

TOWN OF BRUNO

BYLAW No. 02/2024

A BYLAW TO FIX THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE USE OF WATER SUPPLIED FROM THE MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS SYSTEM AND TO FIX THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY WAY OF SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE USE OF THE SEWER AGAINST PERSONS WHO OWN OR OCCUPY PREMISES DRAINED, OR WHICH BY LAW ARE REQUIRED TO BE DRAINED INTO A SEWER AND OTHER RELATED FEES AND CHARGES.

This Bylaw shall be referred to as "The Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw."
And is pursuant to sections 6 & 23 of *The Municipalities Act*, 2006.

The Council of the Town of Bruno of the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

In this bylaw:

- a. "Authorized Person" means the CAO, Administrator, Assistant Administrator, or clerk of the Municipality.
- b. "Consumer" shall mean a water and sewer utility user that is not limited to; an owner, a tenant, a business, a corporation, a non-profit corporation, a R.M of Bayne 371 resident or business, or an occupant of any real property connected with or supplied with water through a water connection to the water system and to the sewer system of the Town of Bruno.
- c. "Curb Stop" shall mean water valve outside of property towards or near the street or sidewalk.
- d. "Disconnected" shall mean to turned off water supply at curb stop
- e. "Final bill" shall mean complete closure of the utility account.
- f. "Municipality" shall mean the Municipality of the Town of Bruno and/or its Council.
- g. "Reconnection" shall mean to turn on water supply at curb stop.
- h. "Utility Account" shall mean solid waste and/or water and/or sewer account accounts.

2. If water connection is disconnected at the curb stop at the request of the Consumer, no charge shall be payable by any such Consumer during the period within which the water has been disconnected with the exception of;
 - a. A disconnection of water which occurs during the billing quarter and water has been consumed.
 - b. A disconnection of water which occurs during the billing quarter and water has been consumed on a final bill being issued to close the utility account.
3. The water charges to be paid by the consumer whose water service has been turned on shall be those set out in Schedule "A" attached to this Bylaw.
4. All consumers who own, rent, occupy real property drained or required by law to be drained into the sanitary sewers of the Municipality shall pay for such service a quarterly service charge in accordance with Schedule "B" attached to this Bylaw.
5. All Utility Account Statements and Quarterly billings shall be provided to both the occupant or tenant and the owner. Tenants shall hereby be advised that all Owners shall receive copies of any "Past due" utility account statements. Owners shall be aware that all outstanding amounts shall remain the owners responsibility. Owners must take the responsibility to provide updated address or email information to receive a copy of the occupant or tenant's billing.
6. The Town of Bruno will not provide water & sewer services for any owner or tenant who already owes arrears from another account of residence within our municipality unless those arrears are first cleared.
7. All tenants shall be required to provide photo identification for account set-up.
8. Tenants shall not be permitted to transfer account services to another tenant or roommate without written permission of the property owner.
9. All utility accounts shall be rendered quarterly.
Quarterly billing cycle is from
January 1st to March 31st,
April 1st to June 30th,
July 1st to September 30th and
October 1st to December 31st.
10. All utility accounts are due and payable when rendered;
 - a. Unless it has been pre-authorized by an authorized person and/or from the Municipality to have the utility account rendered either with pre-payments or with a post-payment plan so long as the payments cover each quarterly bill issued plus any penalty.
 - b. A charge of 2% compound interest penalty is applied to all utility accounts 30 days after the issue of the utility bill.
 - c. All accounts unpaid 30 days after the billing date shall be considered to be in arrears.
 - d. A Past Due Notice shall be issued on accounts in arrears by 14 days. This past due notice shall be the final notice to all account holders.
 - e. Accounts in arrears past 30 days may be disconnected without further notice.

11. The Municipality may waive or come to an alternative arrangement with a Consumer so long as the Consumer can provide to the Municipality relevant and current information and/or documentation as to why the Municipality should waive or come to an alternative arrangement.
12. Reconnection fees are set out in Schedule "C" to this Bylaw and shall be charged at time of billing.
13. All rates, costs or charges imposed by this Bylaw remaining unpaid after 90 days or after December 31st, in any year, may be transferred to the tax roll of the property owner in accordance with section 369 of *The Municipalities Act* and/or;
 - i. Any other methods authorized pursuant to the *Municipalities Act* or any other legislation
14. Water deposit fee is set out in Schedule "C" and is a charge to the Consumer of a property prior to reconnection to the water supply and will be used against a final bill, any credit balance remaining shall be refunded to the Consumer.

 Notwithstanding section 10 if, in the event that the Consumer does not leave a forwarding address or after reasonable attempts by the Municipality to trace the Consumer and after a year of issuing the final bill, the credit balance is deemed as revenue to the Municipality and thereafter will no longer be refundable.
15. Non sufficient fund fee (NSF) as set out in Schedule "C" to this Bylaw may be charged for a failed payment.
16. Bulk water supply rates for key fob operated water supply obtained from the Municipal Water Treatment Plant shall pay the rate set forth in Schedule "C" to this Bylaw.
17. The Municipality and/or the authorized person as deemed necessary shall correct or change a utility bill in the event of an error being made.
18. Bylaw No. 11/2023 is hereby repealed.
19. The rates, charges, tolls, or rents contained in this bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of approval being issued by the Local Government Committee.

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 Mayor – Dale Glessman


 CAO – Colette Radcliffe

**Town of Bruno
RATES TO BE CHARGED**

SCHEDULE "A" - Water charges

As per section 3 of this bylaw, the following units are to be charged: \$182.75 up to and including 5,000 gallons (or 22.727 m³) to be known as the minimum charge for a quarter (3 months). If the water is connected for less than three months during any one billing period, the rate will be prorated as automatically determined by consumption to rates to date of connection by the utility software.

Section (a) shall pay for the service as listed above and any excess as per section (d) of this schedule:

Section

- (a) Residential dwellings – tenants and owners
Businesses
Corporations
Non-profit corporations - St Therese School of Mission and Faith, Senior Friendship Centre etc.
R.M. Bayne 371 residents/businesses connected to the Town of Bruno water supply
Church and Rectory
Unclassified (not named within)
- (b) Bruno School (Horizon School Division) shall be charged a minimum rate of \$2,590.15 for water per quarter and any excess as per section (d) of this schedule.
- (c) Bruno Housing Authority (Prairie View) shall be charged a minimum rate of \$3,316.29 for water per quarter and any excess as per section (d) of this schedule.
- (d) Water used in excess of 5001 gallons (22.732 m³) in the quarter will be charged a rate of \$31.69 per 1000 gallons (or 4.545 m³).

SCHEDULE "B" – Sewer Charges

As per section 4 of this Bylaw any person/business who own premises drained or required to be drained into the sewer, as per section 11(a) shall pay for such services during a quarter period (3 months) in accordance with the rates set below and the sewer rate is prorated if the utility account is less than 3 months old. An account will not be prorated for less than one month; the rate for one month is \$60.91

Section

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	Businesses	\$182.75
	Corporations	\$182.75
	Non-profit corporations or associations - Senior Friendship Centre etc.	\$182.75
	R.M. Bayne 371 residents/businesses connected to the Town of Bruno sewer supply	\$182.75
	Church and Rectory	\$182.75
	Unclassified (not named within)	\$182.75
(b)	School	\$ 1,986.07
(c)	Prairie View	\$ 3,047.24
(d)	St Therese School of Faith and Mission	\$ 1,652.11

SCHEDULE "C" – Other Charges

Section

- (a) Water deposit for every new account is \$365.50
- (b) Reconnection fees \$50.00 during Public Work Hours of 8:00 am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday; \$100.00 outside of these hours.
- (c) Non sufficient funds (NSF) \$30.00 per failed payment, charged as a general administrative item and to cover any bank charges to the Municipality.
- (d) Bulk water rates is \$31.69 per 1,000 gallons (or 4.545 m³)
- (e) Solid Waste as per Solid Waste Management Bylaw

The water, and/or sewer, and/or reconnection fees will be listed on one utility bill per connection.

