

Bylaw Number 06-16

A BYLAW TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

The Council of the Town of Canora, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

- 1) This bylaw shall be cited as "*The Water and Sewer Management Bylaw*".
- 2) In this bylaw:
 - a) "Town" means Town of Canora;
 - b) "Administrator" means the Town Administrator of the Town;
 - c) "Public Works Supervisor" means the Public Works Supervisor; and
 - d) "Consumer" means an individual(s) or corporation that has, or wishes to have a water and/or sewer service connection.
- 3) **Connection fee**
 - a) A \$30.00 connection fee shall be paid to the Town each time a consumer:
 - i) wants to be supplied with water from the municipal system; or
 - ii) wants to have their water turned off and back on again when doing plumbing work on a building.
 - b) the \$30.00 connection fee does not apply to new construction.
- 4) **Meter deposit**
 - a) All consumers who are not the owners of the property to be served shall pay a \$150.00 meter deposit to the Town.
 - b) The meter deposit shall be refunded upon service being discontinued, provided all water usage charges are paid in full.
- 5) **Meter location**
 - a) The owner of the property being serviced shall provide a frost-proof location for the water meter that is readily accessible for the purpose of taking water meter readings.
 - b) The owner of the property being serviced shall be liable for the full replacement cost of a meter installed on his property if damaged by frost or other cause.
- 6) All complaints of excessive water usage alleged to be the result of a faulty water meter shall be investigated upon the complainant first depositing \$50.00 with the Town. If the said meter is found to be over-registering, the deposit will be

returned and the account will be adjusted accordingly. If the said meter is found to be under-registering, the deposit will be retained by the Town as a service charge.

7) Only Town employees, persons under the authority of the Public Works Supervisor or persons under the direction of the Fire Department shall open, close or interfere with any hydrant, valve or curb stop connected with the water works system.

8) Water rationing

- a) The Town shall have the right to limit the amount of water furnished to any or all consumers should circumstances warrant such action.
- b) Council may by resolution restrict the watering of lawns and gardens. If this provision is enacted, consumers with even building numbers shall be allowed to water on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and consumers with odd building numbers shall be allowed to water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

9) No consumer shall convey, sell, dispose of, give away, permit to be carried or taken away, or supply water for the use or benefit of others.

10) Sewage discharge

- a) No consumer shall discharge into any drain, sewer or sewage system operated by the Town a harmful matter, substance or thing, whether liquid or solid, that would be injurious to health, life or property or that would injure, pollute or damage any stream, watercourse, drain, sewer, sewage system or sewage treatment facility.
- b) The service of any consumer who contravenes this section of the bylaw shall be discontinued and a fine of \$2,000.00 for an individual or \$5,000.00 for a corporation shall be imposed.

11) Billings

- a) Accounts for water service and/or sewer service shall cover a period of three consecutive months for residential billings and one month for commercial or industrial billings, and shall be paid within 30 days of billing date.
- b) If an account is not paid within the said 30 days, the water service shall be disconnected and not be reconnected until all arrears have been paid together with a reconnection fee of \$60.00

12) Water contamination

- a) No person drawing water from a hydrant or a coin-operated dispenser shall use a container or tank that is contaminated with any chemical harmful to animal or plant life, nor shall there be containers with chemicals harmful to any animal or plant life stored or transported on the vehicle hauling or trailer holding the water container or tank.
- b) A fine of \$2,000.00 for an individual or \$5,000.00 for a corporation will be imposed for contravention of this section.

13) All unpaid fees and/or costs incurred under this bylaw may be either applied to the account that the service was provided or the service may be disconnected.

14) Where a consumer owns the property served and any rates or charges in arrears remain unpaid 60 days after the billing date, that amount shall be added to and thereby form part of the taxes on the land or building(s) with respect to which the service was provided.

15) Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw for which no other penalty is provided shall be guilty of an offense and liable upon summary conviction to penalties provided under the general penalty bylaw of the Town.

16) Bylaw 99-02 is hereby repealed.

Adopted the 1st day of August, 2006.