become effective on, from and after both approval by The Public Utilities Board and receipt of third and final reading thereof.
3. THAT By-Law 3145 enacted by the Town of Neepawa on the 21st day of February 2017, be hereby repealed.

DONE AND PASSED in Council as a By-Law of the Town of Neepawa, in the Province of Manitoba, this 5th day of September, 2023.


Brian Hedley, Mayor


Colleen Synchshyn, CAO

Read a first time this 7th day of June, 2022
Read a second time this 6th day of September, 2022
Read a third time this 5th day of September, 2023

SCHEDULE "A"
TOWN OF NEEPAWA WATER & SEWER RATES
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1. SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES

October 1, 2023						
Commodity Rates - Per Cubic Metre				Water	Sewer	Water & Sewer
First 450 C.M. Per Quarter				\$2.36	\$1.42	\$3.78
Over 450 C.M. Per Quarter				\$1.35	\$1.42	\$2.77
Minimum Charges, Quarterly						
Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Service Charge	Water	Sewer	Minimum Quarterly Charges
5/8	1	14	\$22.50	\$33.04	\$19.88	\$75.42
3/4	2	27	\$22.50	\$63.72	\$38.34	\$124.57
1	4	55	\$22.50	\$129.80	\$78.10	\$230.38
1 1/2	10	140	\$22.50	\$330.40	\$198.80	\$551.70
2	25	341	\$22.50	\$804.76	\$484.22	\$1,311.48
3	45	614	\$22.50	\$1,283.40	\$871.88	\$2,177.78
4	90	1,227	\$22.50	\$2,110.95	\$1,742.34	\$3,875.79
6	170	2,319	\$22.50	\$3,585.15	\$3,292.98	\$6,900.63

October 1, 2024						
Commodity Rates - Per Cubic Metre				Water	Sewer	Water & Sewer
First 450 C.M. Per Quarter				\$2.39	\$1.57	\$3.96
Over 450 C.M. Per Quarter				\$1.37	\$1.57	\$2.94
Minimum Charges, Quarterly						
Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Service Charge	Water	Sewer	Minimum Quarterly Charges
5/8	1	14	\$23.00	\$33.46	\$21.98	\$78.44
3/4	2	27	\$23.00	\$64.53	\$42.39	\$129.92
1	4	55	\$23.00	\$131.45	\$86.35	\$240.80
1 1/2	10	140	\$23.00	\$334.60	\$219.80	\$577.40
2	25	341	\$23.00	\$814.99	\$535.37	\$1,373.36
3	45	614	\$23.00	\$1,300.18	\$963.98	\$2,287.16
4	90	1,227	\$23.00	\$2,139.99	\$1,926.39	\$4,089.38
6	170	2,319	\$23.00	\$3,636.03	\$3,640.83	\$7,299.86

October 1, 2025						
Commodity Rates - Per Cubic Metre				Water	Sewer	Water & Sewer
First 450 C.M. Per Quarter				\$2.41	\$1.61	\$3.83
Over 450 C.M. Per Quarter				\$1.38	\$1.61	\$2.99
Minimum Charges, Quarterly						
Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Service Charge	Water	Sewer	Minimum Quarterly Charges
5/8	1	14	\$23.00	\$33.74	\$22.54	\$79.28
3/4	2	27	\$23.00	\$65.07	\$43.47	\$131.54
1	4	55	\$23.00	\$132.55	\$88.55	\$244.10
1 1/2	10	140	\$23.00	\$337.40	\$225.40	\$585.80
2	25	341	\$23.00	\$821.81	\$549.01	\$1,393.82
3	45	614	\$23.00	\$1,310.82	\$988.54	\$2,322.36
4	90	1,227	\$23.00	\$2,156.76	\$1,975.47	\$4,155.23
6	170	2,319	\$23.00	\$3,663.72	\$3,733.59	\$7,420.31

2. DEPOSIT FEE

The initial deposit for water connection and service shall be \$50.00 for domestic and commercial users.

3. OVERSIZE METER CHARGE

In situations where the client insists on a larger than required meter, the client shall be invoiced for the difference in cost between the requested meter and the required meter.

Meter Size	Charge	Meter Size	Charge
5/8"	\$0.00	2"	\$400.00
3/4"	\$50.00	3"	\$1,445.00
1"	\$115.00	4"	\$2,355.00
1 1/2 "	\$295.00	6"	\$4,155.00

4. WATER ONLY CUSTOMERS

In respect of a water only customer, the minimum charge will be the same for each meter size as indicated in clause 1 above which shall include the service charge, but excluding the sewer commodity charge.

5. SEWER ONLY CUSTOMERS

Users of Town sewage who discharge water and wastewater into the Town’s sewage system, and who obtain their water supply from other than the Town of Neepawa, are required to meter their water supply at their own expense and shall be billed for sewage on the water meter reading, at rates set forth in clause 1, plus the quarterly service charge. The minimum billing shall be based on 14 cubic meters per quarter plus the service charge.

6. BULK SALE OF WATER

Bulk sales of water at the public works facility shall be charged at a rate of:

- October 1, 2023 - \$2.58 per cubic meter
- October 1, 2024 - \$2.60 per cubic meter
- October 1, 2025 - \$2.64 per cubic meter

7. SALE OF WATER TO CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE TOWN BOUNDARIES

- (a) The Council of the Town of Neepawa may enter into agreements with municipalities, corporations and individuals outside the legal boundaries of the Town of Neepawa for the purpose of supplying water to such municipalities, corporations and individuals.
- (b) The rates to be charged to such outside users shall be the same rates charged to consumers in the Town of Neepawa for comparable service. Such outside users shall also pay a surcharge which shall be equivalent to frontage levy, general taxes and special taxes for utility purposed in effect at the time, or which may be in effect from time to time, and which would be levied on the property concerned as if it were within Town boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the utility mains and installing, maintaining, and repairing service connections will be paid by the customer.

8. SALE OF WATER TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH CYPRESS-LANGFORD & THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSEDALE

- (a) That the agreements signed with the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford on October 17, 2017 and the Rural Municipality of Rosedale on September 19, 2017 remain in effect for a term of ten years. Prior to the expiry of the agreement, the Town and each respective municipality may enter into a new agreement for a similar term. However, the

agreement shall be subject to prior approval of The Public Utilities Board.

- (b) Sale of water to the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford and the RM of Rosedale shall be charged at a special rate of:
 - October 1, 2023 - \$1.86 per cubic meter
 - October 1, 2023 - \$1.88 per cubic meter
 - October 1, 2023 - \$1.90 per cubic meter

9. BILLINGS AND PENALTIES

Accounts shall be billed quarterly, and shall be due and payable fourteen days after the date of billing. A late payment charge of 1 ¼% per month shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date and shall compound monthly.

10. DISCONNECTING FOR NON-PAYMENT

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 Municipal office.

In the event that services are disconnected in accordance with the above noted Conditions Precedent, there shall be a termination fee of \$50.00 charged to the consumer's account.

11. RECONNECTION

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$50.00 has been paid.

12. OUTSTANDING UTILITY CHARGES ACTIVATION

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. As a result, any account that remains outstanding for more than 30 days, may be added to property taxes.

Water and sewer services, provided and billed to a tenant, are deemed to have been provided to a property owner and information about accounts outstanding may be shared with the property owner.

13. HYDRANT RENTALS

The Town will pay to the utility an annual rental of \$250.00 for each hydrant connected to the system, which includes water for firefighting purposes.

Privately owned hydrants that are direct extensions of the Town's internal water distribution system shall be subject to an annual connection fee of \$250.00 per hydrant.

14. 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 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 customers, or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.

Should bib service be required from another property, the Town of Neepawa shall setup the service, and both properties will be invoiced for an average billing.

Should the problem persist on a regular yearly basis and the source of the freezing be deemed to be an issue related solely to the private property, an estimated billing will only be conducted on the first occurrence. Subsequent occurrences will be billed for the total amount of metered water used. In the case of a bibbed service, the provider of the water will be invoiced for an average billing and the bibbed service invoiced for the remaining metered consumption.

15. SEWER SURCHARGES

- (a) There may be levied annually, in addition to rates set forth above, a special surcharge on sewage having a Biochemical Oxygen Demand (B.O.D.) in excess of 300 parts per million in the amount of \$0.50 cents per 100 pounds of B.O.D.
- (b) A special surcharge for substance requiring special treatment shall be charged based on the actual costs of treatment required for the particular sewage or industrial wastes.

16. PRIVATE SEPTIC LINES (LOW PRESSURE SEWER SYSTEM)

The cost of construction and connection of private septic lines (low pressure sewer system) from the outside face of the building and/or holding tank to the sewer main and/or manhole including surface restoration shall be the total responsibility of the property owner.

17. LAGOON TIPPING FEES

Fees for Within the Boundaries of the Town of Neepawa		
	Residential	Commercial
Yearly	71.00	284.00
Per Use Fee	14.20	56.80

Outside the Town of Neepawa Boundaries		
	Residential	Commercial
Yearly	177.50	710.00
Per Use Fee	35.50	142.00

Potential Additional Commercial Classes			
	Resident		Non-Resident
	Annual	Annual	Per Use
Fees shall not be < than:	\$71.00	\$177.50	\$71.00
Fees shall not be > than:	\$568.00	\$1,065.00	\$284.00

Industrial customer rates will be established on the merits of each case, taking into account the number of estimated annual visits and volume.