



TOWN OF MORRIS

BY-LAW NO. 01/24

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF MORRIS TO AMEND THE SEWER AND WATER RATES WITHIN THE TOWN OF MORRIS TO PROVIDE FOR A "PASS-THROUGH" WATER RATE INCREASE FROM THE PEMBINA VALLEY WATER COOPERATIVE AS PER PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ORDER NO. 140/22.

WHEREAS Section 232 (1) and (2) of "The Municipal Act", S.M. 1996, c. 58, provide in part as follows:

- 232 (1) A Council may pass by-laws for municipal purposes respecting the following matters:
- (l) public utilities;
- 232 (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a council may in a by-law passed under this division:
- (d) establish fees or other charges for services, activities or things provided or done by the municipality or for the use of property under the ownership, direction, management or control of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Morris purchases their water from the Pembina Valley Water Co-op.

AND WHEREAS the Pembina Valley Water Co-op has passed down the following increases:

Effective January 1, 2024 - Increase of \$1.17/thousand gallons
Effective January 1, 2025 – Increase of \$0.29/thousand gallons
Effective January 1, 2026 – Increase of \$0.31/thousand gallons
Effective January 1, 2027 – Increase of \$0.33/thousand gallons

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

1. Consumers shall pay for water and sewer services supplied to them by the Town of Morris at the rates and terms set out in Schedule "A", "B", "C" and "D" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law.
2. That this by-law shall come into force and become effective on, from and after both approval of the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba and receipt of third and final reading thereof.
3. THAT By-law No. 04/22 be repealed as of and upon final approval of this By-law by the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba.

DONE AND PASSED in Open Council duly assembled in the Town of Morris this 22nd day of February 2024.

TOWN OF MORRIS

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time this 25th day of January, 2024

Read a second time this 22nd day of February, 2024

Read a third time this 22nd day of February, 2024

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES

1. Rates per thousand gallons	January 1, 2024		
	gallons per quarter		Total Water
	Water /1,000 gal.	Sewer /1,000 gal.	& Sewer
First 15,000 gallons per quarter	\$19.19	\$0.76	\$19.95
Over 15,000 gallons per quarter	\$17.76	\$0.76	\$18.52

2. Minimum Charges per Quarter

Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which includes the water allowance as listed.

(a) Water & Sewer Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included Gallons	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Sewer Commodity Charge	Water & Sewer Total Quarterly Minimum	Water Only Quarterly Minimum
5/8 inch	1	3,000.00	9.20	57.57	2.27	\$ 69.04	\$ 66.77
3/4 inch	2	6,000.00	9.20	115.14	4.54	\$ 128.88	\$ 124.34
1 inch	4	12,000.00	9.20	230.28	9.08	\$ 248.56	\$ 239.48
1 1/2 inch	10	30,000.00	9.20	554.25	22.70	\$ 586.15	\$ 563.45
2 inch	25	75,000.00	9.20	1,353.45	56.75	\$ 1,419.40	\$ 1,362.65

(b) Water Only Customers

Quarterly minimum charge is the same for each meter size as shown in table above, except that the Sewer Commodity charge is excluded.

(c) Sewer Only Residential Customers

Customers using sewer service only will pay the relevant minimum charge shown in "a" above except that the water commodity charge will be omitted and the minimum charge for a 5/8 inch meter will be based on quarterly consumption of 6,000 gallons.

3. Service to Customers outside Town of Morris limits

The Council of the Town of Morris may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and sewer services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the Town. 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.

4. Billings and Penalties

A late penalty charge of 1 1/4% 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.

5. Disconnections

The Public Utilities Board has approved the Conditions Precedent to be followed by the Town 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 is available for inspection at the Town Office.

6. Reconnection

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$15.00 have been paid.

7. 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.

8. Hydrant Rentals

The Town will pay to the Utility an annual rental of \$75.00 for each hydrant connected to the system.

9. 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 the 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.

10. 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.

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	gallons per quarter		Total Water
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First 15,000 gallons per quarter	\$19.48	\$0.76	\$20.24
Over 15,000 gallons per quarter	\$18.05	\$0.76	\$18.81

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5/8 inch	1	3,000.00	9.20	58.44	2.27 \$	69.91	\$ 67.64
3/4 inch	2	6,000.00	9.20	116.88	4.54 \$	130.62	\$ 126.08
1 inch	4	12,000.00	9.20	233.76	9.08 \$	252.04	\$ 242.96
1 1/2 inch	10	30,000.00	9.20	562.95	22.70 \$	594.85	\$ 572.15
2 inch	25	75,000.00	9.20	1,375.20	56.75 \$	1,441.15	\$ 1,384.40

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1. Rates per thousand gallons	January 1, 2026		
	gallons per quarter Water /1,000 gal.	Sewer /1,000 gal.	Total Water & Sewer
First 15,000 gallons per quarter	\$19.79	\$0.76	\$20.55
Over 15,000 gallons per quarter	\$18.36	\$0.76	\$19.12

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3/4 inch	2	6,000.00	9.20	118.74	4.54 \$	132.48	\$ 127.94
1 inch	4	12,000.00	9.20	237.48	9.08 \$	255.76	\$ 246.68
1 1/2 inch	10	30,000.00	9.20	572.25	22.70 \$	604.15	\$ 581.45
2 inch	25	75,000.00	9.20	1,398.45	56.75 \$	1,464.40	\$ 1,407.65

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Over 15,000 gallons per quarter	\$18.69	\$0.76	\$19.45

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3/4 inch	2	6,000.00	9.20	120.72	4.54 \$	134.46	\$ 129.92
1 inch	4	12,000.00	9.20	241.44	9.08 \$	259.72	\$ 250.64
1 1/2 inch	10	30,000.00	9.20	582.15	22.70 \$	614.05	\$ 591.35
2 inch	25	75,000.00	9.20	1,423.20	56.75 \$	1,489.15	\$ 1,432.40

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