

ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION

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Year: 2014

Name of Municipality: **Town Of Spiritwood**

Date: July 20, 2015

WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

On July 28, 2009, Council passed a bylaw to fix the rates to be charged for the use and consumption of water and to fix the rates to be charged by way of rent and January 26, 1995 for service charge for the use of the sewer. On May 24, 2011, Council passed a bylaw to establish an infrastructure charge to be placed into a reserve for future infrastructure upgrades.

Under the waterworks rate policy bylaw, the water rate of \$41.33 for the first 2,000 gallons of water and \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 2,000 gallons, as adopted under the Water Bylaw, dated July 28, 2009.

DATE	RATE	ESTIMATED MONTHLY CHARGE	
JANUARY 1, 2012	\$41.33	IN EXCESS OF 2,000 GALLONS	\$2.25 per 1,000 over
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The objective of the Waterworks rate policy is that we are finding most of our Waterworks infrastructure is getting past its life expectancy. We are currently replacing our Waterworks infrastructure. The Water Treatment Plant was upgraded to an RO system in 2010-2011. Our two Lift stations have new piping upgrades that were completed in March, 2015.

WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

To cover the costs of future waterworks infrastructure maintenance and replacements, Council will likely need to undertake in the future a combination of increasing water rates to build the waterworks reserves. The capital investment strategy will ensure that safe drinking water can be provided to the residents, businesses, and surrounding rural community in the present and future.

Capital plans are being worked on, to plan for replacement and repairs of sewer and water infrastructure. The Water Treatment Plant had membranes replaced in both Reverse Osmosis Units in 2014. Future infrastructure upgrades will be continuing, such as replacing curbstops and isolation

valves. A waterworks assessment will be done August 2015, and an Asset Management Plan will be something that is looked into in 2016.

ANNUAL WATERWORKS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The following is information on the waterworks, as required under The Municipalities Regulations:

2014 Waterworks Overview:

Total waterworks revenues: \$414,745

Total waterworks expenditures: \$308,250

Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures plus debt payments, expressed as a ratio:

$$\frac{\$414,745}{\$308,250} = 1.34 \quad (\text{For 2014, waterworks revenues covered 134\% of the waterworks expenditures.})$$

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

- 2014 Audited Financial Statement.
- 2014 financial overview of the waterworks.
- Waterworks reserves.
- Most recent copy of the waterworks assessment.
- Annual compliance report for drinking water.