

# TOWN OF BRUNO

## 2022 ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION POLICY

### POLICY 01/2022 Resolution: 180/2022

**DATE:** June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

#### **THE WATERWORKS RATE POLICY FOR 2022**

The Town of Bruno at its December 2021 meeting passed a Bylaw to update the rates to be charged for the use and consumption of water and sewer for 2022.

The waterworks rate policy for 2022 will be:

- the minimum rate charge of \$182.75 per quarter for a maximum of 5,000 gallons of water
- the per 1000-gallon water rate of \$31.69 for usage above the 5,000-gallon minimum;
- A flat rate fee for sewer service at \$182.75 per quarter,
- a total minimum of \$365.50 per quarter.
- These rates will to ensure that water & sewer works revenues cover water and sewer works operating costs.

For waterworks, operating costs and expenditures include staff salaries, benefits, training, water from SaskWater, utilities, insurance, chemicals, equipment, and building maintenance. The major cost is of purchasing treated river water from SaskWater.

This waterworks rate policy should allow the Town to reserve some funding annually to help offset future waterworks infrastructure needs.

The projected rate for 2023 shall remain the same as the 2022 rates.

The objective of the waterworks rate policy is to work towards waterworks that are self-financing, where the users pay for the cost of the service. To accomplish this, waterworks rates need to increase over time in relation to expenses, so that the revenues cover operating costs. Council will review its waterworks policy annually to determine if revenues are covering costs.

#### **WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

i) The objective of the waterworks capital investment strategy is to address anticipated waterworks infrastructure maintenance, the immediate drinking water infrastructure problems and future infrastructure replacements in a timely fashion so as to ensure the municipal waterworks provides safe drinking water collection for residents and businesses. The strategy uses the 2011 and 2015 Waterworks System Assessment as required by Saskatchewan Environment for infrastructure planning. In 2018 The Town of Bruno completed a Sanitary & Storm Network Asset Management Plan as well as a Water Network Management Plan. These Asset Management plans will be utilized by the Town of Bruno in future Capital Asset planning and Acquisitions. The Town of Bruno intends to continue building our reserve fund through budgeted revenue surpluses annually.

ii) The current waterworks capital plans and planned sources of funding are as follows.

Project	Planned year of completion	Estimated project cost	Future Cost*	Sources of Funding
Hydrant replacements	2018 - 2027	\$25,000	\$180,000	Budgeted Utility Annual Funding
Lift Station Upgrade	2021/22	\$100,000	Running costs, Maintenance costs	MEEP Funding Budgeted Utility Annual Funding
South Water Loop	2022	\$200,000	Maintenance costs	CIF Funding Budgeted Utility Annual Funding

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

Total 2021 waterworks revenues	\$524,414.29
Total 2021 waterworks expenditures	\$397,395.45
Total debt payments on waterworks infrastructure loans	\$0

Comparison of waterworks and sewer revenues to expenditures plus debt payments, expressed as a ratio  
$$\frac{\$524,414.00}{\$397,395.00} = 1.31 \text{ times}$$

For 2021, waterworks and sewer revenues covered 131% percent of the expenditures.

**RESERVES**

Reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure at December 31, 2021 \$343,244.89

**OTHER AVAILABLE WATERWORKS INFORMATION**

- Engineering Assessments
- Drinking Water Quality and Compliance Report
- Water Network Asset Management Plan
- Waterworks Quality Assurance Quality Control Policy
- Asset Management Plans