

# ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION

The Municipalities Regulations Part VII, Sections 50 to 55 requires all municipalities to provide the following information to the public by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**MUNICIPALITY:** TOWN OF LEADER

**YEAR:** 2023

**DATE:** JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2024

## WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

The Town Council in Leader has a policy of reviewing rates annually. Bylaw No. 02/21 and 06/21 came into force upon Provincial approval and sets the rates for the use and consumption of water and sewer, the infrastructure fee, and bulk water supply. The current rates are as follows:

### Treated Water

INFRASTRUCTURE FEE: \$10.00 per month

BASE CHARGE: \$57.00 per month

OVERAGE: *(calculated in April & October)*

Tier 1	0 to 3,000	Included in Base
Tier 2	3,001 to 100,000	\$7.50/1,000 gallons
Tier 3	Over 100,000	\$15.00/1,000 gallons

### Raw Water (Out of Town Limits)

INFRASTRUCTURE FEE: \$10.00 per month

BASE CHARGE: \$29.35 per month

OVERAGE: *(calculated in April & October)*

Tier 1	0 to 3,000	Included in Base
Tier 2	3,001 to 100,000	\$3.64/1,000 gallons
Tier 3	Over 100,000	\$7.15/1,000 gallons

### Bulk Water – Treated

\$23.00 per 1,000 gallons

## **Residential Sewer**

\$20.75 per month

## **Commercial Sewer**

Tier 1	0 to 3,000 Imperial gallons	\$20.75 base rate
Tier 2	Over 3,000 Imperial gallons	\$2.60/1,000 Imperial gallons

The objective of the Waterworks rate policy is to ensure the Town is covering the cost of regular operations of the Water Treatment Plant. The Infrastructure Fee is set to ensure a proper amount of funds is being allocated to reserves each year to assist in updating the Town's waterlines, sewer lines, Water treatment plant, and other capital items.

## **WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

To cover the costs of future waterworks infrastructure maintenance and replacement, Council will analyze revenues and expenses of utilities annually and adjust rates as necessary to build the waterworks capital reserves. The capital investment strategy will ensure that safe drinking water can be provided to the residents, businesses, and surrounding rural community in the present and future.

Council had begun working at replacing the ageing waterlines back in 2020 and planned on doing a block each year. Unfortunately, the replacement had to be put on hold after 2021, as the Town was forced to focus their attention on the water storage tank that was deemed beyond its useful life and was showing signs of potential failure.

Federal and Provincial grant funding has been secured to cover a portion of the costs associated with the construction of the new water storage tank. Construction is expected to begin Spring 2024.

## **ANNUAL WATERWORKS FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **2023 Waterworks Overview**

- Total Waterworks Revenues: \$595,992
- Total Waterworks Expenditures: \$570,520
- Total Debt Payments on Waterworks Infrastructure Loans: \$0
- Comparison of Waterworks Revenues to Expenditures plus Debt Payments, expressed as a ratio:

$$\$595,992 \div (\$570,520 + \$0) = 1.04$$

For 2023, Waterworks Revenues covered 100% of Waterworks Expenditures and the excess funds were transferred to reserves.

## RESERVES

Waterworks Reserve Balance at December 31, 2022: \$236,206

2023 Transfer Infrastructure Fee: \$52,118

2023 Transfer Surplus: \$53,500

Waterworks Reserve Balance at **December 31, 2023:** **\$341,824**

*The following additional waterworks information is available at the Municipal Office:*

- *Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw*
- *2023 Audited Financial Statements*
- *Annual Compliance report for drinking water*
- *Waterworks operating permits*