

ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION

ANNUAL INFORMATION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR (beginning 2006)

Year: **2023**

Name of Municipality: **TOWN OF HEPBURN**

Date: **August 28, 2024**

WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

The Town Council in Hepburn has a policy of reviewing rates annually. Bylaw 58-2019 came into force on April 5, 2019 upon Provincial approval. This bylaw set the rates for the use and consumption of water and sewer as well as infrastructure fees. Bylaw No. 73-2022 came into force on March 1, 2022 with Provincial approval. Bylaw No. 75-2022 came into force on January 1, 2023 with Provincial approval, this bylaw amended Bylaw 58-2019 and repealed Bylaw 73-2022.

The rates for access and consumption are as follows:

DATE	BASE RATE	RATE FOR 1 ST 1000 GAL	RATE / 1,000 GAL THEREAFTER
Jan 2023 - Dec 2023	\$91.33	\$17.15 min	\$17.15
Mar 2022 - Dec 2022	\$91.33	\$16.55 min	\$16.55
Apr 2019 - Dec 2021	\$91.33	\$16.00 min	\$16.00

The objective of the Waterworks rate policy is to ensure the Town is covering the cost of regular increases from the service provider (SaskWater), and that these increases are passed on to the end user.

WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

To cover the costs of future waterworks infrastructure maintenance and replacement, Council will analyze revenues and expenses of utilities and will adjust rates as necessary to build the waterworks capital reserves. The capital investment strategy will ensure that safe drinking water can be provided to the residents, businesses, and surrounding rural community in the present and future.

Asset Management plans for both Water & Sewer were developed in 2017, to plan for replacement and repairs of water and sewer infrastructure. Future infrastructure upgrades will continue, such as sewer relining and lagoon upgrades.

ANNUAL WATERWORKS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The following is information on the waterworks, as required under The Municipalities Act Regulations:

2023 Waterworks Overview:

- Total waterworks revenues (R) - \$561,209.86
- Total waterworks expenditures (E) - \$318,864.07
- Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures, expressed as a ratio:

$$\frac{R}{E} = \frac{\$561,209.86}{\$491,398.23} = 1.14$$

RESERVES

Reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure as of **December 31, 2023** is **\$833,692.13**.

The following additional information is available at the Municipal Office (or the Town's website at www.hepburn.ca) on the waterworks:

- 75-2022 Bylaw to Amend Bylaw No. 58-2019 & Repeal 73-2022
- 73-2022 Bylaw to Amend Bylaw No. 58-2019
- 58-2019 Water & Sewer Rates Bylaw
- 2023 Audited Financial Statement
- A copy of the most recent waterworks assessment (office only)
- Annual compliance report for drinking water.

The CAO will be pleased to share information with members of the general public at any time, by appointment.