

TOWN OF ARCOLA
ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION
AND
2024 WATERWORKS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Year: **2024**

WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

In 2022, 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.

- The Water & Sewer Rates are:

Monthly Water Service Charges:

3,000 gallons or less	Minimum \$30.00
3,001 gallons and over	\$6.00/1,000 gallons or part thereof

Monthly Non – Metered Water Charges: \$30.00

Monthly Water Infrastructure Charges for Residential and Commercial:
\$10.00

Water Sales at the Water Station:

Bulk Water Sales, when available \$20.00/1,000 gallons

Monthly Sewer Service Charges:

3,000 gallons or less	Minimum \$30.00
3,001 gallons and over	\$6.00/1,000 gallons or part thereof

Monthly Sewer Infrastructure for Residential and Commercial:
\$10.00

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 financially independent waterworks that will not put demands on the municipal reserve fund.

WATERWORKS CAPITAL INFESTMENT 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.

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The following information is detailed from the 2024 Audited Financial Statement regarding the annual Water & Sewer costs as required under *The Municipalities Regulations*:

2024 Water & Sewer Financial Overview:

Revenues

Water Revenues	\$186,606.17
Sewer Revenues	<u>\$187,065.05</u>
Total Revenues	\$373,671.22

Expenses

Wages & Benefits	\$103,825.14
Professional/Contract Services	\$ 46,481.76
Utilities	\$ 17,357.82
Maintenance/Mat & Supplies	\$ 67,830.56
Interest (Lagoon)	\$ 24,774.57
Amortization	<u>\$143,655.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$403,924.85

- Total Waterworks Revenues: \$373,671
- Total Waterworks Expenses: \$403,925
- Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenses, expressed as a ratio:

$$\$373,671 / \$403,925 = 0.93\%$$

So for 2024, waterworks revenues covered 93% of waterworks expenses.

Note: In 2017 The Town of Arcola had to borrow \$1,100,000 in for the Sewage Lagoon.

Note: The expenses include Amortization (\$143,655) and Interest Payment for Lagoon (\$24,775).

Note: The Town of Arcola is holding money in capital reserves for the water and sewer lines in the combined amount of \$1,384,703.

Future Plans for Capital Reserve Money are:

1. Obtaining a sufficient water source and upgrading treatment plant
2. Re-Lining of existing Sewer Mains in which the project began in 2023. In 2025 we will be using funds from the CCBF grant to re-line another 900 meters.

The following waterworks information is available at the Town of Arcola Office for public viewing:

- 2024 financial overview of the waterworks.
- A copy of the 2010 & 2015 waterworks system assessment.
- The transfer of funds to and from reserves.
- Agreement respecting the provisions of municipal waterworks services.