



Town of Coronation

BYLAW NO. 2020-675

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF CORONATION, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVYING AND COLLECTING OF CHARGES AND RATES FOR WATER SERVICE, SEWER SERVICE AND GARBAGE SERVICE.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, hereinafter referred to as the "M.G.A." provides for Council to pass bylaws, and;

WHEREAS, The Municipal Council of the Town of Coronation deems it necessary to raise such funds as required in order to finance these services;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Coronation, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

General

- 1.1 **SHORT TITLE**: This Bylaw may be cited as the "Utility Rates Bylaw".
- 1.2 That the rates set forth in this Bylaw are subject to review and adjustment from time to time as Council sees fit.

Part I: Regulations

- 2.1 That all Residential, Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial facilities shall be charged a monthly fee for garbage services as prescribed in this Bylaw. All Residential, Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial facilities using water will be required to connect to the Town's water system within 90 days of the service being brought to their property line.
- 2.2 All Residential, Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial facilities with sewage systems will be required to connect to the Town's Sewage system within 90 days of the service being brought to their property line.
- 2.3 All water services provided by the Town shall be metered. When an application for a service is approved the consumer will then be responsible for the costs of installing an appropriate meter, including a remote reading device in accordance with the current appropriate regulations and codes. The consumer shall be responsible for damages to the remote reading device that may result from other than normal wear and tear. The Town will provide the water meter.
- 2.4 Persons, firms, or corporations not within the Town limits, but within proximity may apply for garbage collection at the rate charged to the Town by the service provider. Approval for collection shall be at the discretion of the Council or Town Manager.

- 2.5 The Council of the Town shall have the right to decide into what classification any building or occupant belongs.
- 2.6 Persons, firms, or corporations being the registered owner or purchaser of a property which is serviced by municipal water connection and/or sewer main connection shall be charged a monthly charge as prescribed in this Bylaw.
- 2.7 That the fees hereinafter listed shall be charged as a monthly fee based on the type of service being provided and shall be billed on a monthly basis.
- 2.8 Rates for water service are as per **Schedule "A"** attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw.
- 2.9 Rates for sewer service are as per **Schedule "B"** attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw.
- 2.10 Rates for garbage and recycling collection are as per **Schedule "C"** attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw.
- 2.11 These rates shall not be subject to GST.
- 2.12 The rates shall be as determined by Council, and any specific site will be judged by Council as to the rates the site will be charged.
- 2.13 Where the occupant is the owner or purchaser of the property, no deposit for utility service is required upon initial connection. Should the owner fall behind on payment of their utility bill, any amount that is thirty (30) or more days past due may be transferred to the owner's tax account. Should the services be discontinued due to lack of payment of the account, then the Town reserves the right to request a deposit before the services are resumed.
- 2.14 The Owner of the property shall be responsible for the amount owing for any utility service provided by the Town or through a service contracted by the Town.
- 2.15 There shall be a charge for a service call to turn the water off or on, as prescribed in **Schedule "A"**.
- 2.16 The water service may be discontinued for default of payment of rates and shall not be re-instated until the account has been paid in full or suitable arrangements made. A charge for reconnection shall be charged as prescribed in **Schedule "A"**. Said charge shall not be subject to GST.
- 2.17 A penalty, as prescribed in **Schedule "A"**, shall be added to the balance of any utility account unpaid as of the 25th day of each month.
- 2.18 Payments of monthly utility charges are accepted at the Town Office, Alberta Treasury Branch – Coronation or through electronic banking services with the Alberta Treasury Branch and Toronto Dominion Bank.

Part II Other

3.1 Bylaw No. 2018-663 is repealed at the passing of this Bylaw.

3.2 This Bylaw comes into effect on the date of final passing.

Reasonable Notice

4.1 The Town shall send written notice to a Customer of any breach of this Bylaw, which may result in The Town discontinuing the supply of Utility Services and/or terminating the Customer's utility account. Such notice shall be delivered at least **30 days** prior to discontinuance of Utility Services or the termination of the Utility account. Written notice shall be provided by at least one (1) of the following methods:

- electronic delivery means.
- mail delivery service; or
- Contacted by phone.

Termination by The Town of Coronation Upon Notice

5.1 The Town may discontinue the supply of any Utility Service and/or terminate a Utility account for any of the following reasons after notice has been given pursuant to section 4.

- non-payment of any Utility accounts.
- the inability of The Town to obtain safe access to premises to read, service or inspect any Town infrastructure.
- failure or refusal of a Customer to comply with any provision of this Bylaw.
- failure or refusal of a Customer to comply with the provisions of any statute or regulation including the Alberta Building Code; or
- in any other case provided for in this Bylaw.

5.2 Utility service charges in default shall constitute a debt owing to the Town and shall be subject to collection by any legal process the Town deems necessary to recover the said debt.

5.3 Balances of Utility Accounts, which are three (3) months or more in arrears as of December 31st, shall be transferred to the Tax Roll of the property.

5.4 Balances of Utility Accounts, which are three (3) months or more in arrears as of December 31st that have been disconnected due to no payment will be transferred into the registered property owner's tax roll, and a lien placed onto the property owner's property.

The Town is authorized to collect all accounts owing to The Town under this Bylaw and may take any of the measures a municipality is authorized to take under the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chap M-26.Schedule "A" outlines all provisions for "misreads, transmission errors, and faulty equipment."

Schedules "A", "B" and "C" are a part of this Bylaw.

The invalidity of any provision of this Bylaw shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

First Reading given on the 28th day of September 2020.

Second Reading given on the 13th day of October, 2020.

Third and Final Reading given on the 13th day of October, 2020.



Mayor
Mark Stannard



Chief Administrative Officer
Quinton Flint

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SCHEDULE "A"**

WATER RATES:

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| 1. Water Service Fees: | <u>Monthly Charges:</u> |
| a. Flat Rate Charge for all active water accounts. | \$30.00 per month |
| b. Consumption of water (metered or estimated use) | \$3.00 per cubic meter |
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| 2. Regional Water Commission Debenture Surcharge | \$7.00 per Month |
| - <u>All</u> Residential, Commercial, Industrial & Institutional property owners must pay this fee. | |
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| 3. Water System Capital Reserve | \$12.00 per Month |
| - <u>All</u> Residential, Commercial, Industrial & Institutional property owners must pay this fee. | |
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| 4. Bulk Water Sales | \$6.00 per cubic meter |
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| 5. If a utility meter misread or if the data is no longer transmitting during any meter billing period, the administration will be required to provide the resident with a written "Utility Issue Notice." This notice will be provided to the account holder and property owner no later than two weeks from the discovery of the issue. | |

The administration will immediately place the utility account in a "Temp Rate" state. Under the "Temp Rate" the utility account will be billed as follows.

The monthly utility billing amount for "Temp Rate," will be \$ 42.00. The "Temp Rate," will be charged to the account holder the following month (after the Utility Notice. the "Temp Rate" as well as the regular monthly charges totaling \$ 125.00 per month.

Eg. Monthly flat rate (Garbage, sewer, and water flat rate) at \$ 83.00 plus the "Temp Rate," of \$ 42.00 totaling \$ 125.00/ pm.

The "Temp Rate Charge," will only be removed from a utility bill after the property owner or account holder provides access to the meter and MXU or LTE units for inspection by municipal staff.

The Town of Coronation staff are to be granted access to the property to repair or replace the MXU or LTE unit as soon as possible, to have the "Temp Rate" removed from any utility account.

DEPOSITS:

1. Delinquent owners may be charged a refundable deposit of \$100.00

PENALTIES:

2. 2% interest shall be charged on the outstanding balance on account each month, on a cumulative basis.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES:

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| 3. Voluntary connection and/or disconnection | \$60.00 to disconnect and
\$60.00 to reconnect water services |
| 4. Reconnection fees due to non-payment | \$60.00 payable prior to reconnection plus payment of
outstanding of account charges |
| 5. NSF cheque fee | \$25.00 each occurrence |
| 6. Request to relocate water meter | \$40.00 |

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Schedule "B"**

SEWER RATES:

Monthly Charges:

1. **Residential Dwellings, Manufactured Homes, Churches.** **\$14.50 per Month**
 - **All** Residential Dwelling, Manufactured Home, and Church property owners must pay this fee.

2. **All other commercial, Industrial, Institutional locations**
**Minimum \$21.00 or 28% of their water consumption,
whichever is greater per month.**
 - **All** Other Commercial, Industrial & Institutional property owners must pay this fee.

3. **Sewage Lagoon & System Construction Reserve** **\$6.00 per Month**
 - **All** Residential, Commercial, Industrial & Institutional property owners must pay this fee.

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Schedule "C"**

GARBAGE & RECYCLING COLLECTION:

Monthly Charges:

Residential Sites:

\$15.50 per month

- single family residential customers which have once weekly "hand-pick" garbage collection and bi-weekly recycling collection

Small Commercial Sites:

\$15.50 per month

- Non-residential business customers which have once weekly "hand-pick" garbage collection and bi-weekly recycling collection

Large Commercial Sites – one pickup/week:

\$125.00 per month

- Non-residential business sites and multi-family residential sites that have sufficient waste to warrant the use of a single dumpster with one collection per week

Large Commercial Sites – two pickups/week:

\$210.00 per month

- Non-residential business sites and multi-family residential sites that have sufficient waste to warrant the use of a single dumpster with two collections per week
- Non-residential business sites and multi-family residential sites that have one waste dumpster and one recycling dumpster collection per week

RECYCLING BINS:

- Replacement bins or additional bins can be purchased for:

\$15.00 per bin

All Residential property owners must pay the appropriate garbage collection fee

All Commercial, Industrial & Institutional property owners must pay the appropriate garbage collection fee, unless a non-residential commercial dumpster has been rented privately.