# **Corporation of the Town of Moosonee**

**BY-LAW NO. 07-17** 

Being a by-law to set rates to users of municipal water distribution system and sewage treatment system services in the Town of Moosonee and repeal By-Law #23-16

WHEREAS it is fiscally responsible for the municipality to increase rates to be charged to the users of water from the water distribution system and the users of the sewer treatment system to ensure the municipality abides by the principles of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Sustainable Water and Sewage Systems Act, to ensure the municipal Water and Sewage Systems remain financially viable and sustainable for the long term;

**AND WHEREAS** The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee deems it necessary to confirm the mandatory use and installation of water meters for all consumers that are connected to the municipal water distribution system;

**AND WHEREAS** section 391 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 as amended, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws imposing fees or charges for services or activities provided or done by the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** section 80. (3) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 as amended, provides that if a customer discontinues the use of a public utility on land or a municipality lawfully decides to cease supplying the public utility to land, the municipality may enter on the land, to shut off the supply of the public utility, or to remove any property of the municipality, or to determine whether the public utility has been or is being unlawfully used;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee enacts as follows:

- 1. THAT By-Law #12-12, being a by-law to enact rules and regulations for the installation, repair, maintenance and access to water meters and related appurtenances, including penalties for offences was Enacted by the municipality, and requires that all water supplied by The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee through private water services connected to the municipal water service shall pass through a water meter.
- 2. THAT the combined Flat Rate <u>and</u> Consumption Rate for water supplied through water service connections and to users of the water distribution system shall be that rate applicable to each consumer class as per Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this By-Law.
- 3. THAT the Flat Sewer Rate for sewage collected through sewer service connections and to users of the sewage treatment system shall be that rate applicable to each consumer class as per Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this By-Law.
- 4. THAT all water and sewer account bills shall be issued monthly to the owner of the premises so serviced and shall be due and payable to The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee on or before the last business day of the month following the billing month (month in which the water was supplied) and as indicated on the water bill as "Due Date".
- 5. THAT all water and sewer accounts not paid in full by the monthly due date shall be charged interest a monthly interest rate of 1.25%, to be applied to the water account on the first day of each overdue month.

- 6. THAT access to the municipal water distribution system shall be discontinued when water accounts are more than ninety (90) days overdue, and shall be subject to a Disconnection Charge. If these charges remain unpaid and payment is overdue more than 90 days, they shall be transferred to the owner's municipal property taxes.
- 7. THAT in the event that it is necessary for The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee to shut off a water service for non-payment of an account, the water shall not be turned on again until the account is paid in full, including the Disconnection Charge and the Re-Connection Charge, and any interest owing on the balance of the water account.
- 8. THAT provided there is no outstanding balance owing on the water account, the water service may be discontinued for any period of time by the consumer on request upon payment of a Disconnection Charge of \$50.00 for such shut-off and an additional Re-Connection Charge \$50.00 for the subsequent turn-on.
- 9. THAT By-Law #23-16 is hereby repealed.
- 10. THAT this By-Law shall come into force and take effect as of the date it receives third and final reading.

READ a first and second time This 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017

> <u>ORIGINAL SIGNED BY</u> Mayor – Wayne Taipale

<u>ORIGINAL SIGNED BY</u> Deputy-Clerk – Louise Etherington

READ a third time and finally passed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017

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## Schedule A – COMBINED RATES – WATER METERS Flat Rate <u>plus</u> Water Consumption Rates Flat Rate Sewer Collection/Treatment Rates & Charges

#### **RATES & CHARGES**

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GENERAL CHARGES WATER	RATES & CHARGES
Late Penalty for overdue water accounts	1.25% charge applied to the outstanding
	account on the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of the next month.
Notice of Disconnection Charge (applied to	
consumers with delinquent accounts or	\$50.00 applied to the outstanding account
considered non-compliant)	
Re-connection Charge (applied when it has	
been necessary to disconnect a water service	\$50.00 applied to the account
as result of non-payment, and reconnection is	
then requested)	
FLAT RATES WATER CHARGED TO A	
PLUS WATER CONSUMPTION RATES A	
CLASS: Residential Properties	$\frac{3}{4}$ inch line = \$ 60.00 per month
Each dwelling or Apartment unit.	1 inch line $=$ \$ 95.00 per month
	$1\frac{1}{2}$ inch line = \$125.00 per month
CLASSES: Commercial / Industrial /	$\frac{3}{4}$ inch line = \$ 60.00 per month
Institutional / Non-Residential Properties	1 inch line $=$ \$ 95.00 per month
	$1\frac{1}{2}$ inch line = \$125.00 per month
	2 inch line = $$235.00$ per month
	3 inch line = $$345.00$ per month
	4 inch line = $$455.00$ per month
PLUS WATER CONSUMPTION RATES	PER CUBIC METRE
Residential Properties	\$0.85 per m <sup>3</sup>
Commercial / Industrial / Institutional / Non-	\$3.35 per m <sup>3</sup>
Residential Properties	
FLAT RATES SEWER COLLECTION/TREATMENT CHARGED TO ALL CLASSES	
CLASS: Residential Properties	\$40.00 per month
Each dwelling or Apartment Unit	Subject to late charges and delinquency as
	with water charges
CLASSES: Commercial / Industrial /	\$45.00 per month
Institutional / Non-Residential Properties	Subject to late charges and delinquency as
	with water charges

### <u>Procedure for disconnection of water service for Delinquent Accounts</u> <u>or non-compliance with Water Meter Installation:</u>

Access to the municipal water distribution system shall be discontinued when accounts are more than ninety (90) days overdue, or in the event that an owner refuses to comply with the installation of a water meter, through which they must receive municipal water, in accordance with the following:

a) The Corporation will mail a letter to the owner at the water account address of record, providing ten (10) days notice of the Corporation's intent to disconnect the water service due to account delinquency or non-compliance; OR

b) The Corporation's representative will attempt to personally contact the owner or the owner's representative, by telephone (phone number on record) or by email (email address as provided by the owner), confirming the Corporation's intent to disconnect the water service due to account delinquency or non-compliance.

Note: Owners are responsible for ensuring a current telephone number and/or email address are on record with the municipality. This information can be provided to municipal staff at the time your water bill is paid, or by calling the Town Office, or emailing the information to info@moosonee.ca.