CITY OF MEDICINE HAT

Bylaw 4900-2026

Medicine Hat

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT to amend Bylaw 1541, the Sewer Bylaw.

WHEREAS Council considers it advisable to amend Bylaw 1541.

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

1. Bylaw 1541 is amended as follows:

   (a) The following section is inserted following section 901:

   "PART X
   PRIVATELY OWNED INFRASTRUCTURE – OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

   1001. Where sewer mains or other sewer 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 sewer 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" of this bylaw; 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.

   1002. The amount of the costs of maintenance, repair or replacement under section 1001 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   (b) Schedule "A" is repealed and replaced with the new Schedule "A" attached to this Bylaw.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. 1541
AS AMENDED BY BYLAW NO. 4900-2026– DECEMBER 7, 2026
(EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027)

THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEWERS AND DRAINS AND THE DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE AND THE DISCHARGE OF WATERS AND WASTE INTO THE MEDICINE HAT SEWER SYSTEM BYLAW OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT

1. RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND APARTMENT SEWER SERVICE CHARGE:

Sewer Service Charge – Based on water meter size charged at a daily rate of:

Meter Size (mm)	Meter Size (inches)	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028
15	5/8	$1.9624	$2.0213
20	3/4	$1.9624	$2.0213
25	1	$1.9624	$2.0213
40	1 ½	$1.9624	$2.0213
50	2	$1.9624	$2.0213
75	3	$1.9624	$2.0213
100	4	$1.9624	$2.0213
150	6	$1.9624	$2.0213
200	8	$1.9624	$2.0213
250	10	$1.9624	$2.0213

Where a Residential Property contains multiple Dwelling Units and the owners or occupants of such Dwelling Units are not billed directly for sewage service, the Person receiving the monthly utility bills for such Residential Property shall be charged the daily rate set out above for the 15mm (5/8 inches) Meter Size multiplied by the number of individual Dwelling Units in the Residential Property.

2. RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL SEWAGE CHARGE

Sewage Charge	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028
Based on the cubic metres of water consumed*	$0.00	$0.00

**Low season sewage volume for residential customers – sewage volumes billed between November 1st to March 31st will be equal to water usage in cubic meters.*

High season sewage volume billed between April 1st to October 31st inclusive, shall be equal to the winter average sewage volume during the immediate previous winter period.

The low season average sewage volume shall be determined by averaging the water usage recorded during the five monthly utility statements that were billed November 1st to March 31st inclusive. For purposes of this calculation, all monthly water usage figures of less than X cubic meters shall be replaced with X cubic meters prior to averaging.

3. RATES FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL SEWAGE CHARGE

Sewage Charge	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028
Based on the cubic metres of water consumed	$2.0498	$2.1113
Minimum sewerage charge calculated at a daily rate of	$1.9624	$2.0213

4. RATES FOR PROPERTIES CONNECTED TO THE CITY'S WASTEWATER SYSTEM BUT SERVED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH WATER FROM A SOURCE OTHER THAN THE CITY:

Provided the waste or sewage is within the limits set out in section 506, the charge is to follow the table below. The customer shall, at their own expense, install and maintain an approved meter upon which the sewage charge shall thereupon be determined.

Sewage Charge	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028
Based on the cubic metres of water consumed	$2.0498	$2.1113
Minimum sewerage charge calculated at a daily rate of	$1.9624	$2.0213

5. RATES FOR SEWAGE DISCHARGE EXCEEDING ANY OR ALL LIMITS SET OUT IN SECTION 506 SHALL BE CHARGES AS FOLLOWS:

N x NON-RESIDENTIAL SEWAGE CHARGE

Where N = 1 plus (A / 2100) + (B / 1200) + (C / 300)

- 'A' is the difference between the actual B.O.D. in parts per million and the allowable B.O.D. in parts per million.
- 'B' is the difference between the actual suspended solids in parts per million and the allowable suspended solids in parts per million.
- 'C' is the difference between the actual fat, oil or grease in parts per million and the allowable fat, oil or grease in parts per million.

The minimum charge shall remain at the non-residential sewage charge per cubic metre of water consumed. To determine the rate charged each month, the City will run tests of the sewage being discharged into its sewer system by each industry at varying times during the year and the charges will be based on an average of the readings of such tests. The test will be conducted in accordance with standard tests defined in section 510.

6. MISCELLANEOUS FEES, RATES AND CHARGES

BYLAW SECTION	**DESCRIPTION**	**Effective January 1, 2027**	**Effective January 1, 2028**
1001	Private infrastructure maintenance, repair or replacement costs shall be billed at cost of labour and materials	Actual Cost	Actual Cost