

**ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE BY
SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.**

**Village of Dysart
Date: May 8, 2024**

WATERWORKS RATE POLICY ESTABLISHED BY BYLAW 02/2019

On May 14, 2019 the Village of Dysart Council passed by resolution, Bylaw 02/2019.

Under this bylaw the rate charged for water is \$25.00 for 3,000 gallons of water or less per month. The Village has chosen to keep this rate at a constant level.

Waterworks operating costs include all expenditures such as salaries, training, power, telephone, insurance, fuel, heat, repairs, maintenance, minor upgrades, amortization, etc. Revenue is strictly generated from water sales and sewer charges. The \$25.00 per month fee does not include an infrastructure fee.

On August 14, 2012 Council introduced an Infrastructure Water and Sewer reserve fund. Also at this time a late payment penalty was introduced for unpaid accounts. In 2019 the Village Council combined the infrastructure fees into one account – Infrastructure Fee - and it is now at \$25.00 per month. At the end of 2023 the reserve account had a surplus of - \$39,816.35.

The Village may choose to increase the infrastructure fees in the future. We need to build up the reserve fund in order to be able to replace more lines, and the cost to do the line replacements has increased.

The reason for this reserve account was to set up a saving's plan for the replacement of the waterlines in the Village. The waterlines are currently old as they were installed in 1964. They have long since past there useful lives and are in desperate need of replacement.

WATERWORKS CAPTIAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

On July 9, 2019 Council passed a resolution on a capital investment strategy.

The objective of the waterworks capital investment strategy is to address the replacement of the waterworks aging infrastructure in the Village to ensure that it can provide safe drinking water to residents and businesses.

To cover the costs of the replacement of the infrastructure Council will likely need to increase the infrastructure fee's, transfer monies from surplus to the reserve account, secure major grant funding and long term borrowing.

In the beginning of 2013, the Village employed the services of the engineer firm, Pinter and Associates from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to help prepare and assemble the Waterline Replacement Project. A quote/estimate had been received, and the following capital plan had been established. But grant funding was not received and the lines did not get replaced by grant funding.

Project	Planned Year of Completion	2013 Estimate	Source of Funding
Waterline Replacement Fund	2014	\$1,255,000.00	Building Canada Reserves & Surplus New Deal Gas Tax Long Term Borrowing

Since that time the Village of Dysart has been very committed to replacing the waterlines without the help of grant funding and have been proactive and have replaced and upgraded several blocks and portions of lines and projects over the past five years.

- 2014 – 500 Block of Assiniboia Replacement Completed
- 2014 – Water Treatment Plant discharge water pipes and Valves to Railway Avenue replaced.
- 2016 – 700 and 800 block of Qu’Appelle Avenue
- 2017 – South portion of 100 block Holland
- 2018 – Water Treatment Plant – incoming water supply pipe
- 2018 – 200 block of Wark Street
- 2018 – 200 block of McKendre Street
- 2019 – 100 block of McKendre Street
- 2019 – 600 block of Railway Street
- 2021/2022 – Generator for Water plant
- 2022 - 300 block of Main Street
- 2022 – Two sewage pumps for lift station

It is the intent of Council, if funding can be secured to complete the rest of the lines. Without grant funding the replacement project will take another 10-15 years to complete. It is hopeful that the Community of Dysart will be awarded funding so it can ensure its residents a safe water supply for future years.

WATERWORKS ANNUAL FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks Regulations

2023 Waterworks Financial Overview:

- Total waterworks revenues – \$101,171.00
- Total waterworks expenditures – \$60,328.34
- Total debt payment on waterworks infrastructure loans – None
- Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures plus debt payments, expressed as a ratio:

$$\frac{\$101,171.00}{(\$60,328.34) + (\$0.00)} = 1.677 \text{ (2023 waterworks revenues covered the waterworks expenditures plus we have a surplus of } \$40,842.66)$$

The following waterworks information is available at the municipal office for public viewing and on the Village of Dysart website; www.dysartsk.ca

- The May 8, 2024 Waterworks Rate Policy and Capital Investment Strategy – see attached Bylaw 02/2019 and policy
- The above financial information did not include the following transfer, the Village has transferred the infrastructure funds collected and late payment penalties to the waterworks reserve fund for a total transfer of – **\$31,906.28**
- **In 2023 the Village repaired a water break at Qu'Appelle & Wark St. and the water line servicing the fire hydrant at this location was also replaced.**
- **Waterworks Reserve Fund for the end of 2023 is a Surplus of – \$38,816.35**
- The 2023 waterworks assessment –**see attached water compliance inspection report for 2023.**
- Capital Plans in place and related sources of funding for the projects –
 - **The Village of Dysart has no Capital Investment plans for 2024.**
- Please note that the cost of waterworks expenditures above includes administration costs. A specific breakdown of these costs can be viewed at the Village Office.
- In 2023 waterworks posted a surplus of **\$40,842.66**. This money includes the infrastructure fees collected and the Canada Community Building Fund (Gas Tax Grant) and the applicable portions have been allocated to the infrastructure reserve account.
- When the Water and Sewer function applied the transfers to the Infrastructure Reserve account, the Water and Sewer function posted a **deficit** of **\$4,543.62** Using these figures for 2024 – the Water and Sewer function is forecasted to post a **\$9,322.00** deficit. For more detailed information please contact the Village Office.