

**Town of Nipawin
Bylaw No. 1190/25**

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF NIPAWIN FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF
THE WATERWORKS AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS**

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

1. DEFINITIONS:

In this Bylaw the words: Person, Persons, Consumer, Consumers, Customer, Customers are synonymous and mean the person or persons, organizations, corporations, etc., responsible for the payment of charges for water and sewer services.

PRINCIPAL OCCUPANCY means in the case of premises with more than one occupancy, the major purpose for which the premises is used, and if one of the occupancies is a Commercial or Industrial occupancy, it shall be deemed to be the Principal Occupancy.

CONSUMER means the holder of a utility account with the Town of Nipawin

COUNCIL means the Mayor and Council of the Town of Nipawin

GM OF OPERATIONS AND ENGINEERING means the person employed by the Town with responsibility for administration of the Operations and Engineering Department.

TOWN means the Town of Nipawin and its employees whose work duties require them to undertake certain works under this Bylaw.

FOG means fats, oils, and grease.

2. WATERWORKS SYSTEM:

- (a) Every person desiring to have a premise connected to the waterworks system shall apply to the Town for that service.
- (b) A meter shall be installed upon the service pipe connecting any premise receiving water service from the Town water system.

(c) Every person shall provide, at their own expense, a place in a premise for the installation of a meter, which shall be acceptable to the GM of Operations and Engineering or designate, and shall provide ready and easy means of access to said meter for examination by the meter reader and shall at all times properly and efficiently protect the service pipes and fixtures from frost or other injury so that the meter shall not in any way be damaged. If the GM of Operations and Engineering or designate determines that any meter is insufficiently protected from frost, the water service may be discontinued until satisfactory measures have been taken for its protection. Every person shall also provide at their own expense, a place, usually on the outside wall of a premise, where a remote read-out unit or a meter interface unit (MIU) may be installed. The location shall be convenient for the meter reader and acceptable to the GM of Operations and Engineering or designate. All meters and read-outs shall be sealed with a lead seal and wire by a Town employee.

(d) No service will be given, and any existing service may be discontinued without notice where no meter has been installed.

Notwithstanding the above; a customer may make arrangements with the Town for a temporary turn-on without the required meter. A fee for the temporary turn-on shall be as included in the Works Department Fee schedule.

(e) Only one (1) meter shall be supplied for each connection to the water system of the Town.

(f) If notice is received in writing that the meter in a premise is inaccurate, the Town shall inspect the meter and if no defect is found, the cost of inspection shall be billed to the consumer in accordance with the Works Department Fee schedule established from time to time by resolution of Council.

(g) In the event that the meter, cable or remote-control readout has been altered or damaged in any way since the preceding billing period, the minimum billing shall be applied. Any required repairs shall be made by the Town and billed to the consumer.

(h) No person shall install a waterline so as to bypass a meter. For water services that require a meter larger than a ¾ inch meter, the GM of Operations and Engineering or designate may authorize an emergency bypass to be installed around the meter. Such bypass will be equipped with the necessary control valve and shall be sealed with a standard lead seal and wire, or padlock.

(i) The GM of Operations and Engineering or designate may enter the premises of any customer at any reasonable time, for the purpose of installing or removing meters, examining pipes, and fixtures, repairing same or ascertaining the quantity of water used and the manner of its use.

- (j) No person other than the Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, GM of Operations and Engineering or designate or a person authorized by any of them, or members of the Fire Department in the event of fire, shall open, close, or interfere with any hydrant, gate or valve connected with the waterworks system, and no person shall in any way interfere with any curb stop, pipe or other waterworks appliance outside of a premise, or interfere with any meter located anywhere on a premise.
- (k) No person shall turn water on in any premises or open a valve or curb stop except the Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, GM of Operations and Engineering or designate When water has been turned off for non-payment of rates or for failure to protect meters or pipes to the satisfaction of the Director or designate, or for any other necessary or proper reason, no person shall turn it on again who is not duly authorized to do so.
- (l) Any person violating the provisions of Subsection (j) and (k) hereof and every person interfering with or obstructing the GM of Operations and Engineering or designate, shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to the penalties imposed by the General Penalties Bylaw of the Town of Nipawin.
- (m) All expenses in connection with laying the water service pipe from the water main and introducing the water into any premises shall be borne by the owner of such premises, except the cost of placing the meter. All such work shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the GM of Operations and Engineering or designate.

All expenses in connection with repairing or replacing the service pipe from the curb stop into any premises shall be borne by the owner of such premise.

A standard water service connection from the water main to the meter shall be one of the following:

- a) a ¾" soft copper tube, Type K or Type L; or
- b) a 1" High Density Polyethylene Pipe (HDPE), Series 200 (200 psi).

The connection from the main to the curb stop shall be installed by the Town and from the curb stop to the building by a licensed plumber. The connection at the curb stop is to be inspected by the GM of Operations and Engineering or designate.

All expenses in connection with repairing or replacing the meter or service pipe from the curb stop to the water main shall be borne by the Town.

- (n) For the purpose of making repairs to the mains or of connecting or repairing service pipes or constructing extensions or new work or any other work, the Town shall have the right to shut off the water from any customer without notice and to keep it shut off as long as may be necessary to enable the work to be completed. Whenever feasible, the customer shall be notified in advance.

- (o) The Town or its employees shall not be liable for any damages resulting from the discontinuance of water supply, with or without notice, to any building, boiler or manufacturer deriving its supply from the waterworks system.
- (p) Subject to paragraph (n) hereof, the Town shall have the right to limit the amount of water furnished to any customer, upon reasonable notice to the customer.
- (q) The Town shall have the right by resolution to discontinue the supply of water for fountains or jets, hose or sprinklers or to limit the hours for using the same. Every person found guilty of an infraction of any restriction imposed by authority of this Section, shall be liable on summary conviction to:
 - i) in the case of an individual, a fine of not more than \$2,000.00, to imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or both;
 - ii) in the case of a corporation, a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, to imprisonment of the directors of the corporation for not more than thirty (30) days, or both;
 - iii) in the case of a continuing offence, to a maximum daily fine of not more than \$1,000.00 per day.
- (r) Every customer intending to vacate any premises supplied with water from the Town's waterworks system or who intends to discontinue the use of such water, shall give notice of the same to the Town and shall turn off the valve on the inside of the building before leaving.
- (s)
 - (i) In the event of the freeze-up of a water service pipe between a building and the Town water main, the Town will attempt to thaw the pipe once in each winter season without charge, subject to subsection (iii) below.
 - (ii) To prevent a further freeze-up, the Town may authorize or instruct the consumer to connect an approved "bleeder" line or open an approved tap. During the period the "bleeder" is operating the consumer shall be billed the minimum amount.
 - (iii) In the case where an owner has been given permission to run a bleeder, and if it is determined the bleeder was not on, the initial thaw and any subsequent thaws for that season shall be billed to the consumer in accordance with the Works Department Fee Schedule.
 - (iv) Where a consumer fails to install an approved "bleeder" or permits a water meter or service connection to freeze-up and damage to the meter results, all repairs shall be made by the Town and billed to the consumer in accordance with the Works Department Fee Schedule

- (t) No private water supply systems shall be interconnected with the Town's water supply system.

Should a consumer, upon notice, fail to disconnect a private system from the Town supply the water service shall be discontinued until such time the problem is rectified to the satisfaction of the Director of Works and Utilities or designate.

3. SEWAGE SYSTEM:

Prohibition of Grease Disposal

No person shall discharge or permit the discharge of (FOG) fats, oils, grease or other substances that may cause blockages into the municipal sewage system.

Responsibility for Repairs

Where a blockage, damage, or any other operational issue within a sewage pipe is determined by the GM of Operations and Engineering Services upon inspection of sewer video footage to have been caused by the improper disposal of fats, oils, grease, or similar substances, the property owner from whose premises the material originated shall:

- (a) Be solely responsible for all necessary repairs, maintenance, or replacements required to restore the affected sewage pipe or system to its proper working conditions.
- (b) Bear 100% of the cost of repairs, including but not limited to labour, materials, and any municipal resources expended in diagnosing or resolving the issue.

All expenses in connection with laying the sewer pipe from the sewer main into any premises shall be borne by the owner of such premises. All such work shall be carried out in accordance with the instructions of and to the satisfaction of the GM of Operations and Engineering.

A standard sewer service shall be 4" PVC plastic sewer pipe laid at minimum grade of 1/8" per foot. The connection from the main to the curb stop shall be installed by the Town and from the curb stop to the building by a licensed plumber. The connection at the curb stop is to be inspected by the GM of Operations and Engineering or designate.

The expense incidental to the removing of an obstruction or blockage in a sewer service from the building to the sewer main shall be borne solely by the owner or occupant of the property. If it has been proven, by use of a sewer video, that the blockage has been caused by root infestation from trees on Town property, the GM of Operations and Engineering or designate may authorize removal of the tree(s) and/or have any future routing done by a local contractor at the Town's expense. Further treatment may be applied as recommended by the GM of Operations and Engineering or designate.

- 4 If a blockage continuously occurs and the GM of Operations and Engineering or designate is satisfied the service must be repaired or replaced then the property owner must first repair or replace the portion of service from the premises to the curb stop, at the property owner's expense. When the portion of service from the premises to the curb stop has been repaired the GM of Operations and

Engineering or designate is authorized to repair or replace the service from the curb stop to the sewer main at the Town's expense.

If a blockage occurs on the street side of the service due to a collapsed line or faulty construction the GM of Operations and Engineering or designate is authorized to repair the service at the Town's expense.

4. Bylaw No. 1093/19 is hereby repealed.
5. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of the final passing thereof.



Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Read a Third Time and Finally
Adopted this 27 day of

January, 2025