

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOUISE
BY-LAW NO. # 2024-09

Being a By-law of the Municipality of Louise to amend Municipality of Louise By-Law No. # 2024-04 which provides for establishing water rates for the Rural Louise Utility.

WHEREAS the Manitoba Water Services Board advised of a water rate increase for the South Central District Water Co-op (SCDWC) for water sales to its municipal members and subsequent rural Louise customers with effective April 1, 2024;
AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Water Services Board sent a letter dated 8 December 2023 to the Rural Louise water customers with regards to the water rate increase;
AND WHEREAS the wholesale rate increase for SCDWC is increasing the amount of \$0.39c per 1,000 gallons of water, this being from the present rate of \$15.04 (plus \$1) per 1000 gallons to \$15.43 (plus \$1) per 1,000 gallons;
AND WHEREAS the SCDWC is operated by the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB), and as such, is not subject to rate approval by the Public Utilities Board;
AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Louise, rural customers who are connected to the SCDWC water line purchase 100% of water requirements from the SCDWC,

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Municipality of Louise, in council duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Schedule 'A' to By law 2024-04 be cancelled and that Schedule 'A' attached hereto be substituted.
2. That the rates as set forth in Schedule 'A' hereto shall be effective 1 April 2024 and apply to the April 2024 quarterly billing.
3. That By-Law # 2024-09 comes into force on 1 April 2024 and furthermore that By-Law # 2024-04 being By-Law to provide for establishing Water and Sewer rates is hereby repealed.

DONE AND PASSED by Council of the Municipality of Louise, duly assembled at the LUD of Crystal City in Manitoba this 14th day of February 2024

MUNICIPALITY OF LOUISE


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time this 24th day of January 2024
Read a second time this 14th day of February 2024
Read a third time this 14th day of February 2024

**THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOUISE
RURAL LOUISE UTILITY
BY-LAW NO. 2024-09
WATER UTILITY RATES
SCHEDULE 'A'**

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES

1. Schedule of Commodity Rates & Quarterly Service Charge 1 April 2024

Quarterly Service Charge	\$12.50
Quarterly Rates	Water
Per 1,000 Gallons	\$16.43

2. Minimum Charges per Quarter

Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charge set out below, which includes the water allowance as listed.

Meter Size	Water Included (gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	3,000	\$12.50	\$49.29	\$61.79
3/4"	6,000	\$12.50	\$98.58	\$111.08
1"	12,000	\$12.50	\$192.48	\$209.66

3. Billings and Penalties

Accounts shall be billed quarterly, and shall be due and payable 30 days after the date of billing. A late payment charge of 1.25% per month shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date.

4. Liability for Charges

Where charges and penalties pursuant to this by-law are not paid within ninety (90) days from the date when they were incurred, said charges and penalties shall be added to the taxes on the property and collected in the same manner as other taxes, pursuant to Section 252(2) of *The Municipal Act*. The amount of all outstanding charges for water, including fines and penalties, are a lien and charge upon the land serviced, and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.

5. Disconnection and Reconnection

Any service disconnected, whether due to non-payment of account or for any other reason(s) mutually agreed to by the customer and the Municipality (ie repairs necessitated by negligence of the customer, changes in tenant, vacancy for an extended period of time, etc.) shall not be reconnected until a reconnection fee of \$50.00 and all arrears and penalties, if any, have been paid. Any customer wishing to have billings discontinued due to vacancy of premises shall be required to have service disconnected and to pay a \$50.00 reconnection fee when service resumes.

6. Water Meters

The meter is to be supplied and remain the property of the Utility.

a) Meter Repairs: Where a water meter is damaged as a result of negligence of a user, such user shall pay the cost of repairing the damaged meter and the said amount will immediately become a debt due and owing to the Utility. The water service of said user may be disconnected for repairs. A fee of

\$50.00 shall be charged for a reconnection of the service disconnected under this paragraph.

b) **Meter Testing:** That in any case where a utility customer requests that a meter be tested for accuracy, the customer will provide the Municipality with a deposit of \$100. The Municipality will then remove the subject meter and send it to an independent lab for testing. If the meter is found to be faulty, all costs associated with the testing process will be borne by the Municipality and the deposit will be refunded to the customer. If the meter is found to be in proper working order, all costs associated with the testing process will be borne by the customer and the customer will be billed or refunded any balance owing.

7. Cross Connections

No customer or person shall connect, cause to be connected or allow to remain connected any piping, fitting, container or appliance in a manner which under any circumstances may allow water, or any harmful substance to enter the water system.

If a condition is found to exist which, in the opinion of the Municipality, is contrary to the aforesaid, the Municipality may either:

Shut off the service or services; or

Give notice to the customer to correct the fault at his or her own expense within a specified time period.

8. Conditions of Disrepair

In the event that there are conditions of disrepair in the water works on a property that detrimentally affects the system as a whole and, upon the failure of the owner of the property to correct the condition within a reasonable time, the Municipality, or its agents, may enter the property, effect repairs and charge the cost thereof against the subject property as ordinary taxes.

9. Authorization for Officer to Enter Upon Premises

An employee or agent of the Municipality shall be authorized to enter upon any premises for the purpose of:

Affixing to any pipe, wire or apparatus connected with any such utility, a meter or any other measuring or testing device; or taking readings from, repairing, inspecting or removing any meter or apparatus belonging to the Utility.