

**THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOUISE  
BY-LAW NO. # 2024-06**

Being a By-law of the Municipality of Louise to amend Municipality of Louise By-Law No. # 2023-01 which provides for establishing water & sewer rates for the LUD of Pilot Mound;

WHEREAS the Public Utilities Board has approved a water rate increase for the South Central District Water Co-op (SCDWC) for water sales to its municipal members, effective April 1, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Louise is a member of the SCDWC and public notice was given with regards to the water rate increase;

AND WHEREAS The Public Utilities Board has approved a process to “pass through” the increase to consumers without further application of rate review;

AND WHEREAS the wholesale rate increase for SCDWC is increasing the amount of \$0.48c per 1,000 gallons of water, this being from the present rate of \$18.56 per 1000 gallons to \$19.04 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, Pilot Mound customers purchase 100% of water requirements from the SCDWC,

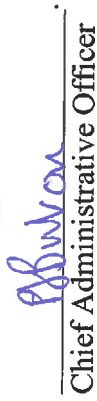
NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Municipality of Louise, in council duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Schedule ‘A’ to By law 2023-01 be cancelled and that Schedule ‘A’ attached hereto be substituted.
2. That the rates as set forth in Schedule ‘A’ and “B” hereto shall be effective 1 April 2024 and apply to the April 2024 quarterly billing.
3. That By-Law # 2024-06 comes into force on 1 April 2024 and furthermore that By-Law # 2023-01 being By-Law to provide for establishing Water and Sewer rates is hereby repealed.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 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024

MUNICIPALITY OF LOUISE

  
Reeve

  
Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024

Read a second time this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024

Read a third time this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024

**SCHEDULE 'A'**

**MUNICIPALITY OF LOUISE, LUD OF PILOT MOUND CUSTOMERS**

**WATER AND SEWER RATES (EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL 2024)**

**BY-LAW NO. 2024-06**

**SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES:**

<b>1. <u>Commodity Rates per 1,000 imperial gallons</u></b>				
Domestic	all water sold	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewer</u>
		\$23.53	\$2.93	\$25.98

**2. Minimum Charges, Quarterly**

Notwithstanding the Commodity rates set forth in paragraph 1 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charge set out below, which will include water allowances indicated:

**(a) Water and Sewer Customers**

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption (C.M.)	Service Charge	Commodity Rates		Minimum Quarterly Charges
				Water	Sewer	
16mm - 5/8"	1	3,000	\$12.61	\$70.59	\$8.79	\$91.99
19mm - 3/4"	2	6,000	\$12.61	\$141.18	\$17.58	\$171.37
25mm - 1"	4	12,000	\$12.61	\$282.36	\$35.16	\$330.13
38mm - 1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$12.61	\$705.90	\$87.90	\$806.41
50mm - 2"	25	75,000	\$12.61	\$1,764.75	\$219.75	\$1,997.11

**(b) Water Only Customers**

Customers with water only services shall be charged the minimum quarterly rate applicable to the customer's meter size less the sewer charge.

**3. Bulk Sales Rate**

All water sold in bulk by the LUD of Pilot Mound shall be charged for at the rate of \$28.85 per 1,000 imperial gallons.

**4. Billing and Penalties**

Accounts shall be billed quarterly, and shall be due and payable 30 days after date of billing. A penalty of 1.25% of the amount of the bill shall be added if not paid by the due date. For every month after that, a further penalty of 1.25% of the amount of the bill shall be added if the debt is unpaid.

**5. Water and Sewer Connections**

- (i) Each customer applying for water turn on or turn off of service during any quarter shall pay the proportionate part of the current minimum quarterly charge provided that in the computing same broken half month shall be considered as a full month. In all cases any excess water used will be charged at the rates set forth under Commodity Rates.
- (ii) All costs for new connections and maintenance thereafter shall be paid by the customer or developer as the case may be and such connections are to be approved by the Council of the Municipality of Louise.
- (iii) A service charge of \$50.00 shall be paid before any water is turned on, and shall be the responsibility of the owner.

**6. 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 and sewer services, including fines and penalties, are a lien and charge upon the land serviced, and may be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.

**7. Reconnection**

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and reconnection fee of \$50.00 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 \$50.00 reconnection fee when service resumes.

**8. Outstanding Bills**

Pursuant to section 252(2) of the Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer service may be collected by the municipality in the same manner as a tax may be collected or enforced under this Act.

**9. Hydrant Rentals**

The LUD of Pilot Mound shall pay to the utility an annual rental of \$150.00 for each hydrant connected to the system. This includes water for fire purposes.

**10. Sewer Surcharge**

- (i) There may be levied annually, in addition to the rates set forth above, a special surcharge on sewage having a Five Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand in excess of 300 mg/L to be set by resolution of Council.
- (ii) A special surcharge for substances requiring special treatment shall be charged based on the actual costs of treatment required for the particular sewage or industrial waste.

**11. Water Allowances Due to Line Freezing**

That in any case where, at the request of Council, a customer allows water to run continuously for any period of time to prevent the water lines in the water system from freezing, the charge to that customer for the current quarter shall be the average billings for the last two previous quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.

**12. Water Metering**

All new residential customers for sewer and water shall be metered at the customer's cost. Ownership, inspection and maintenance of the meters will remain the responsibility of the utility system. Commercial meter maintenance will be the responsibility of the utility system but will be billed to the commercial user.

**13. Water Meters**

That all water connections be metered. The meter to be supplied by and remain the property of the utility system. The cost of the meter shall be recovered through the water rates.

**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 within (10) ten days of the demand of same, 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.

**Meter Testing** - Any consumer who desires and requests that their water meter be tested for accuracy shall deposit with the utility the sum of \$50.00. If the meter when tested is found to be in excess of the allowable limits, the deposit shall be refunded and the consumer's account shall be adjusted for the preceding four months use. The allowable limit of variation shall be 3% of average flow.