

ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION

Year: 2024

Name of Municipality: Town of Eatonia

Date: June 10, 2025

WATERWORKS RATE POLICY:

The water and sewer rates that are established for the next ten (10) years were chosen to be an acceptable rate for residents and businesses. Water and sewer operating expenditures include waterworks’ staff salaries, benefits, and training; power, heat; insurance; chemicals; repairs; maintenance; supplies; etc.

The Town intends to ensure that there are sufficient revenues to cover waterworks operating costs. Below provides the planned water and sewer rate increases of 10 percent every second year over the next ten years for residential and businesses:

MONTHLY MINIMUM WATER CHARGE:

| DATE            | MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE (4000 GALLONS) |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| January 1, 2026 | \$63.90                               |
| January 1, 2028 | \$70.30                               |
| January 1, 2030 | \$77.35                               |
| January 1, 2032 | \$85.10                               |
| January 1, 2034 | \$93.60                               |

WATER OVERAGE CHARGE (BILLED QUARTERLY):

| DATE            | PER 1,000 GALLONS OR PART THEREOF |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| January 1, 2026 | \$11.85                           |
| January 1, 2028 | \$13.05                           |
| January 1, 2030 | \$14.35                           |
| January 1, 2032 | \$15.80                           |
| January 1, 2034 | \$17.40                           |

MONTHLY MINIMUM SEWER SERVICE CHARGES:

| TYPE                        | JANUARY 1, 2026                              | JANUARY 1, 2028                              | JANUARY 1, 2030                              | JANUARY 1, 2032                              | JANUARY 1, 2034                              |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Café/Restaurants            | \$23.55                                      | \$25.90                                      | \$28.50                                      | \$31.35                                      | \$34.50                                      |
| Car Wash                    | \$14.20 & \$5.30 for stalls over 1           | \$15.65 & \$5.85 for stalls over 1           | \$17.20 & \$6.45 for stalls over 1           | \$18.95 & \$7.10 for stalls over 1           | \$20.85 & \$7.80 for stalls over 1           |
| Churches                    | \$14.20                                      | \$15.65                                      | \$17.20                                      | \$18.95                                      | \$20.85                                      |
| Garages                     | \$14.20                                      | \$15.65                                      | \$17.20                                      | \$18.95                                      | \$20.85                                      |
| Personal Care Home          | \$117.90                                     | \$129.70                                     | \$142.70                                     | \$157.00                                     | \$172.70                                     |
| Suites                      | \$14.20 each suite                           | \$15.65 each suite                           | \$17.20 each suite                           | \$18.95 each suite                           | \$20.85 each suite                           |
| School                      | \$117.90                                     | \$129.70                                     | \$142.70                                     | \$157.00                                     | \$172.70                                     |
| Residences                  | \$14.20                                      | \$15.65                                      | \$17.20                                      | \$18.95                                      | \$20.85                                      |
| Business/Residence Attached | \$14.20 min & \$14.20 min for each residence | \$15.65 min & \$15.65 min for each residence | \$17.20 min & \$17.20 min for each residence | \$18.95 min & \$18.95 min for each residence | \$20.85 min & \$20.85 min for each residence |
| All Others                  | \$14.20                                      | \$15.65                                      | \$17.20                                      | \$18.95                                      | \$20.85                                      |

Council will work towards water and sewer work revenues that cover water and sewer works expenditures. Council will closely monitor expenditures and review the rates on an annual basis.

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By planning the water and sewer rate increases ahead of time, residents and businesses will be able to prepare for and adjust to increases. Bylaws will be passed every second year to increase water and sewer rates or sooner if needed.

The objective of the waterworks rate policy is to work towards waterworks that are self-financing, where the users pay for the costs of the service. To accomplish this, the rates need to increase over time so that the revenues cover operating costs, to the extent possible. At the end of every year of the planned rate increases, Council will review its policy to determine if revenues are covering costs. At that time, Council will also need to consider increasing rates to build the reserves to cover future infrastructure maintenance and replacement costs.

This water and sewer works rate policy will work towards financially independent water and sewer works that do not have to compete with other key municipal financial demands under the municipal general revenue fund. This will ensure our waterworks can provide safe drinking water. Also, rates that cover costs will influence consumer demand and water conservation, and self-financing utility works will reduce pressures on property taxes.

CURRENT WATER AND SEWER RATES:

On December 12, 2023, Council passed Bylaw No. 7/23 to fix the rates to be charged for the provision of water and sewer services:

Monthly Water Rates:

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| 4,000 gallons or less | Minimum - \$58.08                         |
| Over 4,001 gallons    | \$10.78 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof |

Monthly Sewer Service Charges:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Cafes/Restaurants                       | \$21.42 minimum  |
| Car Wash                                | \$12.89 minimum and \$4.82 for each stall over 1       |
| Churches                                | \$12.89 minimum  |
| Garages                                 | \$12.89 minimum  |
| Person Care Home/<br>Health Care Centre | \$107.18 minimum                                       |
| Suites                                  | \$12.89 minimum each                                   |
| School                                  | \$107.18 minimum                                       |
| Residences                              | \$12.89 minimum  |
| Business with Residences Attached       | \$12.89 minimum and \$12.89 minimum for each residence |
| All Others                              | \$12.89 minimum  |

WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY:

The objective of the waterworks capital investment strategy is to address anticipated waterworks infrastructure maintenance and future infrastructure replacements in a timely fashion to ensure the municipal waterworks provides safe drinking water and that wastewater is managed responsibly for residents and businesses.

To cover the costs of future waterworks infrastructure replacements, Council will need to undertake a combination of increasing water rates, sewer rates and infrastructure fee to build the utility reserves and if needed for long term borrowing.

A capital infrastructure fee will be charged to all persons who own or occupy property which is serviced with town water and sewer. Below provides the planned infrastructure rate increases of 10 percent every second year over the next ten years:

MONTHLY CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FEE:

| DATE            | PER 1,000 GALLONS OR PART THEREOF |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| January 1, 2026 | \$22.00                           |
| January 1, 2028 | \$24.20                           |
| January 1, 2030 | \$26.60                           |
| January 1, 2032 | \$29.25                           |
| January 1, 2034 | \$32.20                           |

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This capital investment strategy will ensure that safe drinking water can be provided to the residents and businesses in the community in the present and future.

The infrastructure fee collected monthly is transferred into an Infrastructure Fee Fast Track for the replacement of future capital infrastructure. These funds are also going to be used to build up the Fast Track and Reserve accounts that were depleted for sewer relining and water and sewer line installation that was completed in 2024. A back up generator is also being installed in 2025 at the water treatment plant to run when the power goes out.

PINTER & Associates Ltd. has completed an Infrastructure Related Condition Assessment Report of the water and sewer lines in town which involved creating a system of rating information on these assets, determining the current value, annual maintenance costs and life cycle costs for these assets.

CURRENT MONTHLY CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FEE:

On December 12, 2023, Council passed Bylaw No. 7/23 to fix the rate to be charged for the provision of a capital infrastructure fee for funding capital projects:

Monthly Capital Infrastructure Fee:

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Residential | \$20.00 |
| Commercial  | \$20.00 |

ANNUAL WATERWORKS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:

The following annual information on the waterworks, as required under *The Municipalities Regulations*, is to be made available at the municipal office by September 1 of each year:

2024 Waterworks Overview:

Does not include amortization:

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Total water and sewer revenues: | \$328,560 |
| Operating expenditures:         | \$210,165 |

Comparison of waterworks revenue to expenditures, expressed as a ratio:

\$328,560

\$210,165

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1.56

Includes amortization:

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Total water and sewer revenues: | \$328,560 |
| Operating expenditures:         | \$265,714 |

Comparison of waterworks revenue to expenditures, expressed as a ratio:

\$328,560

\$265,714

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1.24

RESERVES:

Reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure as of December 31, 2024, are:

- Utility Reserve - \$151,882.56
- Capital Trust Fund - \$79,983.49
- Infrastructure Fee Reserve - \$24,152.52

WATERWORKS ASSESSMENT:

Amendments have been made to *The Waterworks and Sewage Works Regulations* (Section 32) that eliminate the need to conduct an independent engineering assessment of human consumptive waterworks on a cyclical basis, also commonly referred to as Waterworks System Assessment (WSA), every five years. Therefore, the requirement for the town to complete a Waterworks System Assessment on a routine five-year cycle is no longer in effect.

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These assessments will be required on a frequency as determined by the Minister and as described in the Permit to Operate a Waterworks. Requirements for an assessment may also be put in place by the Environmental Project Officer who oversees the town’s waterworks system.

The last Waterworks System Assessment required by the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency was completed on December 22, 2015, by Pinter & Associates Ltd. On January 5, 2016, Rodney Lemon, Environmental Project Officer deemed the assessment for the town complete and met the requirements of the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency Standard. This Waterworks System Assessment is available at the municipal office.

**AGREEMENTS:**

There are no agreements entered into respecting the provision of municipal waterworks services.

Council passed a resolution to accept this annual waterworks information on June 10, 2025.

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Mayor

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Administrator