

**THE TOWN OF MINNEDOSA
BY-LAW NO. 2559**

**BEING A BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF MINNEDOSA TO ESTABLISH SEWER AND WATER RATES
WITHIN THE SAID TOWN OF MINNEDOSA.**

WHEREAS The Town of Minnedosa owns and operates a sewer and water facility within the limits of the said Town of Minnedosa.

AND WHEREAS Section 232 of The Municipal Act, LM 1996 c.58 states as follows:

232(1)(l) A Council may pass by-laws for municipal purposes respecting public utilities.

232(2)(d) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a Council may in a by-law passed under this Division 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 and it is hereby passed and enacted as a by-law of The Town of Minnedosa, in council duly assembled as follows:

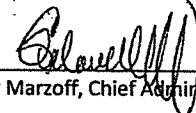
THAT By-law No. 2538 enacted by the Town of Minnedosa the 12th day of January 2016, is hereby repealed.

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 Minnedosa at the rates and terms set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.

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.



Mayor, Pat Skatch



Cindy Marzoff, Chief Administrative Officer

READ a first time this 10th day of October, A.D., 2017.
READ a second time this 13th day of March, A.D., 2018.
READ a third time this 8th day of October, A.D., 2019.

BY-LAW No. 2559 - SCHEDULE "A"
THE TOWN OF MINNEDOSA
WATER AND SEWER RATES (EFFECTIVE January 1, 2018)

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES:

1. Commodity Rates per Cubic Meter (C.M.)

		<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water & Sewer</u>
Domestic	First 500 cubic metres	\$3.77	\$0.61	\$4.38
Wholesale	Over 500 cubic metres	\$0.64	\$0.61	\$1.25

2. Minimum Charges, Quarterly

Notwithstanding the Commodity rates set forth in paragraph 1 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charge set out below, which will include water allowances indicated:

(a) Water and Sewer Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption (C.M.)	Service Charge	Commodity Rates		Minimum Quarterly Charges
				Water	Sewer	
16mm - 5/8"	1	14.00	\$17.00	\$52.78	\$8.54	\$78.32
19mm - 3/4"	2	28.00	\$17.00	\$105.56	\$17.08	\$139.64
25mm - 1"	4	56.00	\$17.00	\$211.12	\$34.16	\$262.28
38mm - 1 1/2"	10	140.00	\$17.00	\$527.80	\$85.40	\$630.20
50mm - 2"	25	350.00	\$17.00	\$1,319.50	\$213.50	\$1,550.00
75mm - 3"	45	630.00	\$17.00	\$1,968.20	\$384.30	\$2,369.50
100mm - 4"	90	1,260.00	\$17.00	\$2,371.40	\$768.60	\$3,157.00
150mm - 6"	170	2,380.00	\$17.00	\$3,088.20	\$1,451.80	\$4,557.00
200mm - 8"	300	4,200.00	\$17.00	\$4,253.00	\$2,562.00	\$6,832.00

(b) Water Only Customers

Customers with water only services shall be charged the minimum quarterly rate applicable to the customer's meter size less the sewer charge.

(c) Sewer Rate Reductions

If it can be clearly shown that a customer uses a substantial amount of water which is not returned to the sewer system (at least 10% of the water sold to such customers), the utility may deduct such water in calculating the sewer charge to such customers.

(d) Husky Sewer Charges

Notwithstanding the Sewer Commodity Rates and Charges set forth above, the Husky plant shall be charged for sewer service at the following rate:

Sewer Rate Calculation: At the sewer rate set forth above to be applied to 25% of the actual water consumption of the Husky plant.

3. Deficit Rate Rider

The Board approved the recovery of the 2017 operating deficit in the amount of \$133,450 through a rate rider of \$0.20 per cubic meter for a period of two years beginning October 1, 2019. The rate rider is to be collected from all customers excluding Husky Energy Inc as per Board Order No. 116/19.

4. Unmetered Customers

Based on an average of 87 cubic metres per quarter consumption, non-metered sewer and water customers shall pay \$398.06 per quarter.

5. Bulk Sales Rate

All water sold in bulk by the Town of Minnedosa shall be charged for at the rate of \$4.00 per cubic metre.

6. Service to Other Municipalities

The Town of Minnedosa may enter into agreements with municipalities, corporations and individuals outside the Town of Minnedosa to connect to the water and/or sewer system. The agreement shall provide for payment of the appropriate domestic rates set out in this Schedule, plus a surcharge, set by resolution of Council, which shall be the equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes, and special taxes for utility purposes in effect at the time, or which may be in effect from time to time, and which would be levied on the property concerned if it were within these boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the utility's mains and installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

7. Billing and Penalties

Accounts shall be billed quarterly, except in the case of large volume consumers with usage over 4,000 cubic metres per month which may be billed monthly, and shall be due and payable 30 days after date of billing. A penalty of 1.25% of the amount of the bill shall be added if not paid by the due date. For every month after that, a further penalty of 1.25% of the amount of the bill shall be added if the debt is unpaid.

8. Disconnection

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 Municipality's office.

9. Reconnection

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and reconnection fee of \$50.00 have been paid. Any customer wishing to have billings discontinued due to vacancy of premises shall be required to have service disconnected and to pay \$50.00 reconnection fee when service resumes.

10. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to section 252(2) of the Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer service may be collected by the municipality in the same manner as a tax may be collected or enforced under this Act.

11. Hydrant Rentals

The Town of Minnedosa shall pay to the utility an annual rental of \$150.00 for each hydrant connected to the system. This includes water for fire purposes.

12. Water Allowance Due to Line Freezing

That in any case where, at the request of the Council, the 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.

13. Water Meters

- (a) The Town shall supply an appropriate size water meter and remote read touch pad. Each customer shall be required to pay in advance a \$50.00 refundable meter deposit. This deposit will be refunded without interest upon termination of service, less any outstanding charges for water and sewer service. Meter deposits may be transferred from one premises to another in the municipality.
- (b) The meter and touch pad shall be installed by a registered plumber and the costs shall be the responsibility of the property owner. The remote touch pad shall be located at a point easily accessible at all times and approved by the Town.
- (c) The meter shall be installed 75 cm above the floor or as approved by the Town.
- (d) The meter shall be located as close as practical to the point of entry of the water line. Ample room must be provided for access to the meter and main valve at all times.
- (e) The meter shall be in a horizontal position with the main shut off valve immediately before the meter. Another valve shall be installed downstream of the meter before any distribution piping or ports.
- (f) No distribution piping or ports shall be allowed before the meter.
- (g) The meter shall be protected from any type of damage including freezing.
- (h) Costs for any damage and labour for repairs to the water meter and associated equipment shall be the responsibility of the property owner.