

ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION

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Year: **2023**

Name of Municipality: **Village of Leask**

Date: August 29, 2024

WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

On September 29, 2011, Council passed Bylaw 2/2011 to fix the rates to be charged for the use and consumption of water and to fix the rates to be charged for the use of the sewer, implementing an infrastructure fee of \$10.00 a month for water & \$10.00 a month for sewer as reserve for future infrastructure upgrades.

On July 19, 2023, Council passed Bylaw 2/2023 to amend Bylaw 2/2011 Schedule "A" to reflect the volume conversion from Gallons to Cubic Meters to align with the new water meters which measure in Cubic meters. The amended Bylaw also states water meters will be read quarterly: March, June, September & December of each year.

The amended Water Bylaw, dated July 19, 2023, states the water rate at \$44.00 for the first 13.64 cubic meters of water, overage rate in excess of 13.64 Cubic meters is as follows: 13.65-90.91 cubic meters at \$0.60 per additional .46 cubic meter and 90.92 cubic meters and over at \$1.17 per additional .46 cubic meter.

DATE	RATE	ESTIMATED MONTHLY CHARGE	
JANUARY 1, 2021	\$44.00	IN EXCESS OF 3,000 GALLONS	\$6.00 per 1,000
JANUARY 1, 2022	\$44.00	IN EXCESS OF 3,000 GALLONS	\$6.00 per 1,000
JANUARY 1, 2023	\$44.00	IN EXCESS OF 13.64 Cubic Meters	\$6.00 per 4.6 m ³

The objective of the Waterworks rate policy is to have waterworks be a self-financing entity of the municipality. Revenue covering the operating costs, plus amortization, depreciation and accretion of asset retirement obligations which is basically replacing retired infrastructure.

WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

To cover the costs of future waterworks infrastructure maintenance and replacements, Council will be analyzing revenues and expenses of Utilities to build the waterworks reserves in 2024. To ensure a savings is in place, a monthly transfer of \$2000 to a Flex GIC clearly marked for future waterworks capital infrastructure. The capital investment strategy will ensure that safe drinking water can be provided to the residents, businesses, and surrounding rural communities in the present and future.

A Five Year Capital plan is being developed, in conjunction with Asset Management, to strategize the replacement and repairs of sewer and water infrastructure, including and not limited to replacement of the main water line from the Well to the WTP, replacement of isolation valves, fire hydrants, curb stops and replacement of water & sewer lines.

\$85,000 upgrade to the WTP was approved through Canada Community-Building Fund grant (formerly Gas Tax Program), upgrades include: Automatic Dialer to Voice Alarm software system, installation of milltronics ultrasonic level controller, installation of back doors to readily access the membranes.

The bulk truck fill at the WTP requires repairs and upgrading, planning to complete by Summer 2024.

Council passed Bylaw 2/2023, amending Bylaw 2/2011 to reflect cubic meters versus gallons.

ANNUAL WATERWORKS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The following is information on the Village of Leask waterworks, Pursuant to section 55 of *The Municipalities Regulations*:

2023 Waterworks Overview:

Total waterworks revenues: \$244,642.00

Total waterworks expenditures: \$211,003.00

Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures plus debt payments, expressed as a ratio:

$$\frac{\$244,642}{\$211,003} = 1.16 \text{ (For 2023 waterworks revenues covered 100\% of the waterworks expenditures.)}$$

RESERVES - Reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure - \$165,000.00

The following additional information is available at the Municipal Office on the waterworks:

- 2023 Audited Financial Statement.
- 2023 Financial overview of the waterworks.
- Waterworks reserves.
- Most recent copy of the waterworks assessment.
- Annual compliance report for drinking water.