

**THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOUISE**  
**BY-LAW NO. # 2025-03**

Being a By-law of the Municipality of Louise to amend Municipality of Louise By-Law No. # 2024-06 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, 2025;

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 \$0.38c per 1,000 gallons of water, this being from the present rate of \$19.04 per 1000 gallons to \$19.42 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;

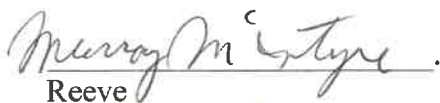
AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Louise, Pilot Mound customers purchase 100% of water requirements from the SCDWC,

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

1. That Schedule ‘A’ to By law 2024-06 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 2025 and apply to the April 2025 quarterly billing.
3. That By-Law # 2025-03 comes into force on 1 April 2025 and furthermore that By-Law # 2024-06 being By-Law to provide for establishing Water and Sewer rates is hereby repealed.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 26 day of March 2025

MUNICIPALITY OF LOUISE

  
Reeve

  
Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time this 27 day of January 2025  
Read a second time this 12 day of March 2025  
Read a third time this 26 day of March 2025

## SCHEDULE 'A'

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

#### WATER AND SEWER RATES (EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL 2025)

#### BY-LAW NO. 2025-03

#### SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES:

##### 1. Commodity Rates per 1,000 imperial gallons

		<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewer</u>
Domestic	all water sold	\$26.48	\$3.14	\$29.62

##### 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	\$12.79	\$79.44	\$9.42	\$101.65
19mm - 3/4"	2	6,000	\$12.79	\$158.88	\$18.84	\$190.51
25mm - 1"	4	12,000	\$12.79	\$317.76	\$37.68	\$368.23
38mm - 1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$12.79	\$794.40	\$94.20	\$901.39
50mm - 2"	25	75,000	\$12.79	\$1,986.00	\$235.50	\$2,234.29

##### (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 \$31.36 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 late payment charge of 1.25% per month shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date.

##### 5. 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.

6. Disconnection and Reconnection

Any service disconnected, whether due to non-payment of account or for any other reason(s) mutually agreed upon 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 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.

7. 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, and any part 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 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.

8. Hydrant Rentals

The Municipality of Louise, or any hydrant owner, shall pay to the Utility an annual rental of \$200.00 for each hydrant connected to the system. This includes water for fire purposes.

9. 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.

10. Sewer Surcharge

- (i) There may be levied annually, in addition to the rates set forth above, a special surcharge on sewage having a Biochemical Oxygen Demand in excess of 300 parts per million 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 Meters

That all water connections be metered. The costs of residential and commercial meter installation shall be borne by the customer, and costs of maintenance thereafter shall be borne by the Utility. The meter is to be supplied and remain the property of the Utility.

- (i) **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.
- (ii) **Meter Testing** - Any consumer who desires and requests that their water 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 when is found to be faulty, all costs associated with the testing process will be borne by the Municipality and the deposit shall 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.

#### 12. Cross Connections

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

#### 13. Conditions of Disrepair

In the event that there are conditions of disrepair in the wastewater and 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.

14. Authorization For Officer To Enter Upon Premises

The Public Works Manager, or other employee authorized by the Municipality in the absence of the Public Works Manager, shall be authorized to enter upon any premise 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 Municipality.

15. Service To Customers Outside Utility's Limits

The Council of Municipality of Louise may sign Agreements with customers for the provision of water and wastewater services to properties located outside the boundaries of the Municipality.

Such Agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in the Schedule, as well as a surcharge, set by Resolution of Council, which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes, and special taxes for the Utility purposes in effect at the time or may be in effect from time to time, and which would be levied on the property concerned if it were within Municipal boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the Utility's mains, and installing and maintaining service connections, will be paid by the customer.