

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: 2025

DATE: JUNE 8TH, 2026

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: \$20.00 per month

BASE CHARGE: \$60.75 per month

OVERAGE: *(calculated in April & October)*

Tier 1	0 to 3,000	Included in Base
Tier 2	3,001 to 100,000	\$8.00/1,000 gallons
Tier 3	Over 100,000	\$16.00/1,000 gallons

Raw Water (Out of Town Limits)

INFRASTRUCTURE FEE: \$20.00 per month

BASE CHARGE: \$32.75 per month

OVERAGE: *(calculated in April & October)*

Tier 1	0 to 3,000	Included in Base
Tier 2	3,001 to 100,000	\$4.00/1,000 gallons
Tier 3	Over 100,000	\$16.00/1,000 gallons

Bulk Water – Treated

\$28.50 per 1,000 gallons

Residential Sewer

\$23.25 per month

Commercial Sewer

Tier 1	0 to 3,000 Imperial gallons	\$23.25 base rate
Tier 2	Over 3,000 Imperial gallons	\$3.75/1,000 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 Water Main Renewal Plan was developed in 2025 by ASI Engineering. The plan has been developed to guide the long-term renewal and investment strategy for the Town's municipal water distribution system. It outlines the current condition of the network, identifies high-priority segments through a risk-based assessment, and proposes a phased replacement strategy that balances technical need with financial feasibility.

The estimated capital cost to complete the recommended renewals is approximately \$15.8 million. ASI recommended the 10-year option as the most appropriate balance between financial feasibility and service reliability, however the final decision rests with the Council of the Town of Leader.

The Town has applied for a federal and provincial funding to cover up to 70% of the cost for main renewal and anticipate funding to be announced this June.

The Town began planning for securing the water intake during low water levels in the South Saskatchewan River. Upon an investigation into the possibility of drilling wells along the river bank, the Town found the well project to not be feasible. The Town has since contracted a local well company that will be installing a removable pump system that can be deployed into the river if the current intake is compromised due to low water levels.

ANNUAL WATERWORKS FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2025 Waterworks Overview

- Total Waterworks Revenues: \$782,827
- Total Waterworks Expenditures: \$577,865
- Total Debt Payments on Waterworks Infrastructure Loans: \$0
- Comparison of Waterworks Revenues to Expenditures plus Debt Payments, expressed as a ratio:

$$\$782,827 \div (\$577,865 + \$0) = 1.35$$

For 2025, Waterworks Revenues covered 100% of Waterworks Expenditures and the excess funds were transferred to reserves.

RESERVES

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

2024 Transfer Infrastructure Fee: \$105,927

2024 Transfer Surplus: \$114,764

Waterworks Reserve Balance at **December 31, 2025:** **\$289,515**

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

- *Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw*
- *2025 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 **June 8, 2026** and the information was provided to consumers on the Town of Leader website: www.leader.ca.

Mayor Signature: _____ Date: _____

CAO Signature: _____ Date: _____

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