

ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN OFFICE
BY SEPTEMBER 1ST OF EACH YEAR (BEGINNING 2006)
(As required under *The Municipalities Regulations*)

TOWN OF ST. WALBURG
September 1, 2014

WATERWORKS MONTHLY RATE POLICY

On January 28, 2014 Council passed a resolution on the 2014 Budget which included the finance committee recommendations to continue with the ten-year waterworks and wastewater works rate policy.

Under the rate policy resolution, the per cubic meter rate is as set forth:

There will be a minimum billing each month for 4 cubic meters (or 1,000 gallons) of water to every connection. Consumption charges will be above the minimum billing if water is consumed each month. The rates are as follows:

Minimum Rate for first 4 cubic meters (or 1,000 gallons)	\$27.79
Consumption rates (for each 4 cubic meters (or 1,000 gallons)	\$11.52

Bulk water rates are permitted from the Town's water treatment plant at a rate of \$28.85 per 1,000 gallons or .0288 cents per gallon.

These rates will continued, as adopted under the **Water Bylaw No. 1-2014**, but to work toward waterworks and waste waterworks revenues that cover utility costs, Council will continue to raise the minimum and consumptions rates by 3% per year for the next eight years. Council will continue to monitor these figures annually.

By planning the rate increases ahead of time, residents and businesses will be able to prepare for and adjust to the increases. Bylaws will be passed each year for any water and waste water rate changes.

Utility costs, or expenditures, include staff salaries, benefits and training, power, heat, insurance, chemicals, repairs, maintenance, supplies, etc. The rates do not include an infrastructure charge, but any net revenues will be put into reserves so that they are able to help address infrastructure problems that arise.

WASTEWATER MONTHLY RATES POLICY

Under the rate policy resolution, the monthly sewer service charges are as follows:

Residences, Commercial, Shop, Apartment Block (per suite), Trailer Court (per outlet)	\$27.99
Heated Commercial Vehicle Bays	\$55.95
Café or Lunch Counter, Coin Laundry, Car wash bays, Hotel & Café, RCMP Detachment	\$88.70
Truck Wash Bay	\$177.63
Arena Rink, K-12 School, Hospital, Nursing Home	\$296.15

Below provides the planned water rate increases of 3% per year over the next eight years. To demonstrate the impact on residents and businesses, below are estimated monthly charges that reflect the rates increases, which are based on a household minimum rate each month.

ESTIMATED MONTHLY CHARGE

(Includes minimum water and sewer rate per month for a residence)

January 1, 2015	\$59.39
January 1, 2016	\$63.32
January 1, 2017	\$67.57
January 1, 2018	\$69.60
January 1, 2019	\$71.69
January 1, 2020	\$73.84
January 1, 2021	\$76.06
January 1, 2022	\$78.34

The objective of the waterworks and wastewater works rate policy is to work towards utility infrastructure that are self-financing, where the users pay for the cost of the service. To accomplish this, rates need to increase over time. At the end of the eight year of the planned rate increases, Council will review its policy to determine if revenues are covering costs. This rate policy will work towards financially independent waterworks 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 and wastewater can provide safe disposal of wastewater. Also, rates that cover costs will influence consumer demand and water conservation, and self-financing waterworks will reduce pressures on property taxes.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

(Of the previous calendar year)

Total 2013 utility general revenues	\$385,441
Total 2013 grants (MRIF) Water Plant Capital Grant	<u> --</u>
Total 2013 Revenues:	\$385,441
Total 2013 utility expenditures	\$306,402
Total 2013 Capital expenditures	\$ 75,201
Total debt payments on waterworks infrastructure loans	<u>\$ 35,664</u>
Total 2013 Expenditures	\$417,267

For 2013, waterworks revenues covered 92.37% of the waterworks expenditures.

Reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure: \$186,652

Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures plus debt payments, expressed as a ratio:

$$\frac{\$385,441}{\$381,603 + \$35,664} = .92$$

ATTACHMENTS

Attached is the waterworks system assessment, as required under *Section 35 of The Water Regulations, 2002*.

There is no agreements for waterworks services.

TOWN OF ST. WALBURG

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2013

**The following information is on the Town of St. Walburg's
Waterworks, as required by *The Municipalities Regulations*.**

2013 WATERWORKS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:

Total Waterworks Revenues (R)	\$385,441
Total Waterworks Expenditures (E)	\$381,603
Total debt repayment on waterworks (Loan & Debenture)	\$ 35,664

For 2013 Waterworks Revenue covered .92% of Waterworks Expenditures.

The following additional information is available at the Municipal Office on the Waterworks:

- The September 1, 2014 Waterworks Rate Policy
- 2013 Financial Overview of the Waterworks
- Waterworks Reserves
- A Copy of the 2013 Waterworks Assessment