

CITY OF STEINBACH

By-law No. 2163

BEING A BY-LAW of the City of Steinbach
to amend water and wastewater rates.

WHEREAS the City of Steinbach owns and operates a water and wastewater utility;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary and expedient to repeal the schedule of water and wastewater rates presently in effect as authorized by By-law No. 2064 and approved by The Public Utilities Board Order No. 27/18.

AND WHEREAS this By-Law is subject to the approval of the Public Utilities Board, pursuant to Sec. 82(1)(B) of the Public Utilities Board Act.

NOW THEREFORE be it and it is hereby passed and enacted as a By-Law of the City of Steinbach in council duly assembled as follows:

1. THAT By-Law No. 2064 enacted by the City of Steinbach on the 1st day of April 2018 and approved by The Public Utilities Board Order No. 27/18 is hereby repealed.
2. THAT Consumers shall pay for water and wastewater service supplied to them by the City of Steinbach at the rates and terms set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-Law.
3. THAT This By-Law shall come into force and effect at the next quarterly billing date after approval by The Public Utilities Board and after the completion of the third and final reading thereof.

DONE AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Steinbach duly assembled this 19th day of December, 2023.



Mayor



City Manager

Read a first time this 6th day of September, 2022.

Read a second time this 19th day of December, 2023.

Read a third time this 19th day of December, 2023.

SCHEDULE "A"
To Water and Wastewater Rates By-Law No. 2163

1. SCHEDULE OF RATES - 2024

a) Quarterly Commodity Rates per cubic meter	<u>Water</u> \$ 1.08	<u>Wastewater</u> \$ 0.86	<u>Water & Wastewater</u> \$ 1.94
b) Quarterly Service Charge (per meter)			\$ 20.05

c) Minimum Quarterly Charge						
Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Cubic Meters	Customer Service Charge (\$)	Commodity Charge – Water (\$)	Commodity Charge – Wastewater (\$)	Total Quarterly Minimum (\$)
5/8	1	15	20.05	16.20	12.90	49.15
3/4	2	30	20.05	32.40	25.80	78.25
1	4	60	20.05	64.80	51.60	136.45
1 ½	10	150	20.05	162.00	129.00	311.05
2	25	375	20.05	405.00	322.50	747.55
3	45	675	20.05	729.00	580.50	1,329.55
4	90	1,350	20.05	1,458.00	1,161.00	2,639.05
6	170	2,550	20.05	2,754.00	2,193.00	4,967.05
8	300	4,500	20.05	4,860.00	3,870.00	8,750.05

2. SCHEDULE OF RATES - 2025

a) Quarterly Commodity Rates per cubic meter	<u>Water</u> \$ 1.10	<u>Wastewater</u> \$ 0.90	<u>Water & Wastewater</u> \$ 2.00
b) Quarterly Service Charge (per meter)			\$ 20.44

c) Minimum Quarterly Charge						
Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Cubic Meters	Customer Service Charge (\$)	Commodity Charge – Water (\$)	Commodity Charge – Wastewater (\$)	Total Quarterly Minimum (\$)
5/8	1	15	20.44	16.50	13.50	50.44
3/4	2	30	20.44	33.00	27.00	80.44
1	4	60	20.44	66.00	54.00	140.44
1 ½	10	150	20.44	165.00	135.00	320.44
2	25	375	20.44	412.50	337.50	770.44
3	45	675	20.44	742.50	607.50	1,370.44
4	90	1,350	20.44	1,485.00	1,215.00	2,720.44
6	170	2,550	20.44	2,805.00	2,295.00	5,120.44
8	300	4,500	20.44	4,950.00	4,050.00	9,020.44

3. SCHEDULE OF RATES - 2026

a) Quarterly Commodity Rates per cubic meter	<u>Water</u> \$ 1.12	<u>Wastewater</u> \$ 0.95	<u>Water & Wastewater</u> \$ 2.07
b) Quarterly Service Charge (per meter)			\$ 20.84

c) Minimum Quarterly Charge						
Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Cubic Meters	Customer Service Charge (\$)	Commodity Charge – Water (\$)	Commodity Charge – Wastewater (\$)	Total Quarterly Minimum (\$)
5/8	1	15	20.84	16.80	14.25	51.89
3/4	2	30	20.84	33.60	28.50	82.94
1	4	60	20.84	67.20	57.00	145.04
1 ½	10	150	20.84	168.00	142.50	331.34
2	25	375	20.84	420.00	356.25	797.09
3	45	675	20.84	756.00	641.25	1,418.09
4	90	1,350	20.84	1,512.00	1,282.50	2,815.34
6	170	2,550	20.84	2,856.00	2,422.50	5,299.34
8	300	4,500	20.84	5,040.00	4,275.00	9,335.84

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4. SCHEDULE OF RATES - 2027

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>	<u>Water & Wastewater</u>
a) Quarterly Commodity Rates per cubic meter	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.01	\$ 2.15
b) Quarterly Service Charge (per meter)			\$ 21.25
c) Minimum Quarterly Charge			

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Cubic Meters	Customer Service Charge (\$)	Commodity Charge – Water (\$)	Commodity Charge – Wastewater (\$)	Total Quarterly Minimum (\$)
5/8	1	15	21.25	17.10	15.15	53.50
3/4	2	30	21.25	34.20	30.30	85.75
1	4	60	21.25	68.40	60.60	150.25
1 ½	10	150	21.25	171.00	151.50	343.75
2	25	375	21.25	427.50	378.75	827.50
3	45	675	21.25	769.50	681.75	1,472.50
4	90	1,350	21.25	1,539.00	1,363.50	2,923.75
6	170	2,550	21.25	2,907.00	2,575.50	5,503.75
8	300	4,500	21.25	5,130.00	4,545.00	9,696.25

5. Minimum Quarterly Charges

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable quarterly minimum charges as set out above, which include water allowances indicated.

a) Water Only Customers

Minimum charge will be the same for each meter size as shown above, but the wastewater commodity charge will be excluded.

b) Wastewater Only Customers

With meters – Minimum charge will be the same for each meter size as shown above, but the water commodity charge will be excluded. The water from the customer’s private service shall be metered at the customer’s cost and the wastewater charges will be based on the quantity of water used by the customer.

Without meters – these customers are deemed single-family residences, and as such, will be charged a flat rate based on the estimated annual average consumption and use of water and wastewater by all residential customers. The flat rate charge for these customers will be based on this average estimated quarterly consumption amount in each year multiplied by the water and wastewater commodity rate in effect from time to time, plus the customer service charge according to the following schedule.

	2024	2025	2026	2027
Flat rate per quarter	\$ 58.75	\$ 60.94	\$ 63.59	\$ 66.70

6. Meter Resealing Fee

When damages, or meter tampering, or both are reported, all costs to restore or replace the meter, as determined by the City Waterworks Department Manager, shall be charged to the customer. The amount charged shall also include a commodity charge for the estimated quantity of un-metered water used, the related wastewater discharged, plus a fee of \$75.00 to reseal the meter unless prior written authorization for breaking the seal has been issued by the City Waterworks Department Manager.

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7. Meter Circumventing

Any consumer who circumvents the water meter by installing a bypass line around the meter or by a dual line from the water main so as to draw water that has not been metered shall pay a fine of \$500.00 plus a charge for unmetered water consumed for each occurrence. Water services to the customer may be terminated upon discovery of an unauthorized bypass line in use, and service will not be restored until the bypass is metered or removed and the fine and water charges are paid.

8. Additional Meters

Where deemed expedient, the City of Steinbach (the "City") may elect to install auxiliary meters to separately record the amount of wastewater or water for billing purposes or upon application to the City Waterworks Department Manager, by an owner or operator of a premises where a wastewater service is installed, the City shall install an auxiliary meter at the expense of the applicant, for such purpose.

9. Bulk Water Sales Rate

All water sold in bulk by the City shall be charged for at a rate per cubic meter on a pro-rated basis according to the following table. The minimum charge for each sale of bulk water shall be \$100.00.

	2024	2025	2026	2027
Bulk Water Rate per cubic meter	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50

10. Service to Customers Outside of City Limits

The City may enter into agreements with customers for the provision of water and wastewater services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the City. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rate set out in the schedule, as well as a surcharge, set by resolution of Council. In addition, all costs of connection to the utility mains and the installation and maintenance of service connections shall be paid by the customer, as set by resolution of Council.

11. Billings and Outstanding Bills

Accounts shall be billed quarterly, and will be due and payable not less than 21 days after the date of billing. A late payment charge of 1.25% per month shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date.

In the event that an account remains outstanding, the account may be transferred to the realty tax account of the property in respect of which the water account is unpaid, by an authorized representative of the City, to be collected as ordinary realty taxes.

12. Re-connection or Disconnection of a Service

The City shall charge a fee in the amount of \$100.00 for a re-connection or a disconnection of a service, if requested by a customer. Any site that is planned for abandonment or demolition will continue to receive a quarterly bill until such time as the City Waterworks Manager has inspected and approved a proper disconnect from the main water and wastewater lines.

The Public Utilities Board has approved the Conditions Precedent to be followed by the City 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 City office.

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13. Hydrant Rentals

The City or any other hydrant owner shall pay to the utility an annual fee according to the following table for each hydrant connected to the system, which shall include the cost of water used for system maintenance and fire protection.

	2024	2025	2026	2027
Annual hydrant rental per hydrant	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 155	\$ 155

14. Water Allowance Due to Line Freezing

In any case where, at the request of the City and approval of the Waterworks Manager, a customer allows water to run continuously for a period of time to prevent the water lines in the water system from freezing, the charge to the customer for that quarter shall be the average of the billings for the last two previous quarters to the same customer, or for the same service, as applicable.

15. Wastewater Surcharge

There may be levied, in addition to rates set forth above, a special surcharge on sewage having a biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) in excess of 300 parts per million (ppm), or on sewage containing other nutrients requiring special treatment or removal as identified by the City or by the Province of Manitoba from time to time, based on the actual costs of treatment required for the particular wastewater.

16. Water Meters

All new services and meters for water and wastewater shall be installed and metered at the customer's cost.

Residential meters shall be owned, inspected, and maintained by the utility system of the City with the costs of maintenance and meter replacement for normal use to be the responsibility of the City.

Non-residential meters shall be inspected and maintained by the utility system of the City. All costs of ownership, maintenance and meter replacement shall be the responsibility of the non-residential customer. Fees for time and materials incurred by the City for the maintenance of these meters shall be billed to the customer.

17. Meter Testing Charges

Any customer who desires and requests that their water meter be tested for accuracy shall deposit with the City the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars. If the water meter, upon being tested, is found to measure within the allowable limits of accuracy, an amount equal to the cost of the meter test will be retained by the City, and the balance of the deposit shall be returned to the customer. If the water meter fails to measure within the allowable limits of accuracy, the deposit shall be refunded in full and the customer's account shall be adjusted. The allowable limit of meter variation shall be 4% of average flow.

18. Hauled Sewage Dumping Fee

All hauled sewage that is discharged into the City's wastewater system shall be charged for at a rate per cubic meter on a pro-rated basis according to the following table. The minimum charge for each load of hauled sewage shall be \$30.00.

	2024	2025	2026	2027
Hauled sewage rate per cubic meter	\$ 3.44	\$ 3.60	\$ 3.80	\$ 4.04