

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 1st of each year.

MUNICIPALITY: TOWN OF LEADER

YEAR: 2024

DATE: JULY 29TH, 2025

WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

The Town Council in Leader has a policy of reviewing rates annually. Bylaw No. 02/24 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: \$15.00 per month

BASE CHARGE: \$59.00 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: \$15.00 per month

BASE CHARGE: \$31.25 per month

OVERAGE: *(calculated in April & October)*

Tier 1	0 to 3,000	Included in Base
Tier 2	3,001 to 100,000	\$3.75/1,000 gallons
Tier 3	Over 100,000	\$15.00/1,000 gallons

Bulk Water – Treated

\$27.00 per 1,000 gallons

Residential Sewer

\$21.75 per month

Commercial Sewer

Tier 1	0 to 3,000 Imperial gallons	\$21.75 base rate
Tier 2	Over 3,000 Imperial gallons	\$3.25/1,000 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.

A new 375,000 imperial gallon water tank was erected in 2024, along with upgrades to the Town's distribution header, the bulk water system, and added automation to the plant. This was completed with the assistance of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program in which 73.33% of the total cost was covered by the Federal and Provincial Government.

The Town completed a sewer main rehabilitation pilot program, in which the main sewer line was cleaned and then a cured-in-place pipe was inserted into the main. This process was done on 470 meters of sewer line on Main Street.

ANNUAL WATERWORKS FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2024 Waterworks Overview

- Total Waterworks Revenues: \$2,551,158
- Total Waterworks Expenditures: \$2,551,012
- Total Debt Payments on Waterworks Infrastructure Loans: \$0
- Comparison of Waterworks Revenues to Expenditures plus Debt Payments, expressed as a ratio:

$$\$2,551,158 \div (\$2,551,012 + \$0) = 1.00$$

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

RESERVES

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

2024 Transfer to Water Tank: -\$273,000

2023 Transfer Surplus: \$0.00

Waterworks Reserve Balance at **December 31, 2024:** **\$68,824**

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

- *Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw*
- *2024 Audited Financial Statements*
- *Annual Compliance report for drinking water*
- *Waterworks operating permits*

The Council of the Town of Leader confirms that the Annual Water Works Information was prepared on **July 29, 2025** and the information was provided to consumers on the Town of Leader website: www.leader.ca.

Mayor Signature:  Date: Aug 5, 2025

CAO Signature:  Date: Aug. 5, 2025