

ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION

Year: 2025

Name of Municipality: Town of Eatonia

Date: August 18, 2026

WATERWORKS RATE POLICY:

The water and sewer rates that are established for the next ten (10) years were chosen as acceptable rates 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 there are sufficient revenues to cover waterworks operating costs. Below are the planned 10% bi-annual water and sewer rate increases, rounded to the nearest \$0.05, for the next ten (10) years for residents and businesses:

MONTHLY MINIMUM WATER CHARGE:

DATE	MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE (4,000 GALLONS)
January 01, 2026 – December 31, 2027	\$ 63.90
January 01, 2028 – December 31, 2029	\$ 70.30
January 01, 2030 – December 31, 2031	\$ 77.35
January 01, 2032 – December 31, 2033	\$ 85.10
January 01, 2034 – December 31, 2035	\$ 93.60
January 01, 2036 – December 31, 2037	\$102.95

WATER OVERAGE CHARGE (BILLED QUARTERLY):

DATE	PER 1,000 GALLONS OR PART THEREOF
January 01, 2026 – December 31, 2027	\$11.85
January 01, 2028 – December 31, 2029	\$13.05
January 01, 2030 – December 31, 2031	\$14.35
January 01, 2032 – December 31, 2033	\$15.80
January 01, 2034 – December 31, 2035	\$17.40
January 01, 2036 – December 31, 2037	\$19.15

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MONTHLY MINIMUM SEWER SERVICE CHARGES:

Date	Tavern Restaurant Café	School Senior Care Home	1 st Car Wash Stall, Church, Auto Garage, Businesses, Convenience Store/Food Take Out, Suites, Residence, Restaurant with Residence, All Other Users	Each Additional Car Wash Stall
Jan 01, 2026 to Dec 31, 2027	\$23.55	\$117.90	\$14.20	\$5.30
Jan 01, 2028 to Dec 31, 2029	\$25.90	\$129.70	\$15.60	\$5.85
Jan 01, 2030 to Dec 31, 2031	\$28.50	\$142.70	\$17.20	\$6.45
Jan 01, 2032 to Dec 31, 2033	\$31.35	\$157.00	\$18.90	\$7.10
Jan 01, 2034 to Dec 31, 2035	\$34.50	\$172.70	\$20.80	\$7.80
Jan 01, 2036 to Dec 31, 2037	\$37.95	\$190.00	\$22.90	\$8.60

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

The objective of the waterworks rate policy is a waterworks program that is self-financing, where the users pay for the costs of the service. To accomplish this, the rates need to increase over time ensure revenues cover operating costs wherever possible. At the end of the above scheduled years, Council will review policy to determine if revenues are covering costs. At that time, Council may consider increasing rates to build reserves to prepare for future infrastructure maintenance and replacement costs.

This rate policy provides a financially independent water and sewer works that doesn't compete with other key municipal financial demands under the municipal general revenue fund. This will ensure our waterworks can provide safe drinking water for many years to come.

Rates that cover costs will influence consumer demand and encourage water conservation. Self-financing utility works will reduce pressures on property taxes.

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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/ 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 min. & \$12.89 min. 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,
- Address future infrastructure replacements in a timely fashion,
- Ensure the municipal waterworks provides safe drinking water, and
- Wastewater is managed responsibly for residents and businesses.

To cover the costs of future waterworks infrastructure replacements, Council must undertake a combination of increasing water rates, sewer rates, and infrastructure fees 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:

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MONTHLY CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FEE:

DATE	PER 1,000 GALLONS OR PART THEREOF
January 01, 2026 – December 31, 2027	\$20.00
January 01, 2028 – December 31, 2029	\$22.00
January 01, 2030 – December 31, 2031	\$24.20
January 01, 2032 – December 31, 2033	\$26.60
January 01, 2034 – December 31, 2035	\$29.25
January 01, 2036 – December 31, 2037	\$32.20

The infrastructure fee collected monthly is transferred to an Infrastructure Fee Fast Track for the replacement of future capital infrastructure. The Utility Reserve account and Infrastructure Fee Fast Track account were depleted in 2024 when the sewer relining and line installation project was completed. A back up generator at the water treatment plant was installed in 2025.

The 2026 project is to complete recoating of manways. This project will preserve the structure of the manways for their continued use and improved operations and safety.

PINTER & Associates Ltd. completed an Infrastructure Related Condition Assessment Report of the water and sewer lines. This report involved creating a system of rating these assets to determine the: current value, annual maintenance costs, and life cycle costs.

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

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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.

2025 Waterworks Overview:

Total water and sewer revenues:	\$332,563
Operating expenditures:	\$304,413

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

$$\frac{\$332,563}{\$304,413} = 1.0925$$

RESERVES:

Reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure as of December 31, 2025, are:

Utility Reserve - \$153,233.63
Capital Trust Fund - \$91,137.49
Infrastructure Fee Reserve - \$92,965.52

WATERWORKS ASSESSMENT:

Amendments have been made to *The Waterworks and Sewage Works Regulations* (Section 32) eliminating 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), the amendments eliminated the requirement for this assessment every five years. Therefore, the requirement for the town to complete a WSA every 5 years is no longer in effect.

These assessments will be required on a frequency determined by:

- The Minister,
- The Permit to Operate a Waterworks, or
- 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 Town assessment complete and meeting 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.