CITY OF MEDICINE HAT

Bylaw 4899-2026

Medicine Hat

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT to amend Bylaw 2379, the Water Service Bylaw.

WHEREAS Council considers it advisable to amend Bylaw 2379.

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Bylaw 2379 is amended as follows:

   (a) The following section is inserted following section 17:

   "17.1 PRIVATELY OWNED INFRASTRUCTURE – OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
   Despite Section 17, where water mains or other water infrastructure are operated and maintained by the City, but not owned by the City, the City may recover from the owner the costs incurred by the City to maintain, repair or replace those mains or other water infrastructure located on the owner's property by:
   (a) sending the owner an invoice for the costs in accordance with Section 6 of Schedule "A"; and
   (b) placing the amount of the costs on the utility account for the property if the costs are not paid within thirty (30) days of the invoice.

   17.2 The amount of the costs of maintenance, repair or replacement under Section 17.1 are a debt due to the City by the owner and nothing in this Bylaw prevents the City from taking any steps to collect the debt by other means available to the City.".

   (b) Schedule "A" is repealed and replaced with the new Schedule "A" attached to this Bylaw.

2. This Bylaw shall come into force on January 1, 2027.

READ A FIRST TIME in open Council on November 2, 2026.

READ A SECOND TIME in open Council on _____.

READ A THIRD TIME in open Council on _____.

SIGNED AND PASSED on _____.

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MAYOR – Linnsie Clark **CITY CLERK – Amanda Peterson**

SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW NO. 2379

AS AMENDED BY BYLAW NO. 4899-2026 – DECEMBER 7, 2026

(EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027)

THE WATER SERVICE BYLAW OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT

1. CLASS "A" RATES FOR METERED SERVICES (OTHER THAN AQUIFER):

Water Service Charge – Based on Water Meter Size charged at a daily rate (per water meter) of:

Meter Size (mm)	Meter Size (inches)	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028
15	5/8	$0.9750	$0.9500
20	3/4	$0.9750	$0.9500
25	1	$1.2044	$1.2310
40	1 ½	$1.5393	$1.6886
50	2	$2.0415	$2.3749
75	3	$3.0599	$3.7668
100	4	$4.9224	$6.3121
150	6	$8.7275	$11.5125
200	8	$14.4090	$19.2772
250	10	$23.2853	$31.4082

In addition to the Water Service Charge, the amount payable by each Consumer per cubic metre of water used is:

Usage Rate (as defined below)	Rate Class	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028
Commercial/Industrial Consumers	W19, W20, W22, W30, W50, W60 and W70	$1.4842	$1.5213

Apartments/Multi Unit Dwelling Consumers	W40	$1.4842	$1.5213
Residential Consumer Low Season* Rate	W10	$1.5619	$1.6275
Residential Consumer High Season* Rate Tier 1 (0-20 m^3)	W10	$1.5619	$1.6275
Residential Consumer High Season* Rate Tier 2 (21-40 m^3)	W10	$1.6666	$1.7705
Residential Consumer: High Season* Rate Tier 3 (>40 m^3)	W10	$1.7189	$1.8420
Residential Consumer: Environmental Conservation Charge** (>40 m^3)	W10	$0.0600	$0.0600
Seasonal Service (Non-residential Irrigation Consumers)	W18 and W21	$1.6142	$1.6990
Regional Consumer	W14, W15 and W16	$1.7762	$1.8206

** High Season Rates will be in effect from April 1 to October 31 and Low Season Rates will be in effect from November 1 to March 31. The applicable rate tier for High Season Rates is determined based on usage in m^3, as set out in the table above.*

***Environmental conservation charge will be based on m^3 per billing period to residential customers.*

Usage Rate Definitions

Commercial/Industrial Consumer includes Agricultural (Greenhouse) (W30), Commercial (W19/W20/W22), Institutional facilities (Hospital, Assisted Living / Long Term Care) (W70), Manufacturing (W50) and Schools (W60).

Apartments/Multi Unit Dwelling Consumers (W40) includes (1) condominiums, apartments, row housing, 5-plexes and greater, townhouses with individual meters or one or more house meters, and (2) mobile home parks that do not have individual meters.

Residential Consumer (W10) includes residential dwellings, duplexes, 4-plexes and mobile homes with individual water meters.

Seasonal Service (Non-residential Irrigation Consumers) (W18/W21) includes irrigation meters used for metering water usage with irrigation/sprinklers whether installed year round or installed and removed on a yearly basis.

Regional Consumer (W14/W15/W16) includes Cypress County, the Green Valley Water Association and the Roytal Water Users' Association, regardless of whether the water purchased by these Consumers is used inside or outside the corporate boundaries of the City of Medicine Hat, and any other Consumer purchasing water for use outside the corporate boundaries of the City of Medicine Hat.

In case of any uncertainty regarding the usage rate or rate class applicable to a particular

Consumer/service, the General Manager shall determine the applicable rate class in accordance with this Bylaw and inform (or direct City staff to inform) the relevant Consumer in writing.

2. CLASS "B" TEMPORARY USE RATE:

Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028
$2.5528 per day	$2.6166 per day

3. CLASS "C" AQUIFER RATE

For all water drawn from the "Police Point Aquifer" (Reference: Licence #07997, File #16713-2 under the *Water Act*) the rate is:

Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028
$0.4961 per cubic metre	$0.5085 per cubic metre

4. INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL CHARGE FOR SEASONAL METER INSTALLATION:

DESCRIPTION	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028
15mm (5/8") Service	$85.56	$87.70
20mm (3/4") Service	$85.56	$87.70
25mm (1") Service	$85.56	$87.70
32mm (1 1/4") Service	$96.31	$98.72
38mm (1 ½") Service	$116.45	$119.36
50mm (2") Service	$116.45	$119.36
75mm (3") Service	$145.45	$149.09
100mm (4") Service	$145.45	$149.09

5. SERVICE CHARGE PER DAY FOR FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS:

DESCRIPTION	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028
50mm (2") System	$0.4196	$0.4301

75mm (3”) System	$0.5602	$0.5742
100mm (4”) System	$0.7035	$0.7211
150mm (6”) System	$0.8413	$0.8623
200mm (8”) System	$0.9865	$1.0112
250mm (10”) System	$1.1155	$1.1434
300mm (12”) System	$1.3063	$1.3390
Individual Fire Hydrants (on private property)	$0.7722	$0.7915

6. **MISCELLANEOUS FEES, RATES AND CHARGES**

BYLAW SECTION	**DESCRIPTION**	**Effective January 1, 2027**	**Effective January 1, 2028**
10(b)(i)	Deposit for use of hydrant	$540.00	$554.00
10(b)(v)	Minimum charge for use of hydrant	$155.00	$159.00
13(e)	Private Fire Service per day	$0.7722	$0.7915
16	Disconnection of service in pavement	$3,798.00	$3,893.00
16	Disconnection of service other than pavement	$2,747.00	$2,816.00
17.1	Private infrastructure maintenance, repair or replacement costs shall be billed at cost of labour and materials	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
21(a)	Thawing frozen service (per hour)	$145.00	$149.00
22(a)	Meter repair or replacement costs for meters shall be billed	Actual Cost	Actual Cost

BYLAW SECTION	**DESCRIPTION**	**Effective January 1, 2027**	**Effective January 1, 2028**
	at cost of labour and materials		
22(d)(iii)	20mm water meter initial installation	$133.00	$136.00
22(d)(iii)	20mm water meter replacement	$161.00	$165.00
22(d)(iii)	25mm water meter initial installation	$207.00	$212.00
22(d)(iii)	25mm water meter replacement	$228.00	$234.00
31	Dispute Meter Test Residential*	$175.00	$175.00
31	Dispute Meter Test Commercial*	$225.00	$225.00
34	Deposit for temporary water supply	$84.00	$86.00

BYLAW SECTION	**DESCRIPTION**	**Effective January 1, 2027**	**Effective January 1, 2028**
35(b)	Disconnection of Service	$86.00	$88.00
35(b)	Reconnection of Service	$86.00	$88.00
36(1)	Application Fee	$15.00	$15.00
37(1)	Deposit for application for service from non-owner	See Bylaw 3373	See Bylaw 3373
41(b)	Disconnection warning notice	$20.00	$20.00
41(c)(1)	Disconnection of Service	$86.00	$88.00
41(c)(2)	Reconnection of Service	$86.00	$88.00
41.1	Non-attendance after appointment has been scheduled	$99.00	$101.00

*If the meter is tested by a third party, the fee shall be the cost of the third-party test plus shipping, if applicable.

NOTE: WHEREVER APPLICABLE, THE GOODS AND SERVICES TAX SHALL BE ADDED TO THE FEES, RATES, CHARGES OR OTHER AMOUNTS PAYABLE TO THE CITY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS BYLAW (SEE BYLAW NO. 2716)