

Utility Department Policy

Policy No. 5.6.2

**Date of Policy:****Revision:** May, 2018**Motion Number:****Water Meters**

The Town of Nipawin shall supply to all new residents 3/4" meters for first-time installation. All existing 5/8" meters may be requested to be replaced with 3/4" meters. All works must be completed by a private contractor and inspected by the Town of Nipawin upon completion. The above shall apply only where 3/4" copper service is to the property. The cost to upgrade to a 3/4 " meter is as per attached Appendix "A", Works Department Fees.

**Water Meter Test Fee:**

As per Appendix "A", Works Department Fees.

**Cross Connections**

Department of Public Health regulations and Provincial Plumbing regulations provide that cross connections (i.e. connections between private wells and the Town water supply system) are not permitted.

**Damaged Curb Boxes**

All expenses incurred in the repair of curb boxes damaged by property owners or their workmen be charged out to the property owner.

**Dewatering Equipment**

Rental Rates per Appendix "A", Works Department Fees.

**Plumbing & Drainage Regulations**

The owner of any building situated on property abutting a water and sewer main shall, within 60 days after receiving notice from the Town, install at his own expense, a water closet and a sink or wash basin and such fixtures as deemed necessary by the local public health officer and cause such fixtures to be connected with the sewer and water main as the case may require. No building hooked onto the municipal sewer and water system shall be allowed to disconnect either sewer or water as long as the building is being occupied

**Water Lines (R)**

All homeowners requesting their water lines to be acidized shall be referred to a local plumbing shop. If this service cannot be provided by a local plumber than a rate equivalent to that of a plumber will be charged by the Town.

### **Waterline/Sewerline Repairs**

The property line is the factor in determining who is responsible for costs associated with the repairs to the waterline/sewerline, and any infrastructure damaged as a result of the repair.

When a leak is detected, the Town shall try to determine where the property line is by means of legal pins in the area or on as-built drawings.

If it is determined that the leak is on the property owner's side, then the property owner will be notified to have a plumber repair the leak. The Town of Nipawin will supply a new curb box and control rod assembly (if required) at no cost to the property owner.

If it is determined that the leak is on the Town's side of the property line or that it is the curb box that is leaking, no matter where the curb box is located, then all expenses to repair the leak and replace the landscaping, except trees and hedges, shall be the responsibility of the Town.

If it can't be determined which side of the property line the leak is on, the Town will undertake the work. If it is determined that the leak is on the property owner's side then the property owner will be charged a flat fee as per Schedule "A", Works Department Fees. Winter rates will be applied if frost is encountered during the repair of the water line. Costs to repair any Town sidewalks, curbs, asphalt, etc. that was damaged, will be the responsibility of the property owner, and the repair work will be done by the Town. The homeowner will be responsible to undertake the work and costs to repair any sidewalks, driveway, landscape, etc. on their property.

### **Water & Sewer - Old Service Connections**

Any building being constructed or moved onto a lot that previously had an older demolished building on site, must have the entire sewer and water connection all the way to the curb box replaced with new material, at the owner's expense.