

CITY OF DAUPHIN

BYLAW 11/2023

BEING A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF DAUPHIN TO ESTABLISH WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

WHEREAS the City of Dauphin owns and operates water and wastewater facilities;

AND WHEREAS The Municipal Act, S.M. 1996, C58, states in part:

- 232(1) A council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the following matters:
 - (I) public utilities;
- 232(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a council may in a bylaw passed under this Division
 - (d) establish fees or other charges for services, activities or things provided or done by the municipality or for the use of property under the ownership, direction, management or control of the municipality;"

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved and it is hereby passed and enacted as a bylaw of The City of Dauphin, in Council duly assembled as follows:

- 1. THAT Bylaw 11/2020 enacted by The City of Dauphin the 28th day of September 2020 is hereby repealed upon the effective date of this bylaw.
- 2. **THAT** this bylaw shall be cited and deemed The City of Dauphin Water and Wastewater Rate Bylaw.
- 3. THAT all accounts for minimum quarterly charges for metered services as set forth in the Schedule of Quarterly Rates shall be billed quarterly in advance together with any excess charges for metered water and wastewater services from the preceding quarter. Consumers shall pay for water and wastewater service supplied to them by the City of Dauphin at the rates and terms set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.
- 4. THAT this bylaw shall come into force and become effective on, from and after both approval by The Public Utilities Board and receipt of third and final reading thereof.

PASSED AND ENACTED by the City of Dauphin, in Council duly assembled, this 9^{th} day of December 2024.

David Bosiak, Mayor

Sharla driffiths, City Manager

READ A FIRST TIME this 11th day of December 2023. READ A SECOND TIME this 9th day of December 2024. READ A THIRD TIME this 9th day of December 2024.

SCHEDULE "A" THE CITY OF DAUPHIN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES BYLAW 11/2023

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES

1. Water and Wastewater Commodity Rates

Effective January 1, 2025

	Water Rate	Wastewater Rate	Total Rate
	(per cubic metre)	(per cubic metre)	(per cubic metre)
Rate	\$2.52	\$0.92	\$3.44

Effective July 1, 2025

	Water Rate	Wastewater Rate	Total Rate
	(per cubic metre)	(per cubic metre)	(per cubic metre)
Rate	\$2.65	\$0.94	\$3.59

Effective January 1, 2026

	Water Rate	Wastewater Rate	Total Rate
	(per cubic metre)	(per cubic metre)	(per cubic metre)
Rate	\$2.71	\$0.96	\$3.67

2. Quarterly Minimum Charges

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

a. Water and Wastewater Customers

Effective January 1, 2025

Meter Size (inches)	Water Included (cubic metres)	Customer Service Charge (quarterly)	Commodity Charges Water (quarterly)	Commodity Charges Wastewater (quarterly)	Total Minimum Charge (quarterly)
5/8"	14	\$41.43	\$35.28	\$12.88	\$89.59
3/4"	28	\$41.43	\$70.56	\$25.76	\$137.75
1"	56	\$41.43	\$141.12	\$51.52	\$234.07
1 1/2"	140	\$41.43	\$352.80	\$128.80	\$523.03
2"	350	\$41.43	\$882.00	\$322.00	\$1,245.43
3"	700	\$41.43	\$1,764.00	\$644.00	\$2,449.43
4"	1,260	\$41.43	\$3,175.20	\$1,159.20	\$4,375.83
6"	2,380	\$41.43	\$5,997.60	\$2,189.60	\$8,228.63

Effective July 1, 2025

Meter Size (inches)	Water Included (cubic metres)	Customer Service Charge (quarterly)	Commodity Charges Water (quarterly)	Commodity Charges Wastewater (quarterly)	Total Minimum Charge (quarterly)
5/8"	14	\$42.70	\$37.10	\$13.16	\$92.96
3/4"	28	\$42.70	\$74.20	\$26.32	\$143.22
1"	56	\$42.70	\$148.40	\$52.64	\$243.74
1 1/2"	140	\$42.70	\$371.00	\$131.60	\$545.30
2"	350	\$42.70	\$927.50	\$329.00	\$1,299.20
3"	700	\$42.70	\$1,855.00	\$658.00	\$2,555.70
4"	1,260	\$42.70	\$3,339.00	\$1,184.40	\$4,566.10
6"	2,380	\$42.70	\$6,307.00	\$2,237.20	\$8,586.90

Effective January 1, 2026

Meter Size (inches)	Water Included (cubic metres)	Customer Service Charge (quarterly)	Commodity Charges Water (quarterly)	Commodity Charges Wastewater (quarterly)	Total Minimum Charge (quarterly)
5/8"	14	\$44.01	\$37.94	\$13.44	\$95.39
3/4"	28	\$44.01	\$75.88	\$26.88	\$146.77
1"	56	\$44.01	\$151.76	\$53.76	\$249.53
1 1/2"	140	\$44.01	\$379.40	\$134.40	\$557.81
2"	350	\$44.01	\$948.50	\$336.00	\$1,328.51
3"	700	\$44.01	\$1,897.00	\$672.00	\$2,613.01
4"	1,260	\$44.01	\$3,414.60	\$1,209.60	\$4,668.21
6"	2,380	\$44.01	\$6,449.80	\$2,284.80	\$8,778.61

b. Water Only Customers

The minimum charge will be the same for each meter size in the applicable tables shown above, but the Wastewater Commodity Charge will be excluded.

3. Bulk Sales Rate

All water sold in bulk by the City of Dauphin shall be charged for at the rate per cubic metre as indicated below.

Year	January 1, 2025	July 1, 2025	January 1, 2026
Rate	\$3.43	\$3.59	\$3.67

4. Service to Customers Outside City of Dauphin

The Council of the City of Dauphin may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and wastewater services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the City of Dauphin. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the rates, including a minimum consumption charge based on the size of the meter, as set out in this 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 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 these boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the utility's mains and installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

5. Shared Services between Municipalities

The City of Dauphin may sign agreements for provision of water and wastewater services to other municipalities. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the rates, including a minimum consumption charge based on the size of the meter, as 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 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 the City of Dauphin boundary. In addition, all costs of a municipality connecting to the City of Dauphin's Utility, and maintenance thereof, shall be paid by that municipality.

6. Penalties and Billings

- a. A late payment charge of 1.25% per month shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date. The due date will be a least fourteen (14) days after the mailing of the bills
- b. If the meter of any customer is damaged or fails to register during any quarter, the customer shall be charged the average consumption of the four (4) preceding quarters.
- c. For the purposes of this section, each year shall be divided into four (4) quarters as follows:
 - i. First Quarter January, February, and March
 - ii. Second Quarter April, May, and June
 - iii. Third Quarter July, August, and September
 - iv. Fourth Quarter October, November, and December

7. Disconnection Due to Non-Payment

The Public Utilities Board has approved the Conditions Precedent to be followed by the municipality with respect to the disconnection of service for non-payment including such matters as notice and the right to appeal such action to the Public Utilities Board. A copy of the Conditions Precedent is available for inspection at the City Hall.

8. Connection Charges

- a. Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties, and a reconnection charge of \$110.00 have been paid.
- b. Any service that needs disconnection/reconnection due to maintenance, as requested by the customer, shall be assessed a charge of \$110.00.
- c. Any service will not be transferred from an existing customer to a new customer until a transfer fee of \$55.00 is paid by the new customer.

9. Meter Tampering Charge and/or Damage Fee

When damages, meter tampering, or both are determined, all costs to restore or replace the meter, as determined by the Director of Public Works and Operations or their designate, shall be charged to the customer. The amount charged shall also include a commodity charge for the estimated quantity of un-metered water used, the related wastewater discharged, a charge of \$250 if the meter was tampered with, plus a fee of \$75.00 to reseal the meter, unless prior written authorization for breaking the seal was issued by the Director of Public Works and Operations or their designate.

10. Additional Meters

The City of Dauphin may install auxiliary meters to separately record the amount of water being delivered to a customer, for billing purposes, at the City's expense. Upon application to the Director of Public Works and Operations, by an owner or operator of a premises where a water service is installed, the City shall install an auxiliary meter at the expense of the applicant, for such purpose.

11. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of *The Municipal Act*, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and wastewater service, including fines and penalties, are a lien and charge upon the property serviced, and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the property are collectible and enforced. Upon doing so, the City shall charge a \$55.00 service fee to the account.

12. Hydrant Rentals

The City of Dauphin will pay to the utility an annual rental of \$175.00 for each hydrant connected to the system.

13. Water Allowance Due to Line Freezing

In cases where, at the request of the City of Dauphin, 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 that period shall be the average of the billings for the last two previous quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.

14. Septic Truck Lagoon Tipping Fee

The lagoon tipping fee for septic trucks shall be \$55.00 per truck load (14,000 L or part thereof) at City lagoon.

15. Wastewater Surcharges

- a. There may be levied annually, in addition to rates set forth above, a special surcharge on wastewater having a Biochemical Oxygen Demand in excess of 300 parts per million, to be set by resolution of Council.
- b. 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 wastes.