

BYLAW #474/23

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF STOUGHTON TO FIX THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE USE AND CONSUMPTION OF WATER AND SEWER AND TO ESTABLISH THE GENERAL CONDITIONS ON WHICH WATER AND SEWER SERVICES WILL BE SUPPLIED.

The Council of the Town of Stoughton, in the Province of Saskatchewan, pursuant to Sections 23 to and including 32 of *The Municipalities Act*, enacts as follows:

INTERPRETATION:

1. This Bylaw shall be known and may be cited as “The Water & Sewer Bylaw”
2. In this Bylaw:
 - a) “*Town*” means the Town of Stoughton;
 - b) “*Assessed Owner*” means the person liable to pay the taxes on the property to which water & sewer service is supplied or is to be applied, as shown by the records of the Town;
 - c) “*Consumer*” means any person whose application for water & sewer service is accepted by the town;
 - d) “*Person*” includes a Corporation or a Partnership;
 - e) “*Premises*” includes any building, yard or place connected with the water & sewer system of the town for the purposes of utilizing water & sewer service therefrom; or any part of such building, yard or place;
 - f) “*Commercial water & sewer service*” means water & sewer service and supply which are extended to premises at which any business, trade, profession, industry, occupation or employment is carried on and any premises from which goods and services are provided;
 - g) “*Residential water & sewer service*” includes all water & sewer services extended to the premises containing dwelling units and on which no business, trade, profession, industry, occupation or employment is carried on;
 - h) “*User*” means any person who uses, consumes or otherwise enjoys the benefits of the water & sewer service supplied by the town.

WATER & SEWER SERVICE

3. Any assessed owner or resident may apply for either residential or commercial water & sewer service from the Town by making an application to the officials of the Town. A refundable meter deposit of \$100 is required at the time of the application.
4. The Town may ration or limit the amount of water furnished to any and or all consumers should the circumstances deem to warrant such action.
5. Any consumer can discontinue water & sewer service by making application to the officials of the Town.
6. The Town shall prepare billings for water & sewer services on a bi-monthly basis and shall include fees for infrastructure, waste and recycling services. All meters shall be read twice a year for the May and November cycles.
7. The charges to be paid by the water consumer whose water service has been turned on shall be those set out in attached Schedule A; however, the minimum rate shall be payable in every case whether or not any water is consumed.
8. Persons who own or occupy premises drained or that are required to be drained into the sewer shall pay for such service a rental rate or service charge in accordance with attached Schedule B.
9. Persons who own or occupy premises connected to water and/or sewer services shall be subject to an infrastructure charge as set out in Schedule C.
10. A penalty of two percent (2%) will be added to all unpaid utility accounts on the last day of each and every month.

11. If the services are discontinued from the premises of a consumer for infringement of the provisions of this bylaw, services shall not be turned on until all penalties, fees, rates, charges and arrears, if any, have been remitted to the Town, with an additional fee of \$25.00 to cover the expenses of turning off the services and turning it on again.

WATER METERS

12. a) All water meters supplied to any consumer shall be supplied, installed and owned by the Town.
- b) Notwithstanding subsection 2, the Town may make utility services available to any person on an unmetered basis for use in connection with any special project approved by Council or on a dwelling unit where it is not feasible to install a meter and if so, the consumer shall pay to the town the rates as set out in Schedules A and B.
- c) All Consumers shall allow the Town free access to his land and/or buildings on reasonable notice for the purpose of reading, installing, replacing, removing or repairing a water meter.
- d) Where a water meter is removed from the premises without permission of the Town or damaged or destroyed while located on the premises of the applicant or consumer, the said applicant or consumer shall be liable to the Town for the cost of repair or replacement of the water meter and the Town Administrator may add the cost of the meter to the utility billing of the premises.
- e) Where in the opinion of the Town Administrator, any water meter fixture or pipe is insufficiently protected from extreme temperature the Town may terminate the supply of water & sewer services upon notice in writing to the consumer or his agent outlining the insufficient protection.

INTERCEPTORS

13. a) Where a fixture discharges sewage that includes grease is located in a public kitchen or restaurant or an institution, a grease interceptor shall be installed at the expense of the owner. The interceptor shall be maintained in efficient working condition at all times.
- b) The Town Superintendent on a motion of Council may discontinue the supply of water to any property where an Interceptor pursuant to Section 12(1) has not been installed or adequately maintained in an efficient working order.

ENFORCEMENT

14. Where the consumer fails to pay the total amount due on a water & sewer billing within sixty (60) days after the amount becomes due and payable, the Town may discontinue the supply of water & sewer services to the consumer.
15. a) Where the consumer fails to pay the total amount due on a water & sewer service billing within ninety (90) days after the amount becomes due and payable, the Town may add the amount to taxes.
- b) Where a user is renting the property from an assessed owner and has not remitted the utility amount due, the amount will be the responsibility of the assessed owner.
16. Bylaw No., 450/18 and Schedules A are hereby repealed.

Clarence Hoffort, Mayor

Danielle Hoffman, Administrator