CITY OF MEDICINE HAT

# Bylaw 4897-2026

Medicine Hat

**A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT** to amend Bylaw 2489, the Gas Utility Bylaw.

**WHEREAS** Council considers it advisable to amend Bylaw 2489;

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

1. Bylaw 2489 is amended as follows:

   (a) The following section is inserted following section 25:

   "25.1 When meters have failed to register actual gas consumption, the following methods shall be used for determining consumption:

   (a) If the same or substantially similar conditions prevail, including comparable weather conditions, seasonal temperatures and historical gas consumption patterns, consumption will be estimated on the basis of consumption during the same period in the preceding year.

   (b) If the conditions in Subsection (a) do not prevail, a fair estimate will be determined by the CAO.

   (c) The rates and charges applied shall be in accordance with those in effect for that class of service during the months in question.".

   (b) Schedule "A" is repealed and replaced with the new Schedule "A" attached to this Bylaw.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 2489

**AS AMENDED BY BYLAW NO. 4897-2026**
**(Effective January 1, 2027)**

## GENERAL SERVICE NATURAL GAS RATES (ALL CLASSES)

### 1. RATE CLASSES

**RATE CLASS A - General Service** – Core market distribution Consumers using up to 5,000 Gigajoules in one year.

**RATE CLASS B - Large Use General Service** – Core market distribution Consumers using more than 5,000 Gigajoules in one year.

**RATE CLASS C - High Pressure Service** – Consumers or third parties who utilize the City's high pressure Gas Distribution System to transport natural gas to their premises.

**RATE CLASS D - Wheeling High Pressure Service** – Consumers or third parties who utilize the City's high pressure Gas Distribution System to transport natural gas to the Trans Canada Pipeline system.

### 2. RATES AND CHARGES

The 2027 rates and charges for services provided by the Gas Utility are as follows and will remain in effect until amended or repealed:

| Rate Class | Administration Charge | Distribution Tariff | | Commodity Charge | Environmental Conservation Charge | Municipal Consent & Access Fee (MCAF) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Service Charge | Delivery Charge | | | |
| Rate Class A - Residential | $0.0935 / day | $0.8920 / day | $1.744 / GJ | See Note (1) | $0.90 / GJ - additional charge for gas in excess of 19 GJs / Month | See Note (2) |
| Rate Class A – Commercial, Industrial, and other Non-Residential | $0.0935 / day | $0.8920 / day | $1.744 / GJ | See Note (1) | ------- | See Note (2) |
| Rate Class B –Commercial, Industrial, and other Non-Residential | $2.7936 / day | $21.92 / day | $0.798 / GJ | See Note (1) | ------- | See Note (2) |
| Rate Class C –High Pressure Service | ------- | $64.25 / day | $0.331 / GJ | ------- | ------- | See Note (2) |
| Rate Class D –Wheeling High Pressure Service | ------- | ------- | $0.331 / GJ | ------- | ------- | See Note (2) |

NOTES:

(1) The Commodity Charge payable for the supply of natural gas shall be a per gigajoule (GJ) charge, adjusted monthly, that is equal to the Market Reference Price, which is the weighted average cost of the City's natural gas purchases for the month of consumption, as determined by the CAO or delegate, plus

$0.07/GJ which represents energy procurement charges and a return margin. The Commodity Charge will be published monthly on the City's website.

(a) A Consumer is responsible to pay all rates and charges applicable to the Consumer's rate classification.

(2) The MCAF is a franchise charge set by the City of Medicine Hat to access municipal land to construct, operate and maintain distribution systems serving City customers. The 2027 MCAF is 20.25% of the monthly Distribution Tariff Charge.

(3) Multiple Unit Residential Development (e.g. fourplex, apartment building, condominium building) served by a single meter will be deemed to be Commercial for purposes of determining the applicable Rate Class.

(4) Each year prior to December 31, the Gas Utility will determine the Rate Class that will be applicable for the following year. In the case of Rate Class A and Rate Class B, the determination will be based on the total volume of gas consumed by the Consumer from November 1 of the previous year to October 31 of the current year.

In the case of

(a) a new Consumer who has not consumed gas from the Gas Utility, or

(b) a Consumer who has consumed gas from the Gas Utility for a period of time less than November 1 of the previous year to October 31 of the current year,

the Gas Utility will decide whether to apply Rate Class A or Rate Class B based on the Gas Utility's estimate of the anticipated customer load.

## 3. COUNCIL APPROVED RATE ADJUSTMENTS

3.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this bylaw, Council may pass bylaws from time to time to adjust the rates and charges payable pursuant to Section 2 of this Schedule, in response to changing conditions in the natural gas market.

3.2 Without limiting the generality of Subsection 3.1, the requirements of Section 34 of this bylaw shall not apply to bylaws passed pursuant to Subsection 3.1 of this schedule.

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 THIS BYLAW (SEE BYLAW NO. 2716).