

A Policy for the Collection of Utility Accounts Receivables

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Policy

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Grand Coulee has passed Bylaw No. 08-2021 on the 21st day of December, 2021 which provides for the fixing of the rates to be charged for the use of water and sewer in the municipality; and

NOW THEREFORE, Council of the Town of Grand Coulee, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

Policy that ensures collection of Utility account receivable based on the current Water Rate Bylaw

2. INTERPRETATION/LEGISLATION

- (a) "Council" means the Council of the Town of Grand Coulee.
- (b) "Municipality" means the Town of Grand Coulee.
- (c) "Rural Customers" means those farms and dwellings outside of Town limits that are connected to the Town of Grand Coulee distribution system.
- (d) "Commercial Account" means any building or portion thereof, used for retail business which is connected to the sewer and water system and provides facilities for that business.

3. GENERAL

- (a) Water meters shall be read every three months on Rural connections, owner occupied or rented, beginning the 1st day of January each year, and every six months thereafter. Readings will be estimated where actual readings are not available.
- (b) Water meters shall be read every three months, beginning on the 1st day of January each year on owner occupied/rented premises within the Town of Grand Coulee and estimated for every other month.
- (c) The charges to be paid by the water consumer whose water service has been turned on and for persons who own or occupy premises drained shall be those as set out in "in the current Water Rates Bylaw approved by SMB
- (d) The charges to be paid by the rural water consumer whose water service has been turned on are as per "Schedule C" of the current water rate bylaw approved by SMB
- (e) Accounts for Town water service and/or sewer service shall cover a period of one month, for owner occupied or rented premises and shall be rendered within 30 days following the billing period.
- i) Accounts shall be paid within a period of thirty days from the date on which such accounts are rendered. If an account is not paid within the period of sixty days, the water service may be discontinued.
 - a) Where the water service has been disconnected, the service will not resume until all arrears have been paid, along with a fee to cover expenses incurred of either:
 - 1) \$100.00 to cover the expenses incurred during regular Town personnel working hours or

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- 2) \$150.00 to cover the expenses incurred outside Town personnel regular working hours.
 - 3) An account shall be deemed to be in arrears on amounts outstanding 30 days of invoice for all users.
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- j) A penalty of 2% per month will be applied to all utility accounts that remain outstanding 30 days past the date of issue.
 - k) All costs, rates or charges imposed by this bylaw remaining unpaid after 60 days or after December 31st in any year, may be transferred to the tax roll of the owner of the property. The additional cost of sending a registered letter thirty (30) days' notice in advance to the property owner shall to be applied to transfer to the tax roll, will be applied to the tax roll of the property owner.
 - l) Commercial accounts shall be deemed to be similar to residential accounts and shall be treated accordingly under this Policy.
 - m) The property owner will be responsible for any and all costs incurred by the Town to disconnect and/or reconnect water service due to lack of payment.

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**“SCHEDULE A”
BYLAW #08-2021**

RATES:

MONTHLY WATER CHARGE:

TOWN SERVICE CONNECTIONS:

Per cubic meter **\$6.70**

**TOWN OF GRAND COULEE
“SCHEDULE B”
BYLAW #08-2021**

RATES:

MONTHLY SEWER CHARGE:

TOWN SERVICE CONNECTIONS:

The monthly sewer service rates shall be calculated on the amount of water used as follows:

Per cubic meter **\$1.6497**

MONTHLY SEWER DEBT FEE:

The monthly infrastructure service charge for sewer service shall be as follows:

Per month **\$25.00**

MONTHLY INFRASTRUCTURE FEE:

The monthly infrastructure service charge for sewer service shall be as follows:

Per month **\$10.00**

**TOWN OF GRAND COULEE
“SCHEDULE C”
BYLAW #08-2021**

RATES:

MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE:

RURAL WATER CONNECTIONS:

Per cubic meter **\$7.00**

**TOWN OF GRAND COULEE
“SCHEDULE D”
BYLAW #08-2021**

RATES:

BASIC MONTHLY CHARGE FOR WATER SERVICE:

The monthly base charge for water services shall be as follows:

Per Household per month **\$20.00**

Mayor

Administrator