

MUNICIPALITY OF JASPER
BYLAW #279

BEING A BYLAW OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JASPER IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF WATER SERVICES.

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PURPOSE

WHEREAS the Municipality of Jasper maintains a Water System for the Town of Jasper;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, authorizes a municipality to pass bylaws respecting public utilities and services provided by the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of Jasper in the Province of Alberta enacts:

1. CITATION

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “Jasper Water Services Bylaw 2026.”

1.2 This Bylaw repeals Bylaw #178 Water Services Bylaw.

1.3 The purpose of this Bylaw is to regulate, control, and govern the supply, distribution, use, protections, and billing of water provided by the Municipality of Jasper, and to establish the rights, obligations, and responsibilities of the Municipality, Owners, Consumers, and all persons connected to or using the Water System.

1.4 This Bylaw is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the Municipality under the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A 200, c. M-26 as amended, and in accordance with the

Agreement for the Establishment of Local Government in the Town of Jasper and any applicable agreements with the Parks Canada Agency.

2. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw:

2.1 “*Account*” shall mean an agreement between the Owner and the Municipality of Jasper for the supply of water.

2.2 “*Backflow*” shall mean the reversal of the normal direction of the flow of water or other substances in the Water System.

2.3 “*Backflow Prevention Device*” shall mean a device, assembly, or method approved by the CAO that prevents Backflow into the Water System.

2.4 “*Bleeder*” shall mean a device attached to a water Service for the purpose of discharging water so as to reduce the potential for freezing the line.

2.5 “*Chief Administrative Officer*” or “*CAO*” means the chief administrative officer who is the individual duly appointed to that position for the Municipality of Jasper at any given time and includes any person authorized to act for and in the name of that individual or designate.

2.6 “*Consumer*” shall mean a person who is not a Leaseholder and who has an Account with the Municipality for the supply of water.

2.7 “*Cross-Connection*” shall mean any actual or potential connection between the Water System and any source of contamination or pollution.

2.8 “*Freeze Protection Device*” means a thermostatically controlled recirculation device, automatic drain-back system, heat-tracing system, or other device approved by the CAO that is designed to prevent freezing of a Water Service without continuous discharge of water.

2.9 “*Leaseholder*” shall mean a grantee or a person or other legal entity holding a valid lease or license of occupation with the federal Crown for the use or occupation of land in Jasper National Park, and shall mean Canadian National Railway in respect of lots or land parcels held by Canadian National Railway, and shall mean Jasper National Park of Canada in respect of lots or land parcels held by the Crown.

2.10 “*Lessee*” shall mean the holder of a lease or license of occupation for land in the Town of Jasper.

2.11 “*Lot*” shall mean a parcel or part of a parcel described in a certificate title or lease.

2.12 “*Municipality*” shall mean the Municipality of Jasper.

2.13 “*Owner*” shall mean the Lessee of a leasehold property in the Town of Jasper or the holder of a License of Occupation for property in the Town of Jasper.

2.14 “*Peace Officer*” means:

2.14.1 a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;

2.14.2 a Community Peace officer appointed by the Solicitor General of Alberta; or

2.14.3 a person appointed as a bylaw enforcement officer pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, as amended;

2.14.4 a park warden appointed pursuant to the *Canada National Parks Act*, as amended, while that person is in the exercise of discharge of that person's powers or duties in a national park established under that Act.

2.15 "*Premises*" shall mean land and buildings on the land.

2.16 "*Property Line*" shall mean the legal surveyed boundary of a Lot.

2.17 "*Rates*" shall mean the tariff of charges for supply of water set out in the Rates and Fees Bylaw.

2.18 "*Redevelopment*" shall mean any construction, demolition, replacement, addition, or alteration of a building or Premises that, in the opinion of the CAO:

2.18.1 materially increases water demand;

2.18.2 changes the use or occupancy of the Premises;

2.18.3 requires a development permit or building permit under applicable municipal bylaws; or

2.18.4 involves substantial renovation, reconstruction, or replacement of a building or Water Service.

2.18.5 includes, but is not limited to, the demolition and replacement of a building, infill development, or conversion of a Premises to a different use.

2.19 "*Service*" or "*Water Service*" shall mean the water line and appurtenances extending from the water main to the building or Premises.

2.20 "*Standpipe*" shall mean a Water Service that is used only for fire protection purposes.

2.21 "*Town of Jasper*" shall mean the physical area defined as the Town of Jasper in the Agreement for the Establishment of Local Government in the Town of Jasper, dated June 13th, 2001.

2.22 "*Water Meter*" means a device designated and installed by the Municipality to measure the volume of water supplied to a Premises and includes all associated registers, transmitters, remote reading devices, wiring, fittings, valves, and related equipment used for measurement or communication of water consumption.

2.23 "*Water System*" shall mean the pumps, pipes, valves, controls, equipment, and all accessories and appurtenances thereto used for the distribution of water within the Town of Jasper and owned and operated by the Municipality of Jasper.

2.24 Where an obligation, prohibition, or liability is imposed on an Owner under this Bylaw, that obligation also applies to any Lessee, Leaseholder, Consumer, or other person in possession of or exercising control over the Premises.

2.25 Words importing the masculine gender only, include the feminine gender whenever the context so requires and vice versa.

2.26 Words importing the singular shall include the plural or vice versa whenever the context so requires.

3. ADMINISTRATION

3.1 The CAO, subject to the direction of Council, shall be responsible for the properties, systems, and works required to supply the inhabitants of the Town of Jasper with water, and of the inspection of all Premises supplied with water.

3.2 Peace Officers in the Municipality of Jasper may inspect the premises of any Owner to investigate any contravention of this Bylaw and to lay any charges or issue such summons or ticket as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw.

3.3 The CAO may discontinue Water Service provided by the Municipality to any Owner, Lot, property, or Premises in the event that the Owner breaches this Bylaw or any amendment thereto.

3.4 Except in cases of emergency or where immediate termination is authorized under this Bylaw, the CAO shall provide reasonable notice to the Owner and/or Consumer before discontinuing Water Service.

3.5 The CAO may delegate any power, duty, or function conferred on the CAO under this Bylaw to a municipal employee, contractor, or agent, subject to any conditions or limitations the CAO considers appropriate.

4. EXTENSION OF MAINS

4.1 No extension of water mains shall be constructed without authorization in writing from the CAO and except in accordance with the provisions of such land use agreements as may be in place between the Municipality and the Parks Canada Agency.

5. EMERGENCY RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

5.1 The CAO or Council may at any time make orders restricting the use of water either by all Consumers or by any particular class of Consumers and either throughout the Town or in any particular areas of the Town. The order may specify that such restricted use of water shall apply during such hours or such days of the week as may be specified in the order.

5.2 No person shall use water from the Water System in contravention of the terms of any order made by the CAO or Council.

5.3 The CAO shall take such steps as he deems necessary to publicize the terms of an order made pursuant to Section 5.1.

6. INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE

6.1 The CAO is hereby authorized to:

6.1.1 order that water be shut off without notice for such length of time as may be necessary to permit construction or repairs to the Water System; and

6.1.2 in case of fire or emergency, shut off water without notice in all or any part of the Town as required.

6.2 No Owner or Consumer shall have a claim against the Municipality for any loss, damage, cost, or inconvenience arising from the interruption, reduction, or failure of water supply, including but not limited to interruptions caused by construction, repairs, maintenance, frozen mains, mechanical failure, power outages, or other cause beyond the Municipality's control, except where such loss or damage is caused by the negligence of the Municipality.

6.3 The Municipality shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to any Premises, equipment fixtures, or piping, including pressure vessels, resulting from fluctuations in water pressure, interruption of water supply, or any other condition of the Water System, except where such loss or damage is caused by the negligence of the Municipality. No deduction from water bills shall be made in respect of such interruption or failure of service.

6.4 In all cases where boilers are supplied with water from the Water System, the owner of the boilers shall apply a safety valve, vacuum valve, or other proper device to prevent danger from collapse or explosion when the water supply is interrupted.

6.5 All components of the Water System, including water mains, valves, hydrants, Standpipes, Water Meters, and appurtenances supplied or installed by the Municipality, remain the property of the Municipality. Water is supplied on an as available basis and the Municipality does not guarantee the quantity, quality, pressure, or continuity of water supply.

7. HYDRANTS AND VALVES

7.1 No person shall open, close, or interfere with any hydrant or valve of the Water System without the permission of the CAO.

8. SERVICE CONNECTIONS

8.1 General Requirements:

8.1.1 No person shall tap, connect to, alter, or interfere with any water main or other part of the Water System without the written permission of the CAO.

8.1.2 A Lot shall be considered serviced once a connection has been made from the Water System to the Property Line.

8.1.3 All Service installations requested by the Owner or necessitated by demolition, excavation, renovations, or other works shall be paid for in full by the Owner.

8.2 Location and Alignment of Service

8.2.1 Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the CAO, only 1 (one) Water Service connection shall be permitted per Lot; however, the CAO may authorize multiple Services for:

8.2.1.1 condominium developments;

8.2.1.2 multi-unit residential buildings;

8.2.1.3 multi-tenant commercial or institutional buildings; or

8.2.1.4 phased developments.

8.2.2 Water Services shall be installed below the minimum frost penetration depth in accordance with the most current version of the *City of Edmonton Design and*

Construction Standards and any applicable guidelines published by Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, as adopted by the Municipality, and in accordance with municipal engineering standards designed to minimize the need for Bleeders.

8.2.3 A Service valve shall be installed at or near the Property Line within the Municipal right-of way or a utility easement.

8.3 **Application and Installation**

8.3.1 An Owner requiring Water Service shall apply in writing and pay the applicable fee set out in Schedule D of the Rates and Fees Bylaw

8.3.2 A site plan showing size and location of the Service shall be provided by the Owner.

8.3.3 No Service shall be backfilled until inspected and approved by the Municipality.

8.4 **Owner Responsibilities**

8.4.1 The Municipality is responsible for maintenance to the outer edge of the discharge side of the Service valve at or near the Property Line.

8.4.2 The Owner is responsible for maintenance from the outer edge of the discharge side of the Service valve into the Premises.

8.4.3 The Owner shall bear all costs associated with upgrades, relocation, or alteration of the Service.

8.4.4 Where there is a reasonably foreseeable risk of damage to the Water System which has been caused by an Owner, no person, other than the Municipality, shall undertake the work required to rectify or mitigate the risk to the Municipal portion of the Service, including any work on the Service from the water main to the outer edge of the discharge side of the Service valve at or near the Property Line. All costs of such work undertaken by the Municipality shall be the responsibility of the Owner.

8.5 **Demolition and Termination**

8.5.1 No building connected to the Water System shall be demolished or removed until:

8.5.1.1 application is made to terminate Service;

8.5.1.2 required permits are provided;

8.5.1.3 termination fees are paid; and

8.5.1.4 the Service has been disconnected.

8.6 **Service Valve Box Accessibility**

8.6.1 The Service valve and valve box located at or near the Property Line shall remain visible, accessible, and unobstructed at all times.

8.6.2 No person shall cover, bury, pave over, landscape over, obstruct, or otherwise impede access to a Service valve or valve box.

8.6.3 Without limiting subsection 8.6.2, no person shall:

8.6.3.1 pour concrete, asphalt, or other permanent surface material over a valve box;

8.6.3.2 place landscaping materials, including rocks, planters, retaining walls, or structures over or around a valve box; or

8.6.3.3 alter the grade of land in a manner that prevents ready access to the valve box.

8.6.4 Where a valve box has been covered, obstructed, or rendered inaccessible, the Owner shall, upon written notice from the Municipality, restore access at the Owner's expense within the time specified in the notice.

8.6.5 If the Owner fails to restore access within the specified time, the Municipality may undertake the work and recover all associated costs from the Owner.

8.7 Redevelopment Requirements

8.7.1 Where a Premises is subject to Redevelopment, the Municipality may require the Owner to upgrade or replace the existing Water Service.

8.7.2 Without limiting subsection 8.7.1, the CAO may require that a new Water Service connection be installed from the water main to the Premises, notwithstanding that an existing Service connection extends only to the Property Line.

8.7.3 All costs associated with the installation of a new connection to the water main, including abandonment of the existing Service, shall be the responsibility of the Owner.

8.7.4 Any new or replacement Service required under this section shall comply with current municipal engineering standards and this Bylaw.

9. CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL

9.1 Establishment of Program

9.1.1 The Municipality shall establish and maintain a Cross-Connection Control Program to protect the Water System and public health.

9.1.2 The CAO may adopt and amend Cross-Connection Control procedures consistent with the most current editions, as amended from time to time, of:

9.1.2.1 the National Plumbing Code of Canada;

9.1.2.2 CSA B64 standards;

9.1.2.3 applicable provincial regulations.

9.2 Prohibition

9.2.1 No person shall create, maintain, or permit a Cross-Connection unless protected in accordance with this Bylaw.

9.2.2 No person shall remove, bypass, alter, or render inoperable a required Backflow Prevention Device.

9.3 Hazard Classification

9.3.1 The CAO may classify Premises as:

9.3.1.1 low hazard;

9.3.1.2 moderate hazard; or

9.3.1.3 high hazard

9.3.2 The CAO may require installation of an approved Backflow Prevention Device appropriate to the hazard classification.

9.4 **Installation and Testing**

9.4.1 Required Backflow Prevention Devices shall:

9.4.1.1 be installed at the Owner's expense;

9.4.1.2 comply with applicable codes and standards; and

9.4.1.3 be installed by a qualified person.

9.4.2 All testable Backflow Prevention Devices shall be tested:

9.4.2.1 upon installation;

9.4.2.2 after repair; and

9.4.2.3 at least once every 12 (twelve) months.

9.4.3 Testing shall be performed by a certified Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester.

9.4.4 Written test reports shall be submitted to the Municipality within 14 (fourteen) days of testing.

9.5 **Non-compliance**

9.5.1 Where a required test report is not submitted, a device fails testing, or a device is removed or bypassed, the CAO shall issue written notice of non-compliance.

9.5.2 The Owner shall have 30 (thirty) days from the date of notice to correct the deficiency.

9.5.3 Failure to correct within 30 (thirty) days may result in:

9.5.3.1 issuance of a penalty under Schedule B; and

9.5.3.2 suspension of Water Service until compliance is achieved.

9.5.4 Where, in the opinion of the CAO, a Cross-Connection poses an immediate risk to the Water System or public health, Water Service may be discontinued without notice.

10. **FREEZE PROTECTION AND BLEEDERS**

10.1 **General**

10.1.1 No person shall use direct current to thaw a frozen Service.

10.1.2 An Owner may install a Freeze Protection Device at the Owner's expense, and subject to written approval of the CAO.

10.1.3 Where a Service becomes frozen, the Owner shall use one or more of the following methods, subject to approval of the CAO:

10.1.3.1 mechanical thawing from within the Premises using steam or hot water injection equipment operated by qualified personnel;

10.1.3.2 ground-thawing equipment designed for buried services;

10.1.3.3 excavation and physical repair or replacement of the frozen section;

10.1.3.4 temporary above-ground supply authorized by the Municipality; or

10.1.3.5 such other method as approved in writing by the CAO.

10.1.4 All costs associated with thawing a Service are the responsibility of the Owner unless the freeze is determined by the Municipality to be located on the Municipal portion of the Service.

10.1.4.1 the "Municipal portion of the Service" means the portion of the Service for which the Municipality is responsible as set out in subsection 8.4.1;

10.1.4.2 the location of the freeze shall be determined by the Municipality acting reasonably, based on inspection, testing, or operational evidence; and

10.1.4.3 where the location of the freeze cannot be reasonably determined, the Service shall be deemed to be frozen on the Owner's portion of the Service.

10.1.5 The use of electrical current thawing from private plumbing systems into the municipal Water System is strictly prohibited due to risk of damage to Water Meters, service lines, and municipal infrastructure.

10.2 **Bleeder Installation Requirements**

10.2.1 No person shall install or operate a Bleeder without written approval of the CAO.

10.2.2 A Bleeder shall:

10.2.2.1 be located downstream of the Water Meter;

10.2.2.2 terminate in an aperture not exceeding 1/8 inch;

10.2.2.3 incorporate a shut-off valve allowing complete cessation of flow; and

10.2.2.4 discharge through an air gap in accordance with the National Plumbing Code of Canada and any applicable CSA standard to prevent backflow.

10.2.3 No Bleeder shall be activated for the first time until inspected and approved by the Municipality.

10.2.4 The Owner shall ensure that the Bleeder remains accessible for inspection at all times.

10.3 **Annual Registration**

10.3.1 No Bleeder shall be activated unless:

10.3.1.1 it is registered annually with the Municipality;

10.3.1.2 the annual registration fee set out in Schedule D of the Rates and Fees Bylaw has been paid; and

10.3.1.3 it has been inspected and approved by the Municipality.

10.3.2 Registration shall expire annually on a date determined by the CAO.

10.4 **Operational Limits**

10.4.1 No Bleeder shall discharge water between May 1 and February 1 unless otherwise authorized.

10.4.2 A maximum discharge rate of 1 (one) liter per minute shall be eligible for credit.

10.4.3 Any water consumption exceeding 1 (one) liter per minute shall be billed to the Owner at applicable Rates.

10.4.4 The Municipality may require flow verification testing at the expense of the Owner.

10.5 **Long-Term Freeze Mitigation Objective**

10.5.1 All new or replacement Services shall be constructed to minimize the likelihood of freezing without the reliance on Bleeders.

10.5.2 The Municipality may adopt engineering standards prescribing minimum burial depth, insulation requirements, pipe materials, or alignment requirements specific to local soil and climatic conditions.

10.5.3 Bleeders shall not be permitted for new Service unless the CAO determines that site conditions make freeze protection through burial depth alone impractical.

10.6 **Existing Services**

10.6.1 Existing Services currently relying on Bleeders may continue to operate in compliance with this Bylaw.

10.6.2 Where a Service is replaced, upgraded, or substantially reconstructed, it shall comply with current engineering standards intended to eliminate the need for Bleeders.

10.6.3 The Municipality may undertake long-term infrastructure planning to evaluate the financial and environmental costs associated with Bleeder operation compared to accelerated replacement of Services or mains.

10.7 **Thawing of Frozen Services**

10.7.1 Where the Municipality attends at a Premises to thaw a frozen Service, all associated costs shall be allocated in accordance with subsection 10.1.4.

10.7.2 The Municipality may impose:

10.7.2.1 a minimum service call charge;

10.7.2.2 an hourly labour rate;

10.7.2.3 equipment charges; and

10.7.2.4 any material or excavation costs incurred.

10.7.3 Charges shall be set out in Schedule D of the Rates and Fees Bylaw or, where not specified, at actual cost.

11. WATER METERS

11.1 Ownership and Installation

11.1.1 All Water Meters and appurtenances supplied by the Municipality remain the property of the Municipality.

11.1.2 A Water Meter shall be installed on each Water Service for the purpose of measuring water volume.

11.1.3 The Owner shall, at the Owner's expense, install a Water Meter on each Water Service in accordance with the specifications, standards, and location requirements prescribed by the Municipality.

11.1.3.1 The Water Meter and all associated appurtenances shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Municipality prior to being placed into service.

11.1.4 Except as permitted under subsection 11.1.3, no Owner shall install, remove, relocate, or tamper with a Water Meter or related appurtenances without the prior written approval of the CAO. All installations shall be carried out at the Owner's expense and in accordance with the requirements of this Bylaw.

11.1.5 Any installation or relocation of a Meter requested by the Owner shall:

11.1.5.1 comply with engineering and technical standards set by the Municipality;

11.1.5.2 be paid for by the Owner; and

11.1.5.3 be inspected and approved by the Municipality before being placed into service.

11.2 Protection and Maintenance

11.2.1 The Owner shall, at the Owner's expense, ensure that the Water Meter and all related piping remain protected from damage or freezing, and remain visible and readily accessible at all times.

11.2.2 The Owner shall be responsible for the cost of repairs or replacement resulting from damage caused by the Owner, tenant, or any person on the Premises.

11.2.3 The Municipality shall maintain, repair, and calibrate Water Meters as necessary to ensure accurate measurement, except where damage or tampering is the result of the actions of the Owner, in which case, such costs of maintenance, repair, and calibration shall be the responsibility of the Owner.

11.2.4 The Owner shall not enclose, cover, obstruct, drywall over, panel over, bury, or otherwise restrict access to a Water Meter or related piping without the prior written approval of the CAO.

11.2.5 The Water Meter shall be installed in a location that provides safe, unobstructed access for inspection, reading, testing, maintenance, and removal.

11.2.6 The Owner shall ensure that the Municipality has access to all piping related to the Water Meter from the time the Water Meter is installed.

11.2.7 Where a Water Meter or related piping has been rendered inaccessible, the Owner shall restore access at the Owner's expense upon written notice from the Municipality.

11.2.8 Where access is not provided or has been obstructed, the Municipality may undertake such work as necessary to gain access and recover all associated costs from the Owner.

11.3 **Meter Access and Reading**

11.3.1 The Owner or occupant shall provide the Municipality and any authorized employee, contractor, or agent of the Municipality with safe and unobstructed access to the Premises for the purpose of installing, inspecting, reading, testing, repairing, replacing, or removing a Water Meter or related equipment.

11.3.2 Access shall be granted during reasonable hours upon prior notice, except in emergency situations where immediate access is required.

11.3.3 Refusal or obstruction of access may result in the Municipality discontinuing Water Service until compliance is achieved.

11.3.4 Where access to the Water Meter is located within a building or enclosed space, the Owner or occupant shall ensure that an adult is present at the Premises at the scheduled appointment time to permit entry.

11.3.5 Where the Municipality is unable to access the Water Meter due to the absence of an adult occupant, inaccessible meter location, unsafe conditions, or other obstruction, the Municipality may charge a service fee as set out in Schedule D of the Rates and Fees Bylaw.

11.4 **Testing and Verification**

11.4.1 Water Meters shall be certified accurate upon installation and after repairs.

11.4.2 Certification shall be performed by qualified personnel approved by the Municipality.

11.4.3 Written test results shall be submitted to the Municipality within 14 (fourteen) days of testing.

11.4.4 The CAO may require additional flow verification testing if accuracy is in question, at the expense of the Owner.

11.5 **Operational Limits and Billing**

11.5.1 All Water Meters shall measure water flow to the Premises, including Bleeder devices, and be used to determine billing according to the Rates and Fees Bylaw.

11.5.2 A maximum discharge rate of 1 (one) liter per minute from Bleeders shall be eligible for credit; any usage above this rate shall be billed to the Owner.

11.5.3 The Municipality may adjust water consumption records and bills based on Meter testing or verification results.

11.6 Tampering and Non-Compliance

11.6.1 No person shall tamper with, bypass, or alter a Water Meter or associated appurtenances.

11.6.2 The Municipality shall issue written notice of non-compliance where tampering, removal, or Water Meter failure occurs.

11.6.3 The Owner shall correct the deficiency within 30 (thirty) days from the date of notice.

11.6.4 Failure to correct within the specified period may result in:

11.6.4.1 penalties under Schedule B; and

11.6.4.2 suspension of Water Service until compliance is achieved.

11.6.5 Where tampering or non-compliance poses an immediate risk to the Water System or public health, the CAO may discontinue Water Service without notice.

11.7 Temporary Disconnection and Special Services

11.7.1 Temporary disconnection of a Water Service or Water Meter may be authorized by the CAO for construction, repair, or other municipal purposes.

11.7.2 Any temporary Meter installation, such as for Standpipes or fire protection services, shall be approved in writing by the CAO and comply with all operational and testing requirements.

11.7.3 Owners of temporary or special service devices shall pay all applicable fees, including installation, inspection, and use charges.

11.8 Meter Isolation Valves

11.8.1 The Owner shall ensure that operable shut-off valves are installed on the water service piping immediately upstream and downstream of the Water Meter.

11.8.2 All valves located on private plumbing, including shut-off valves before and after the Water Meter, shall be installed, maintained, repaired, and replaced at the Owner's expense.

11.8.3 Where required shut-off valves are missing, damaged, seized, or otherwise inoperable, the Municipality may refuse to install, repair, or replace the Water Meter until the deficiency has been corrected.

11.8.4 All costs associated with repairing or replacing such valves shall be borne by the Owner.

11.9 Water Meter Replacement Program

11.9.1 The Municipality may, at its discretion, replace any Water Meter or related equipment for the purposes of system maintenance, accuracy verification, technological upgrades, lifecycle replacement, or operational requirements.

11.9.2 The Owner shall permit the Municipality and any authorized employee, contractor, or agent of the Municipality access to the Premises for the purpose of installing, replacing, or upgrading a Water Meter.

11.9.3 Routine replacement of Water Meters as part of a municipal replacement program shall be performed at the Municipality's expense unless replacement is required due to damage, freezing, tampering, negligence, or failure to protect the meter as required under this Bylaw.

11.9.4 Where the Municipality is unable to complete a scheduled meter installation or replacement due to inoperable valves, inaccessible meters, unsafe conditions, or other deficiencies on the Owner's Premises, the Owner shall correct the deficiency prior to the work being completed.

11.9.5 Failure to provide access for meter replacement within a reasonable time after written notice may result in:

11.9.5.1 additional service charges as set out in Schedule A;

11.9.5.2 estimated billing in accordance with Section 14 of this Bylaw; or

11.9.5.3 discontinuation of Water Service until access is provided.

11.9.6 The Owner is responsible for ensuring that all private plumbing connected to the Water Meter is in safe operating condition. The Municipality shall not be responsible for damage to private plumbing systems, fixtures, or piping that occurs as a result of normal Water Meter installation, removal, replacement, or operation where such damage results from defective, deteriorated, or improperly installed plumbing on the Owner's Premises.

11.10 Records and Reporting

11.10.1 The Municipality shall maintain records of all Water Meter installations, tests, repairs, replacements, and inspections.

11.10.2 Owners may be required to submit reports or permit access for monitoring water usage or verifying Meter operation.

12. SERVICE UPGRADES

12.1 Where an existing Water Service is inadequate to supply the volume of water required for the Premises, the Owner may apply in writing for a Service upgrade.

12.2 All costs associated with upgrading, upsizing, or modifying a Water Service shall be borne by the Owner.

12.3 The size and specifications of any upgraded Service shall comply with applicable engineering standards and be approved by the CAO.

13. NEW SERVICE CONNECTION COSTS

13.1 Where a new Service connection is requested, the Owner shall:

13.1.1 pay the fee set out in Schedule D of the Rates and Fees Bylaw; and

13.1.2 pay either:

13.1.2.1 the fixed connection fee where applicable; or

13.1.2.2 the estimated cost of installation as determined by the CAO.

13.2 Where installation costs are estimated, the Owner shall pay the estimated amount in advance. Upon completion:

13.2.1 any overpayment shall be refunded; or

13.2.2 any shortfall shall be paid by the Owner within 30 (thirty) days.

14. METER FAILURE AND ESTIMATED BILLING

14.1 Where a Water Meter fails to register or is determined to be inoperative, the Municipality shall estimate consumption based on:

14.1.1 the same billing period in the previous year; or

14.1.2 a reasonable estimate determined by the CAO where prior data is unavailable or conditions have materially changed.

14.2 The applicable Rates in effect during the billing period shall apply.

14.3 Where testing determines a Meter to be inaccurate by more than 3% (three percent), the Municipality shall adjust the most recent billing period to reflect the degree of inaccuracy.

14.4 An Owner may request one Meter accuracy test per calendar year. Where the Meter is found accurate within 3% (three percent), the cost of testing shall be borne by the Owner.

15. REMOVAL OF MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT

15.1 Where Water Service is discontinued, the CAO may enter the Premises at reasonable times to remove Water Meters, Service connections, or other Municipal property.

15.2 The Owner shall pay all costs associated with disconnection or removal.

16. ACCOUNTS AND COLLECTION

16.1 All charges imposed under this Bylaw are due and payable on the date specified on the Account.

16.2 Accounts not paid by the due date may be subject to interest at a rate established by Council.

16.3 An Owner may dispute an Account by submitting written notice to the CAO within 30 (thirty) days of the invoice date. Undisputed amounts remain payable.

16.4 Where an Account remains unpaid for more than 60 (sixty) days, the CAO may:

16.4.1 discontinue Water Service; and

16.4.2 require payment of all arrears and applicable reconnection fees prior to restoring Service.

16.5 Where an Owner is in arrears under the Sewer Bylaw, the CAO may discontinue Water Service in accordance with applicable legislation.

16.6 Unpaid charges may be added to the tax roll in accordance with applicable legislation.

16.7 Where Water Service is discontinued at the request of the Owner and the Premises is vacant, sewer service charges shall be adjusted in accordance with the Sewer Bylaw and the Rates and Fees Bylaw.

17. RIGHT OF ENTRY

17.1 The CAO or authorized agent may enter upon land or Premises at a reasonable time for the purpose of:

17.1.1 inspection;

17.1.2 maintenance;

17.1.3 enforcement of this Bylaw;

17.1.4 protection of the Water System.

17.2 Where entry is required to perform maintenance or other work on the Water System, the CAO or authorized agent shall provide prior notice to the Owner or occupant of the land or Premises where reasonably practicable, except in the case of an emergency.

18. ENFORCEMENT AND OFFENCES

18.1 Any person who contravenes this Bylaw commits an offence.

18.2 Where a contravention is designated in Schedule B of this Bylaw, a Peace Officer may issue a violation ticket specifying the minimum penalty set out in Schedule B of this Bylaw.

18.3 The specified penalty set out in Schedule B of this Bylaw is the minimum amount payable for the voluntary payment of the violation ticket.

18.4 Each day that a contravention continues constitutes a separate offence.

18.4.1 Where a Person is convicted of the same offence under this Bylaw more than once within a 12 (twelve) month period, the Person shall be liable to the increased penalties specified in Schedule B for repeat offences.

18.5 In addition to any penalty imposed under this Bylaw, the Municipality may discontinue Water Service, remedy a contravention, and recover associated cost from the Owner in accordance with this Bylaw and applicable legislation where an Owner has contravened this Bylaw.

18.6 Except where caused by Municipal negligence, the Municipality shall not be liable for indirect or consequential damages arising from interruption, reduction, or termination of Water Service.

18.7 Appeal of Administrative Decisions

18.7.1 An Owner may request a written review of a decision of the CAO under this Bylaw within 14 (fourteen) days of receiving notice of the decision.

18.7.2 Upon receipt of a request for review, the CAO or designate shall confirm, vary, or rescind the decision.

18.7.3 Nothing in this section limits the rights of a person to dispute a Violation Ticket in Provincial Court.

19. SEVERABILITY

19.1 If any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid for any reason by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then that provision shall be severed from the remainder of this Bylaw, and all other provisions of this Bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.

COMING INTO FORCE

This bylaw shall come into force on the final day of passing thereof.

READ a first time this 5th day of May, 2026.

READ a second time this 5th day of May, 2026.

READ a third time and finally passed this 19th day of May, 2026.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE "A"

Service Fees

Description	Amount
Fee upon application for water supply	\$25.00
Fee upon application for water supply with meter installation	\$100.00
Supply termination fee	\$25.00
Failure of Consumer to attend or provide access for a scheduled service appointment	\$90.00
Water turn-off	\$25.00
Water turn-on	\$25.00
Annual Bleeder registration	\$50.00
Flow verification testing (where required)	as per individual quote
Temporary Meter installation	\$125.00
Other unspecified service	as per individual quote

SCHEDULE "B"
Penalties

Section	Description	Amount
5.2	Use water from the Water System in contravention of a restriction or prohibition order made by the CAO or Council	\$200 plus water used
7.1	Open, close, or interfere with any hydrant or valve of the Water System without the permission of the CAO	\$200
7.1	Open, close, or interfere with any hydrant or valve of the Water System in a way that causes damage or inter affecting operation of the Water System	\$1,000 plus costs
8.1.1	tap, connect to, alter, or interfere with any water main or other part of the Water System without the written permission of the CAO.	\$500 plus water used
8.6.2	Failure to maintain the metallic valve box in an accessible condition	\$200
9.2.1	create, maintain, or permit a Cross-Connection unless protected in accordance with this Bylaw	\$1,000
9.2.2	remove, bypass, alter, or render inoperable a required Backflow Prevention Device	\$1,000
10.1.1	No person shall use direct current to thaw a frozen Service	\$500
10.1.5	Use electrical current thawing from private plumbing systems into the municipal Water System	\$750
10.2.1	install or operate a Bleeder without approval of the CAO	\$300
10.2.2.4	Failure to install or maintain a Bleeder with a proper air gap to prevent backflow	\$300
11.2	Obstruct or render inaccessible a Water Meter or related piping	\$300
11.1.3	The Owner shall not install, remove, relocate, or tamper with a Water Meter or related appurtenances without the written approval of the CAO	\$750
11.6.1	tamper with, bypass, or alter a Water Meter or associated appurtenances	\$1,000
	Contravention of any provision of this Bylaw not otherwise specified in this Schedule	\$500.00
	Second offence of the same provision of this Bylaw within 12 months of the first offence	Double the specified penalty
	Third or subsequent offence of the same provision within 12 months	Triple the specified penalty