

THE COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

BYLAW 21-22

A Bylaw of the County of Vermilion River in the Province of Alberta concerning the scale of fees established and the enforcement of payment of all fixed rates, charges, tolls, fares or rents in respect to the operation and maintenance of County owned water and sewer public utilities

- WHEREAS** the definition of public utilities is set out under Interpretation: 1(1) (y) of the Municipal Government Act; Statutes of Alberta, 2000; Chapter M-26.
- AND WHEREAS** the Council of the County of Vermilion River deems it necessary to provide for a decrease or increase in the rates and charges from time to time to meet the cost of providing, operating, and maintaining the public utilities pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act; Statutes of Alberta, 2000; Chapter M26
- AND WHEREAS** the County deems it expedient and in the public interest to publicize, by Bylaw, provisions respecting the collection and enforcement of payment of all rates, charges, tolls, fares, or rents in connection with the operation of County owned public utilities
- AND WHEREAS** authority is provided under Part 2, Division 1, 7(g); Part 3, Division 7 (Revision and Consolidation of Bylaws) to pass, amend or repeal a bylaw for municipal purposes respecting public utilities
- NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the County of Vermilion River, duly assembles, enacts as follows:
1. That Bylaw No. 19-15, being a bylaw concerning the scale of fees established and the enforcement of payment of all fixed rates, charges, tolls, fares, or rents in respect to the operation and maintenance of County owned water and sewer public utilities, is hereby repealed
 2. In this Bylaw the term "public utility" has the same meaning set forth in Part 3, Division 3, 28 (a to f)
 3. All contracts for the supply of public utility services, shall be entered into between the County and the owner of the property being supplied with the utility service.
 4. All public utility accounts, which remain unpaid after the 30th day of the billing period in which they are forwarded to the person in whose name the public utility account appears on the County records or mailed shall be deemed accounts overdue and shall be assessed simple interest charges in the amount of three percent (3%) of such monthly service rate as been established and charged on said account on the 31st day of the billing period. Such interest charges will form part of the utility rates originally charged and are collectable in the same manner as other utility rates.

5. Where any public utility account is in default, the County may enforce payment of any rate, charge, toll, fare, or rent by any or all of the following methods:
 - a. By action in any Court of competent jurisdiction, or
 - b. By shutting off the public utility being supplied to the consumer or discontinuing the service thereof, upon providing reasonable notice to the consumer when possible.
6. The County Administrator shall exercise the powers of the County specified in section 5 of this Bylaw.
7. In addition to the exercise of the powers specified in section 5 of this Bylaw, the County Administrator may at any time instruct that the amount or amounts of all public utility accounts, in respect of any public utilities supplied to the subject property, be entered on the assessment and taxation roll of a property.
8. Where any public utility accounts entered on the assessment and taxation roll, the amount of any and all such public utility accounts are deemed for all purposes to be a tax imposed under the Municipal Government Act from the date such outstanding accounts were added to the taxation roll and form a special lien against the said parcel of land in favor of the municipality from the date they are added to the taxation roll.
9. Schedule "A" attached hereto forms part of this Bylaw

SHOULD any provision of this Bylaw be determined to be invalid, then such provisions shall be severed, and the remaining bylaw shall be maintained.


THIS Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon receiving third and final reading and having been signed by the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer.

Read a first time this 14th day of December, 2021

Read a second time this 14th day of December, 2021

Read a third time and finally passed, this 14th day of December, 2021

SIGNED by the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer this 14 day of December, 2021.



 Reeve



 Chief Administrative Officer

**BYLAW 21-22
SCHEDULE A**

MONTHLY BILLING - CONNECTED TO ACE WATER

HAMLET	WATER RATES		SEWER RATE	GARBAGE PICKUP	TOTAL BASE CHARGE
	Base Rate per Month	m3 per month			
BLACKFOOT Residents; Blackfoot Hall; Commercial Properties No functional meter installed (additional \$50.00 charge)	\$25.00	\$3.63	\$32.50	\$8.50	\$66.00 \$116.00
County Grader Shed/Fire Hall	\$25.00	\$3.63	\$32.50	\$0.00	\$57.50
Blackfoot Golden Slippers (50% of water/sewer rate only)	\$12.50	\$3.63	\$16.25	\$0.00	\$28.75
Blackfoot Thorpe Recovery Centre <small>(*Additional Interest on Sewer Main per Devl Agreement will be added)</small>	\$500.00	3.63	\$700.00*		\$1,200.00
ISLAY Residents; Commercial Properties No functional meter installed (additional \$50.00 charge)	\$25.00	\$3.63	\$32.50	\$8.50	\$66.00 \$116.00
County Grader Shed/Fire Hall	\$25.00	\$3.63	\$32.50	\$0.00	\$57.50
Islay Community Association (75% of water/sewer rate only)	\$18.75	\$3.63	\$24.38	\$0.00	\$43.13
Islay Hospital Flat Rate of \$932.20			\$802.80		\$1,735.00
Vermilion Housing	\$100.00	3.63	\$130.00	\$34.00	\$264.00
CLANDONALD Residents; Hall; Commercial Properties No functional meter installed (additional \$50.00 charge)	\$25.00	\$3.63	\$32.50	\$8.50	\$66.00 \$116.00
Clandonald School	\$25.00	3.63	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
DEWBERRY Residents, Churches No functional meter installed (additional \$50.00 charge)	\$25.00	\$3.63	\$32.50	\$8.50	\$66.00 \$116.00
Businesses with Washroom Facility	\$25.00	\$3.63	\$32.50	\$0.00	\$57.50
Car Wash	\$25.00	\$3.63	\$60.40	\$0.00	\$85.40
Hotel, Hall	\$25.00	\$3.63	\$50.40	\$0.00	\$75.40
School	\$25.00	\$3.63	\$53.25	\$0.00	\$78.25
Arena Complex	\$25.00	\$3.63	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
Campground ** (Base rate only charged when water is turned on)	\$25.00**	\$3.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00

MONTHLY BILLING - NOT CONNECTED TO ACE WATER

HAMLET	WATER (Allowance of 27 m ³ per			REGIONAL WATER RATE	SEWER RATE	GARBAGE PICKUP	TOTAL BASE CHARGE
	0-27.0 m ³	27.1-37.0 m ³	37.1 m ³ +				
MCLAUGHLIN Residents No functional meter installed (additional \$50.00 charge)	\$95.00	1.78	1.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$95.00 \$145.00
McLaughlin Improvement Assoc. (50% of water/sewer rate only)	\$47.50	1.78	1.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47.50
RIVERCOURSE Residents No functional meter installed (additional \$50.00 charge)	\$70.00	2.19	2.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70.00 \$120.00
Rivercourse Senior Centre/Hall (50% of water/sewer rate only)	\$35.00	2.19	2.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00

OTHER RATES

Penalties	
Monthly Billing	3.00%

Base Rates for Work on Private Property	
Utility man and truck	\$70.00
Utility man - no truck or equip	\$55.00
Utility clerk - administration	\$35.00
Water Service Rates	
Connection	\$70.00
Disconnection	\$70.00
Reconnection	\$70.00

Water Well Rates	
Non Potable	
Ratepayer Access Charge	4.50/M3
Commercial Weed Application Operators <small>**not to exceed 20% of original license</small>	6.00/M3
<small>Updated with Motion 2021-04-07 on June 8, 2021</small>	
Potable	
Ratepayer Access Charge	6.61/M3

1. Waste pick up is mandatory for Residential
2. Business and Community groups/halls may have a private waste pick up agreement

Previous Amended Schedule "A" Passed February 14, 2023