

CITY OF MORDEN

By-Law No. 2-2022

BEING a By-law of the City of Morden to amend its By-law 7-2017, which provides for establishing sewer and water rates within the City of Morden;

WHEREAS the Public Utilities Board has approved a water rate increase for Pembina Valley Water Cooperative (PVWC) for water sales to its municipal members, effective January 1, 2022, as per Manitoba Public Utilities Board Order No. 172/18;

AND WHEREAS the City of Morden is a member of the PVWC and public notice was given with regards to the said water rate increase;

AND WHEREAS the Public Utilities Board has approved a process to “pass through” the increase to consumers without further application of rate review, as per Manitoba Public Utilities Board Order No. 103/15;

AND WHEREAS there has been no increase to the water rates since 2013;

AND WHEREAS the approved rate increase for PVWC is in the amount of \$1.37 per 1000 gallons of water, this being from the previous rate of \$8.16 per 1000 gallons in 2018 and increasing in small increments annually up to \$9.53 per 1000 gallons in 2022;

AND WHEREAS the City of Morden has increased the purchase of water requirements from the PVWC from 5% of its total water demand in 2018-2021 inclusive, to 23% in 2022 and therefore the “pass through” process reflects an increase in water rates from 2018 through 2022 in the cumulative amount of \$2.04 per 1000 gallons;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Morden, in council duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** Schedule “A” to By-law 7-2017 be cancelled and that Schedule “A” attached hereto be substituted therefore;
2. **THAT** the rates as set forth in Schedule “A” hereto shall be effective for the March 1, 2022 quarterly billing.
3. **THAT** this By-law shall come into force and become effective on, from and after receipt of third and final reading thereof.

PASSED AND ENACTED by the City of Morden, in Council duly assembled this day of _____, 2022.

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Mayor

City Manager

Read a first time this	31st	day of	January	2022
Read a second time this		day of		2022
Read a third time this		day of		2022

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Schedule "A"
Water and Sewer Rates

WATER AND SEWER RATES - BY-LAW NO. 2-2022

1. COMMODITY RATES - Effective January 1, 2022

Two-Step Rate Structure

		Rates per thousand gallons		
		Water	Sewer	Water & Sewer
First	100,000 gallons per quarter	\$13.65	\$4.20	\$17.85
Over	100,000 gallons per quarter	\$6.56	\$1.70	\$8.26

2. MINIMUM CHARGES PER QUARTER - Effective January 1, 2022

2.1. Water and Sewer Customer

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in Section 1 hereof, all customers with water and sewer service shall pay the applicable minimum charge set out below:

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Quarterly Consumption Included*	Service Charge	Commodity Rates Water	Sewer	Minimum Quarterly Charges
5/8"	1	3,000	\$15.50	\$40.95	\$12.60	\$69.05
3/4"	2	6,001	\$15.50	\$81.92	\$25.20	\$122.62
1"	4	12,002	\$15.50	\$163.83	\$50.41	\$229.74
1 1/2"	10	30,004	\$15.50	\$409.56	\$126.02	\$551.08
2"	25	75,009	\$15.50	\$1,023.88	\$315.04	\$1,354.42
3"	90	135,017	\$15.50	\$1,594.71	\$479.53	\$2,074.24
4"	170	270,034	\$15.50	\$2,480.42	\$709.06	\$3,189.48

* "Quarterly Consumption Included" means the "Minimum Quarterly Charge" includes the provision of up to the volume of water specified in the table. Unused amounts are not applied as a credit towards future water use.

2.2. Water Only Customers

For customers with water service only, quarterly minimums shown in Section 2.1 hereof are reduced by the Sewer Commodity Charge shown for the customer's meter size.

2.3. COMMODITY RATES AND MINIMUM CHARGE FOR CUSTOMERS WITH SIGNIFICANT VOLUME OF WATER NOT RETURNED TO SEWERS

Notwithstanding Commodity Rates and Minimum Charges set forth in Section 2 hereof, Morden Research Station shall be charged the following rates:

Commodity Rates - at the water and sewer rate set forth in the Commodity Rates for the first 1,000,000 gallons per quarter and at the applicable water rate only for all consumption in excess thereof.

3. BULK SALES

Water sold in bulk by the utility shall be charged for at the rate of Twelve Dollars and Eight Five cents (\$12.85) per 1,000 gallons with a minimum charge of \$0.25 for 17 Gallons.

4. SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

The Council of the City may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and sewer services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the City. Such agreement shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in Commodity Rates of this 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 connecting to the utility's mains, and installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

5. PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENT

A late payment 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

6. DISCONNECTION

All utilities subject to *The Public Utilities Board Act* shall comply with the Conditions Precedent for water and/or sewer service disconnection, as attached hereto and marked as Schedule "B".

7. RECONNECTION FEE

Where any service is disconnected under the provisions of this By-law, it shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$50.00 have been paid.

8. OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

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.

9. HYDRANT RENTALS

The City of Morden shall pay to the utility an annual rental of \$150.00 for each hydrant connected to the system.

10. METER ACCURACY TESTING

That any customer may request that his/her water meter be tested for accuracy and before having the same tested by the City, he/she shall deposit with the Director of Finance & Administration the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, which shall be retained and if the meter shall be found to be accurate, the said sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars shall be retained by the City and if the meter is found to be inaccurate, the said sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars will be returned to the customer.

11. SEWER SURCHARGES

- (a) Every person who contravenes any provision of By-law 10-00 is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for every day or part thereof upon which such offence occurs or continues.
- (b) Every person who contravenes any provision of By-law 10-00 and as a result of which contravention damage or injury is or may be caused to the Sewage System or any part thereof is liable to the City for the full costs of such damage or injury including any fine or penalty imposed on the City in relation to said contravention.