RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SHERWOOD NO. 159

BYLAW NO. 11/26

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH THE WATER RATES AND FEES

Under the authority granted by clause 8(1)(i) of *The Municipalities Act, SS 2005, c M-36.1*, the Rural Municipality of Sherwood No. 159 in the Province of Saskatchewan, by and with the advice and consent of the RM of Sherwood Council, enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Bylaw may be cited as the "Water Rates & Fees Bylaw".

2. PURPOSE AND INTENT

This bylaw is intended to assign fees and rates for which consumption of potable water shall be charged to the customer and/or consumer.

3. DEFINITIONS

a. **"CAO"** means the administrator of the municipality appointed pursuant to Section 110 of *The Municipalities Act*.
b. **"Developed Properties"** means a parcel of land with a building or buildings and that has access to a water distribution main in the street adjacent to the parcel but has not connected to the RM water distribution system.
c. **"Owner"** means, in addition to any other meaning, any person in occupation or possession of or entitled to having any interest in the land, premises or property referred to under an agreement of sale;
d. **"Person, Consumer, Customer"** shall mean the person or persons, organizations, corporations, and/or businesses who are responsible for the payment of charges for the consumption of water.
e. **"RM"** means the Rural Municipality of Sherwood No.159 and its employees.
f. **"Waterworks System"** means the whole or any part of the equipment by which or through the RM conveys water within the jurisdiction of the RM and, not to limit the generality of the foregoing, includes pumps, the RM's Water Booster Station, Treatment Facility, reservoirs, water mains, pipe valve connections, corporation stops, hydrants, lift stations, wastewater treatment facility, manholes, valves, curb stops, meters and related appliances and all other appurtenances as are designed to form a part thereof.
g. **"Utilities Operator"** means any person employed or contracted by the RM in the capacity of the Utilities Operator, Foreman or with any other responsibility assigned for the administration or operations of the public works and/or utilities of the RM, and shall also be deemed to include the meter person responsible for the installation, maintenance and reading of water meters.

4. WATER RATES & CHARGES

a. Connection to the water system shall be regulated by the RM of Sherwood *Water Services Bylaw*.

b. Water Meter Deposits

   i. Every person requiring a water meter shall deposit with the RM a fee for each meter in the amount set out in **Schedule "A"** attached hereto and as amended from time to time, provided that the person who paid said Water Meter Deposit shall, when service is discontinued and the meter is removed or transferred to a new customer, be entitled to a return of the Water Meter Deposit paid, less any amounts due at the time of discontinuing service.
   ii. Where a water meter is lost or not returned to the RM, the RM shall retain the full water meter deposit and require a new deposit for any additional meters or connections.

c. The charges to be paid by water customers whose water service has been turned on in accordance with the *Water Services Bylaw* shall be those set forth in **Schedule "B"** attached hereto and as

amended from time to time; provided the basic service fee shall be payable in every case whether or not any water is consumed.

d. Water meters shall be read and accounts rendered monthly to waterworks customers. Consumption may be estimated at the RM's discretion.

e. Users connecting to the RM's waterworks system from a private well that will no longer be used, and where proof of decommissioning in accordance with Water Security Agency standards is provided, will be provided a 3 year "phase in" of consumption charges for metered water usage. Phase in rates will commence upon issuance of the first bill to the customer as follows:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 and Thereafter
33% of the current consumption rate	66% of the current consumption rate	100% of the current consumption rate

f. All meter deposits, monthly service and other related fees will be charged at full rate to all customers beginning with the first months billing cycle and prorated for partial months as required to align with connection and disconnection dates.

g. The due date for payment for services rendered in accordance with this Bylaw shall be the date indicated on the invoice. Account balances outstanding after the due date will be considered overdue.

h. Connection fees as laid out in **Schedule "B"** are required upon opening an account or restoring a connection to the RM waterworks system. Such fees shall be billed on the account holder's first or subsequent utility bill.

i. Disconnection fees as laid out in **Schedule "B"** are required upon disconnection for any reason. If an account holder would like to disconnect their water service, they shall notify the RM prior to the requested disconnection date and will be responsible for all charges incurred up to and including the date of disconnection.

j. In the event that a property is occupied by, or water service is provided to, someone other than the owner of the property, the owner shall at all times be responsible for all charges, fees or penalties incurred by the occupant.

k. The Infrastructure Development Fee as laid out in **Schedule "B"** will be charged monthly to all developed properties that have access to an RM water distribution main.

5. OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

a. Overdue accounts will be subject to a penalty of 2% per month calculated from the first day of the month after the account is overdue.
   i. Notwithstanding subsection 5.a., the CAO or designate shall have the authority to write-off interest charged to a person in error or where deemed reasonable by the CAO or designate.

b. If an account is not paid in full by the due date, water services may be discontinued without notice; where service is discontinued for non-payment, connection and disconnection fees will apply and the account shall not be reconnected until all arrears and accrued penalties are paid in full.

c. The RM may add unpaid fees and charges imposed pursuant to this bylaw and as authorized by section 369 of *The Municipalities Act* to the tax roll for any real property of the applicant or owner in the RM and collect them in the same manner as municipal taxes. Such transactions will be subject to the $50 fee laid out in **Schedule "B"** attached hereto.

6. SEVERABILITY

If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision, or part of any provision of this bylaw to be invalid, or to be of no force and effect, it is the intention of Council in enacting this bylaw, that each and every other provision of this bylaw be applied and enforced in accordance with its terms to the extent possible by law.

7. REPEAL

Bylaw No. No. 01/25 is hereby repealed on the effective date of this bylaw.

8. COMING INTO FORCE

The rates, charges, tolls or rents contained in this Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of approval being issued by the Local Government Committee.

Read a first time on the 5th day of August, 2026.
Read a second time on the 5th day of August, 2026.
Read a third time and adopted on the 5th day of August, 2026.

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SHERWOOD No. 159 INCORPORATED 1911 SASKATCHEWAN

Reeve

Christine Trithardt
Administrator

Certified true copy of Bylaw No. 11/26
Adopted by resolution of Council on the
5th day of August, 2026

Christine Trithardt
Administrator

Schedule A

(of Bylaw No. 11/26)

Water Meter Deposits

Water meter deposits required shall be as follows:

Meter Size		Meter Deposit
MM	Inches	
16	5/8"	$712.00
19	3/4"	$788.00
25	1"	$1,052.00
40	1 ½"	$1,656.00
50	2"	$1,784.00
75	3"	$7,352.00
100	4"	$7,735.00
Temporary Hydrant Connection		$2,500.00

Schedule B

(of Bylaw No. 11/26)

Rates & Charges

The rates and charges as set out below are effective as of the first meter reading or estimate of the current year and apply to all consumption since the last meter reading on the prior year.

Infrastructure Development Fees

- Charged for each and every meter connected to the RM's water utility system and to developed properties that have not connected to the RM water distribution system:

Monthly Charge per Meter	2027 & 2028
	$81.90

Service Charges

- Monthly service charges for each and every meter connected to the RM's system:

Meter Size		2027 & 2028
MM	Inches	
16	5/8"	$114.45
19	3/4"	$152.60
25	1"	$175.09
40	1 ½"	$257.02
50	2"	$337.87
75	3"	$539.00
100	4"	$722.48

Consumption (Volumetric) Charges

- Consumption charges for each and every cubic meter as measured by the water meter:

Consumption	2027 & 2028
Per Cubic Meter (m^3)	$10.76
Per Cubic Meter (m^3) for Bulk Water	$4.00

Interest & Penalties

- Failure to pay utility invoices within 30 days will result in a monthly interest charge of 2% plus a $50.00 fee if the collection must be processed and/or transferred to property taxes.
- Where the RM is required to disconnect or reconnect a service, a $150.00 fee will be charged to the consumer including but NOT limited to:

Request of consumer, during an emergency caused by the consumer or any contractors hired by the consumer, disconnection and reconnection of service where all arrears and penalties have been paid.