

**CITY OF THOMPSON
WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
BY-LAW NUMBER 1974-2018**

BEING A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF THOMPSON, IN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, TO ESTABLISH WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES WITHIN THE SAID MUNICIPALITY

WHEREAS the City of Thompson owns and operates a water and wastewater facility within the limits of the said municipality;

AND WHEREAS *The Municipal Act*, S.M. 1996, C58, states in part:

“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 (1), 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 and it is hereby passed and enacted as a by-law of the City of Thompson, in council duly assembled as follows:

- i. 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 City of Thompson at the rates and terms set out in Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.
- ii. 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, or at an earlier date not prior to January 1, 2019, upon approval by The Public Utilities Board.

Read a first time on this 15th day of October A.D. 2018

Read a second time on this 21st day of January A.D. 2019

Read a third time this 21st day of January A.D. 2019

DONE AND PASSED as a By-Law of the City of Thompson, in the Province of Manitoba this 21st day of January A.D. 2019.

The City of Thompson

Per: _____
Mayor

Per: _____
City Manager

SCHEDULE A

**THE CITY OF THOMPSON
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1. Water and Wastewater Rates**1.1 SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES - 2019**

| Service | <u>Water</u> | <u>Wastewater</u> | <u>Water & Wastewater</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. Commodity Rate Per Cubic Meter | \$3.42 | \$1.51 | \$4.93 |
| b. Quarterly Service Charge Per Meter | | | \$23.74 |
| c. Minimum Quarterly Charges | | | |

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

| Meter Size | Group Capacity Ratio | Minimum Quarterly Consumption (cubic meters) | Quarterly Service Charge (\$) | Commodity Charge Water (\$) | Commodity Charge Wastewater (\$) | Minimum Quarterly Water & Wastewater Charge |
|------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 15mm | 1 | 14 | 23.74 | 47.88 | 21.14 | 92.76 |
| 20mm | 2 | 27 | 23.74 | 92.34 | 40.77 | 156.85 |
| 25mm | 4 | 55 | 23.74 | 188.10 | 83.05 | 294.89 |
| 37mm | 10 | 140 | 23.74 | 478.80 | 211.40 | 713.94 |
| 50mm | 25 | 341 | 23.74 | 1,166.22 | 514.91 | 1,704.87 |
| 75mm | 45 | 614 | 23.74 | 2,099.88 | 927.14 | 3,050.76 |
| 100mm | 90 | 1,227 | 23.74 | 4,196.34 | 1,852.77 | 6,072.85 |
| 150mm | 170 | 2,319 | 23.74 | 7,930.98 | 3,501.69 | 11,456.41 |
| 200mm | 320 | 4,364 | 23.74 | 14,924.88 | 6,589.64 | 21,538.26 |
| 250mm | 610 | 8,319 | 23.74 | 28,450.98 | 12,561.69 | 41,036.41 |

2. Bulk Water Sales

Water sold in bulk shall be charged for at the rate of:

- In 2019 - \$4.03 per cubic meter

3. Unmetered Fire Lines

Unmetered Fire Lines shall be charged at a flat rate of \$75.00 per quarter.

4. Application Fee

An application fee of \$50.00 will be charged for new water utility customers.

5. Water Meter Installation

Water meters will be provided free of charge for new construction within the City of Thompson, with an installation fee of \$500.00 for a standard installation of a meter not greater than one inch (25mm), or an inspection fee at the rates for Service Calls if the installation is not performed by the City.

6. Service Calls and Additional Services

A fee for service of \$250.00 for the first hour and \$125.00 thereafter shall apply for testing of water meters at the request of the Customer, repair of damage to water meters attributable to the Customer, inspection of installations, or any other minor service requested by the Customer.

7. Service to Outside Customers

The Council of the City of Thompson may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and wastewater services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the City of Thompson. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in the schedule, as well as a surcharge, set by resolution of Council, which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes and special taxes for utility purposes in effect at the time, or 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.

8. Billings and Penalties

A late payment charge of 1¼% per month shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date. The due date will be at least fourteen days after the mailing of the bills.

9. Disconnection and Shut-Off

A scheduled shut-off charge of \$320.00 shall apply.

An unscheduled shut-off charge of \$480.00 shall apply.

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.

10. Reconnection

A reconnection fee of \$320.00 shall apply.

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

11. Calibration of Meter

All costs associated with the calibration of a meter, at a customer's request, will be the responsibility of the customer, this will include shipping, installing a replacement meter and calibration, unless it is identified during calibration that there is an issue with the meter in which all costs will be paid for by the City of Thompson.

12. Damaged Meter

The cost to replace a damaged meter shall be the actual cost of the meter and installation. Meters which malfunction will be replaced at the cost of the City of Thompson

13. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of *The Municipal Act*, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and wastewater 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.

14. Hydrant Rentals

The City of Thompson will pay to the utility an annual rental of \$125.00 for each hydrant connected to the system. In addition, the City of Thompson will pay for water used for fire-fighting at the current rates applied to a volume identified by the Water Utility.

15. Allowance For Prevention of Freezing

Where advanced approval has been granted by the Utility, a customer allows water to run continuously for any period of time to prevent water service lines from freezing, the charge to that customer for the current quarter shall be the average of the billings for the two previous quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.

16. Thawing of Frozen Lines

A fee for service of \$250.00 for the first hour and \$125.00 thereafter shall apply for thawing of Private Water Service lines by the Water Utility.

17. Sewage Surcharges

There may be levied annually, in addition to rates set forth above:

- (a) a special surcharge on sewage having a Biochemical Oxygen Demand in excess of 300 parts per million, to be set by resolution of Council.

- (b) a special surcharge for substances requiring special treatment based on the actual costs of treatment required for the particular sewage or industrial wastes.

18. Hauled Sewage Dumping Fee (Septage)

All hauled sewage fee shall be charged for at the rate of \$4.00 per cubic meter.