

BULK WATER RATE BYLAW

BYLAW NO. 07-2024

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH THE TERMS, COSTS, OR CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION OF BULK WATER SERVICES WITHIN THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHEATLANDS NO. 163

WHERAS the Rural Municipality of Wheatlands No. 163 is granted the authority to provide municipal bulk water services subject to any terms, costs or charges established by the Council of the Rural Municipality of Wheatlands No. 163.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Rural Municipality of Wheatlands No. 163 provides bulk water within the municipality subject to the following terms and conditions;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Rural Municipality of Wheatlands No. 163 enacts as follows:

Titles and Definitions

This Bylaw may be cited as the "Bulk Water Rate Bylaw".

In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, the word, term, or expressions:

- a) "Bulk Water" means water that is for the use at a location other than the location of purchase.
- b) "Council" means the Rural Council for the Rural Municipality of Wheatlands No. 163.
- c) "Municipality" means the municipality of the Rural Municipality of Wheatlands No. 163.
- d) "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, corporation, municipality, association, society, or any legal representatives of a person to whom the context can apply according to law.
- e) "Non-Ratepayer" means any individual, partnership, firm, corporation, municipality, association, society, or any legal representatives of a person to whom the context can apply according to law that does not pay local property taxes within the Rural Municipality of Wheatlands No. 163 boundaries.
- f) "Administrator" shall mean the administrator of the municipality.

Bulk Water Rates and Billing

- 1. The Rural Municipality of Wheatlands No. 163 does hereby levy a service charge on all persons purchasing bulk water within the limits of the Municipality.
- 2. The water service charge for bulk water sales shall be computed and rendered monthly as follows:

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a) Water commodity charge: A commodity charge as set out in the attached "Schedule A".

Deposit for Account

3. All persons purchasing bulk water that are non-ratepayers must, upon the opening of an account, deposit with the Administrator the minimum amount of \$100.00. This deposit will be deducted from the amount of bulk water taken. If any deposited amount remains after the said account is paid in full, the balance will be refunded to the account holder. If an account with a deposit remains inactive for 5 years, the Municipality will attempt to refund the deposit with written notice to the account holder. After 30 days, if no response is received, the deposit shall be deemed forfeited to the Municipality.

Payment of Account

4. All accounts shall be due and payable 30 days after the billing date. Accounts not paid on or before the due date shall be liable to a monthly penalty of 2.5% on the account balance.

Delinquent Account

5. In the event that an account billing remains unpaid for a period of sixty (90) days from the billing date, the Administrator shall cause the delinquent customer to be served with a written notice advising that access to the bulk water service be denied unless the account is paid in full within two (2) business days of a notice delivered to the customer, or to the person in charge of the premises of the customer, or seven (7) business days after mailing a notice. If after this period, the account remains unpaid, the Administrator may cause the service to be denied without further notice.

Special Agreements

6. The Rural Municipality of Wheatlands No. 163 reserves the right to make special arrangements on terms fixed by the Council with certain industries or others to whom quantities of bulk water are sold.

Rights to Impose Restrictions

- 7. a) When and if it is considered necessary the Administrator may, at his/her sole discretion, impose restrictions upon the amount of bulk water any one, or all consumers may take from the bulk water station.
 - b) The Rural Municipality of Wheatlands No. 163 reserves the right to refuse use of the Bulk Water Facility to any person who is deemed by the Administrator to be misusing the facility, or displaying improper conduct, or is in contravention of Bylaw #06-2024 "A Bylaw for the Protection of Public Water Supplies".

Penalties

8. Any person found guilty of an infraction of any provision of this bylaw shall be liable to penalties as set out in the *General Penalty Bylaw* of the municipality.

Coming Into Force

- 9. Bylaw No. 02-14 is hereby repealed.
- 10. The rates, charges, tolls or rents contained in this bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of approval being issued by the Saskatchewan Local Government Committee.

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Read a third time and adopted

this 12th day of June 2024

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The following rate shall apply to consumers for each monthly billing period:

\$7.00 per cubic meter