

ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION

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

Year: **2020**

Name of Municipality: **Town of Arcola**

Date: **August 17th, 2021**

WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

On December 18th, 2013, Council passed a bylaw to fix the rates to be charged for the use and consumption of water, to fix the rates to be charged by way of rent and service charge for the use of the sewer, and to charge a monthly infrastructure fee for both.

Under this water rate policy bylaw 24-2013, the water rate is \$22 for the first 3,000 gallons of water and \$3 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 3,000 gallons; plus a water infrastructure charge of \$15.

DATE	RATE	ESTIMATED MONTHLY CHARGE
JANUARY 1, 2019	\$3.00/1000 gal in excess of 3000 gallons	\$37
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The objective of the Waterworks rate policy is to work towards waterworks that are self-financing, and to set aside funds for future capital expenditures. Renewal and replacement of infrastructure is being prioritized and completed as funds allow. Council has completed a feasibility study for water source and water treatment plant upgrades. At this time, Council is exploring grant funding options to upgrade our water treatment plant and to find a more reliable water source.

This waterworks rate policy will work towards a financially independent waterworks that will not put demands on the municipal reserve fund.

WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The objective of the waterworks capital investment strategy is to address anticipated waterworks infrastructure maintenance, the immediate drinking water infrastructure problems and future infrastructure replacements in a timely fashion so as to ensure the municipal waterworks provides safe drinking water to the community. The strategy uses the 2015 waterworks system assessment that was required by Saskatchewan Environment for infrastructure planning.

TOWN OF ARCOLA

ANNUAL WATERWORKS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The following information is details from the 2020 Audited Financial Statements regarding the annual Water & Sewer costs as required under the *The Municipalities Regulations*:

2020 Waterworks Overview:

Revenues:

Water fees	\$105,643
Sewer fees	\$77,848
Water Infrastructure charges	\$63,013
Sewer Infrastruture charges	\$62,093
Total Revenues:	\$308,597

Expenditures:

Wages & Benefits	\$89,542
Professional/Contract Services	\$54,518
Utilities	\$15,388
Maintenance, Materials, Supplies	\$53,552
Interest	\$30,757
Total Expenses:	\$243,757

Debt Repayment: **\$44,086**

Comparison of water and sewer revenues to expenditures plus debt payments, expressed as a ratio:

$$\frac{R}{(E + D)} = \frac{\$308,597}{(\$243,757 + \$44,086)} = 1.07$$

So for 2020, water and sewer revenues covered 107% of the water and sewer expenditures.

RESERVES: Reserves available for utility capital infrastructure - **\$771,635**

The following additional information is available at the Municipal Office on the waterworks:

- Capital plans in place and related sources of funding for the projects.
- 2020 financial overview of the waterworks.
- Waterworks reserves.
- A copy of the 2010 & 2015 waterworks system assessment.
- Agreement respecting the provisions of municipal waterworks services.