

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE WATER & SEWER
RATES BY-LAW NO. 3168
SCHEDULE "A"**

The following clauses are Effective April 1, 2021

1. Service to Customers outside RM of Portage la Prairie limits

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and sewer services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the RM. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in the schedule, as well as a surcharge, set by resolution of Council which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes and special taxes for utility purposes in effect at the time, or may be in effect from time to time, and which would be levied on the property concerned if it were within these boundaries. In addition, all costs of connection to the Utility's mains and installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

2. Billings and Penalties

Accounts shall be billed quarterly based on water used. A late payment penalty charge of 1 ¼% compounded monthly shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date. The due date will be at least fourteen (14) days after the mailing of the bills.

3. Disconnections

The Public Utilities Board has approved the Conditions Precedent to be followed by the RM with respect to the disconnection of service for non-payment including such matters as notice and the right to appeal such action to the Public Utilities Board. A copy of the Conditions Precedent are available for inspection at the RM office.

4. Reconnection

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$50.00 have been paid.

5. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of the Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer services, including fines and penalties, are a lien and charge upon the land serviced, and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.

6. Water Allowance Due to Line Freezing

That in any case where, at the request of the Council, a customer allows water to run continuously for any period of time to prevent the water or sewer lines in the water or sewer system from freezing, the charge to that customer for the current quarter shall be the average of the billings for the last two previous quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.

7. Sewage Surcharges

- (a) There may be levied annually, in addition to rates set forth above, a special surcharge on sewage having a Biochemical Oxygen Demand in excess of 300 parts per million, to be set by resolution of Council.
- (b) A special surcharge for substances requiring special treatment shall be charged based on the actual costs of treatment required for the particular sewage or industrial wastes.

8. Meter Testing

Any customer wishing to have a meter tested for accuracy will pay in advance a fee of \$100, plus any applicable meter testing costs. In the event the meter tests prove that the meter is recording water flows in excess of actual flows, the meter testing fee and associated costs will be refunded to the customer and the customer's account will be reviewed and adjusted accordingly.

9. Meter Tampering

Where there is evidence of meter tampering a minimum charge of \$500 will be applied to the customer's account in addition to an amount calculated to adjust for the tampering based on historical usage.

10. Change of Water or Water & Sewer

That a charge for change of water or water and sewer to recover the cost of completing the change of user or service, for a service that has changed users or service shall be:

- a. during normal working hours - \$35.00
- b. outside of normal working hours - \$80.00