



Unity

TOWN OF UNITY

BYLAW NUMBER 1158-P-24

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF UNITY TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF UTILITY SERVICE.

The Council of the Town of Unity ('Town') in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as The Utility Management Bylaw.

2. Utility Services

Only Property Owners desiring to be supplied with water from the municipality's water system shall make application to the officials of the municipality.

Grandfather Clause - accounts in a renter's name at the time this bylaw takes effect, will be granted to remain as such until this renter vacates the property. Any deposit will be applied to the final invoice, this account will be closed, and a utility account will be opened in the Property Owner's name.

3. Utility Billing Period and Dates

Water meters will be read twelve times a year, on or around the last day of each month; and the billing period will be monthly (from the 1st to the last day of each month). The Town shall invoice residents within five (5) days from the end of the billing period.

4. Delinquents Accounts

Outstanding Utility account balances will be added to the property's tax roll tax.

Grandfather Clause - Where the property is a revenue property, and the account is outstanding:

- The Property Owner will be notified of utility accounts with balances that are outstanding after payment due dates, the Property Owner will be notified and requested to clear the remaining balance.
- If the utility account is still in arrears after thirty (30) days of the owner being notified, the Town, shall add the amount owed to the property tax roll as per Section 369(1) (a) (b) of *The Municipalities Act* and the owner of the tax roll will be responsible for the payment of same whether the customer in arrears is the owner of the premises or a tenant.

5. Water Rationing

The Municipality may ration or limit the amount of water supplied to any or all consumers should circumstances warrant such action.

6. Reconnect Fee

Property Owners may request a temporary turn-off of water service. A \$75.00 reconnect fee will apply per reconnection request.

If the water service is turned on outside of Town employees' regular working hours of 8.00 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday, an additional fee of \$100.00 shall be applied.

7. Water Meters

- a. The Town's utility department will determine the size, type and location of any water meter to be installed and maintained in a customer's premises. Each Property Owner will supply at their own expense a new and functional water valve if the Town's utility department, on reasonable grounds, determines it is required during installation of the water meter.
- b. It shall be unlawful and an offence for any customer or unauthorized person to tamper, modify, change or remove a water meter, service line, shut off or associated equipment owned by the Town. The Property Owner will be responsible to cover all costs associated with repair and/or replacement due to events of this nature.
- c. The resident is responsible for any damage caused to a water meter by freezing or other means. The Town shall repair or replace any damaged water meter within five (5) days and invoice the resident the actual cost of the meter.
- d. The Town may authorize and delegate one or more persons to enter any premises to inspect, read, service, repair or replace a water meter. Property Owners shall permit their entry without issue or delay.
- e. It shall be unlawful and an offence for any person to obstruct, interfere with or impede a person delegated by the Town in the performance of their duties under this Bylaw.
- f. Property Owners will be subject to a \$200 fine for each offence relating to a Town of Unity water meter and/or service.

8. Repeal

Bylaw Number 1107-P-20 is hereby repealed.

9. Effect

This bylaw shall have full force and effect as of October 1st, 2024.

Mayor

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