

Bylaw No. 2026 – 22

RM of Edenwold No. 158

A Bylaw to Regulate the Operation of a Public Wastewater Utility

Whereas, pursuant to Clause 23 of *The Municipalities Act*, a municipality may provide a public utility service directly to any person and establish a bylaw setting rates, charges, tolls, or rents for the use of sewer services.

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw, including this section:

- 1.1 **Act** shall mean *The Municipalities Act*, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.
- 1.2 **Administrator** shall mean the administrator of the Municipality appointed pursuant to Section 110 of the Act.
- 1.3 **Building Permit** shall mean building permit as defined in the Zoning Bylaw No. 2019-20, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.
- 1.4 **Cleanouts** shall mean an access point to the service connection located outside the building, between the building and the sewer main.
- 1.5 **Consumer** shall mean any person, property owner, organization, corporation, occupant, tenant, first nation, or municipal, provincial, or federal government connected, or wishing to connect to, the public wastewater utility, and shall include any person required by bylaw to drain into a public wastewater utility.
- 1.6 **Council** shall mean the elected representatives of the Municipality.
- 1.7 **Designated Officer** shall mean an employee or representative of the Municipality.
- 1.8 **Dumping Station** shall mean an outlet allowing direct drainage into a public wastewater utility.
- 1.9 **Interceptor** shall mean a device or receptacle approved by the Municipality and installed as part of a sewer service connection designed to prevent oil, grease, acid, sand, toxic materials, inflammable materials, and other matter from entering the public wastewater utility.
- 1.10 **Municipality** shall mean the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158.
- 1.11 **Plumber** shall mean a person certified as a plumber by the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission.
- 1.12 **Public Water Utility** shall mean public water utility as defined in the Water Utility Bylaw No. 2026-20, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.
- 1.13 **Public Wastewater Utility** shall mean a wastewater collection system owned by the Municipality, or a corporation partially owned by the Municipality, for the collection, treatment, and storage of wastewater and the levying and collecting of fees for the provisions of the public wastewater utility.
- 1.14 **Sewer Outlet** shall mean a pipe that allows access to the sewer service connection.
- 1.15 **Sewer Service Connection** shall mean the sewer pipe between the structure, the sewer outlet, and the public wastewater utility.
- 1.16 **Sump Pump** shall mean a pump used to remove liquid from a basement, crawlspace, or any other area.

- 1.17 **Tenant** shall mean any person, organization, corporation, occupant, first nation, or municipal, provincial, or federal government who rents or leases a building or property from a consumer.
- 1.18 **Wastewater Collection System** shall mean the system of sewers, plumbing stations, treatment plants, pumping stations, valves, fittings, and other equipment required to collect wastewater from consumers, but shall not include plumbing within structures.

2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 2.1 This Bylaw may be referred to as the “Wastewater Utility Bylaw”.
- 2.2 No person may dispose of sewage in a public wastewater utility except through an approved sewer service connection or dumping station.
- 2.3 No person may deposit or cause to be deposited any interceptor residue into a sewer service connection or public wastewater utility.
- 2.4 No person may connect a sump pump to a sewer service connection or public wastewater utility.
- 2.5 A plumber employed by a consumer shall be considered an agent of the consumer while installing a sewer service connection.
- 2.6 Pursuant to 2.5, a plumber shall not be recognized as an agent of the Municipality, and the Municipality shall not be responsible for any action of the plumber.

3. NEW WASTEWATER CONNECTIONS

- 3.1 Any person wishing to connect to the public wastewater utility shall install a sewer service connection as part of an approved building permit.
- 3.2 Pursuant to 3.1, a consumer may construct sewer service connections extending from the public wastewater utility’s main line to the street or any structure on the property.
- 3.3 Pursuant to 3.1, a consumer shall install an interceptor in an approved location if:
 - a. the property is home to industrial or commercial uses; or
 - b. the property may discharge wastewater containing oil, grease, acid, sand, toxic materials, and inflammable materials.

4. WASTEWATER CONNECTION MAINTENANCE AND CHANGES

- 4.1 A consumer shall own the portion of the sewer service connection within the boundaries of their property, excluding any portion within the boundaries of any easement granted to the Municipality.
- 4.2 The consumer shall maintain, keep in good order, and protect from frost, at their risk and expense, the portion of the sewer service connection on their property, including interceptors, the sewer outlet, cleanouts and any other sewer fixtures regardless of where they are located.
- 4.3 A consumer shall be responsible for all expenses associated with cleaning or clearing a blocked sewer service connection where the blockage is located within the boundaries of their property. The Municipality shall be responsible for all expenses associated with cleaning or clearing a blocked sewer service connection where the blockage is located within the boundaries of any public right-of-way or easement.
- 4.4 Pursuant to 4.3, where the Municipality can prove through CCTV inspection that the blockage located in the main line or sewer service connection was due to waste originating from the private property, the Municipality shall charge the consumer for all expenses associated with cleaning or clearing the blockage.

- 4.5 Any consumer who plans to alter or expand any residential, industrial, or commercial use on a property which has, or will have, a sewer service connection shall, before expanding or altering such activity, provide the Municipality in writing with:
 - a. the type of waste to be processed or discharged, including daily and peak discharge volumes on the property;
 - b. a description of the activity to be carried out on the property, including any expansion or addition; and
 - c. any other information requested by the Municipality.

5. WASTEWATER DISCONNECTION

- 5.1 No person may alter or disconnect a sewer service connection to accommodate the re-development of a site without prior approval and supervision by the Municipality.
- 5.2 Pursuant to 5.1, the Municipality shall charge all costs to alter or disconnect a sewer service connection to the consumer, regardless of whether the alteration or disconnection is on private or municipal property or an easement.
- 5.3 Whenever any building or property with a sewer service connection is vacated, abandoned, or destroyed, the consumer shall apply to the Municipality to disconnect the sewer service connection.
- 5.4 Pursuant to 5.3, any consumer who fails to provide notice to the Municipality shall be liable for payment of all sewer charges and fees, up to and including when the sewer service connection is disconnected.
- 5.5 Whenever any building or property with a sewer service connection is vacated, abandoned, or destroyed, and the sewer service connection and fixtures are not protected, the Municipality may disconnect their sewer service connection without notice and collect all expenses incurred from the consumer.

6. WASTEWATER UTILITY BILLING

- 6.1 A consumer who pays any charge or fee pursuant to this Bylaw shall be considered in acceptance of a contract for the supply of such services between the Municipality and the consumer.
- 6.2 The Municipality shall charge all consumers a wastewater service charge outlined in "Appendix A: Wastewater Rates", attached to and forming part of this Bylaw, invoiced quarterly.
- 6.3 The Municipality shall charge all consumers a wastewater infrastructure fee outlined in "Appendix A: Wastewater Rates", invoiced quarterly.
- 6.4 Pursuant to 6.2 and 6.3, the Municipality will begin levying charges and fees when the sewer service connection is complete, regardless of when plumbing fixtures are installed.
- 6.5 Pursuant to 6.2 and 6.3, invoices shall:
 - a. be due upon receipt; and
 - b. where unpaid after 30 days, be subject to a late payment fee of 2%, compounded monthly.
- 6.6 Where the Municipality discovers an error or omission in an invoice or series of invoices, they shall, within six (6) months:
 - a. notify the consumer of any error or omission; and
 - b. invoice the consumer for any underpayment; or
 - c. refund the consumer for any overpayment.

- 6.7 On December 31st of each year, the Municipality shall:
- a. add all outstanding invoice amounts to a property's tax arrears account pursuant to the Act; and
 - b. send the consumer a letter informing them of how and when the Municipality will add the unpaid invoice amount to their property's tax account.
- 6.8 Where a consumer has rented or leased their building or property to a tenant, the consumer may apply in writing to the Municipality to:
- a. change the name and billing address on the invoice to the tenant's name and billing address, with this change generally coinciding with occupancy;
 - b. change the name and billing address on the invoice to the consumer's name and billing address after a tenant has left;
 - c. send future invoices to the tenant; and
 - d. receive a copy of the invoice.
- 6.9 Pursuant to 6.8, at all times, a consumer or tenant shall be responsible for paying the invoice, and the Municipality shall add any unpaid invoice amounts to the property's tax account pursuant to 6.7.

7. INSPECTION, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES

- 7.1 The administration and enforcement of this Bylaw is hereby delegated to the Administrator.
- 7.2 This Bylaw may be enforced by a Designated Officer.
- 7.3 The inspection of property by a Designated Officer to ensure compliance with this Bylaw is hereby authorized.
- 7.4 Designated Officers shall conduct inspections pursuant to this Bylaw in accordance with Section 362 of the Act.
- 7.5 Pursuant to 7.4, the Designated Officer may inspect property without notice if they require immediate access because:
- a. of an emergency or special circumstance; or
 - b. the property is discharging hazardous wastewater that creates an immediate danger to public safety or property, endangers or interferes with the operation of the public wastewater utility, or is causing an adverse effect on the public wastewater utility.
- 7.6 Where a property is discharging hazardous wastewater that creates an immediate danger to public safety or property, endangers or interferes with the operation of the public wastewater utility, or is causing an adverse effect on the public wastewater utility, the Municipality may, in addition to any other remedy available, disconnect, plug, or seal the property's sewer service connection and take such action as is necessary to prevent such wastewater from entering the public wastewater utility.
- 7.7 Any person contravening any provision of this Bylaw, or who obstructs, interferes with, or hinders a Designated Officer in the performance of their duties shall be guilty of an offence and pay penalties pursuant to 7.8-7.13.
- 7.8 General Offence
- a. Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw commits an offence and is liable, upon summary conviction, to the applicable penalty as set out in this section or in the Municipality's *General Penalty Bylaw*.
- 7.9 Voluntary Payment Option
- a. Pursuant to section 10 of *The Summary Offences Procedure Act, 1990*, where a Summary Offence Ticket Information is issued for a violation of this bylaw, the

person served may make a voluntary payment at any time from the date of issuance of the ticket up to the court date indicated on the ticket, in the amount specified below, plus any applicable surcharge under *The Victims of Crime Regulations*:

- i. In the case of an individual:
 1. is \$500.00 in the case of first offence;
 2. is \$750.00 in the case of second offence;
 3. is \$1,000.00 in the case of third offence.
- ii. In the case of a corporation:
 1. is \$1,000.00 in the case of first offence;
 2. is \$1,200.00 in the case of second offence;
 3. is \$1,500.00 in the case of third offence.
- b. A person who makes a voluntary payment in accordance with this section shall not be liable for further prosecution for that violation.

7.10 Multiple Offences

- a. A person who commits four or more offences under this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable, upon summary conviction, to the penalties prescribed in the Municipality's *General Penalty Bylaw*.

7.11 Summons Ticket Option

- a. Where a person is served with a summons ticket for an offence under this bylaw:
 - i. The person may plead guilty and make a voluntary payment by delivering the summons and payment to the location specified any time from the date of issuance up to the court date indicated on the ticket.
 - ii. If payment is made within 14 days from the date of issuance, the amount payable shall be 50% of the specified penalty sum for the offence.
 - iii. If payment is made after 14 days but before the court date, the full specified penalty sum must be paid.

7.12 Deemed or Default Conviction

- a. For the purposes of entering a default or deemed conviction under *The Summary Offences Procedure Act, 1990*, the specified penalty sum shall be the full voluntary payment amount prescribed for the violation under section 13.2(a), plus any applicable surcharge under *The Victims of Crime Regulations*.

7.13 Where a person has made a voluntary payment within 14 days under section 13.4(ii), that payment satisfies the penalty and no further prosecution shall occur.

7.14 All disputes arising from the administration of this Bylaw shall be referred to Council, and Council shall be the final authority in all cases.

8. SEVERABILITY

- 8.1 The provisions of this Bylaw shall not apply to Designated Officers.
- 8.2 Nothing in this Bylaw shall relieve any person from complying with any provision of federal or provincial legislation, or of any other municipal bylaw.
- 8.3 This Bylaw shall not be construed to hold the Municipality or its agents responsible or liable for any damage to persons or property caused through the administration of this Bylaw.
- 8.4 Where repairs to blockages that are the responsibility of the Municipality result in disturbance of the ground surface, the Municipality shall be responsible for replacing or repairing any surface improvements disturbed by the Municipality, including but

not limited to grass, shrubs, trees, driveways, and retaining walls. Where repairs to blockages that are the responsibility of the consumer result in disturbance to the ground surface, the consumer shall be responsible for replacing or repairing any surface improvements.

- 8.5 Neither the Municipality nor its agents shall be liable for any damage to persons or property resulting:
- a. from the breaking, plugging, or stoppage of any sewer service connection or public wastewater utility;
 - b. from interference with the public wastewater utility in connection with the repair or proper maintenance of the public wastewater utility; and
 - c. from any accident due to the operation of the public wastewater utility.
- 8.6 If a court of competent jurisdiction should declare any part, section, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Bylaw to be invalid, that portion shall not be construed as having persuaded or influenced Council to pass the remainder of this Bylaw. The part, section, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Bylaw is to be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and the holding of the Court shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

9. REPEAL

9.1 Bylaws No. 2024-04 and all subsequent amendments are hereby repealed.

10. COMING INTO FORCE

10.1 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.

First Reading: May 5, 2026

Second Reading: June 9, 2026

Third Reading: June 9, 2026

Al Trainor
Reeve

Shauna Bzdel
Administrator



Appendix A: Wastewater Rates

Quarterly Wastewater Rates

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.

Sewer service charge on all residential properties connected to a public wastewater utility	\$147.54 per quarter
Sewer service charge on all commercial and industrial properties connected to a public wastewater utility, but not connected to a public water utility	\$177.12 per quarter
Sewer service charge on all commercial and industrial properties connected to both a public wastewater utility and a public water utility	10% of the quarterly water usage invoice OR \$147.54 per quarter, whichever is greater

Wastewater Infrastructure Fee

\$109.62 (including \$75.63 for operating costs and \$33.99 for capital costs for construction)	per quarter
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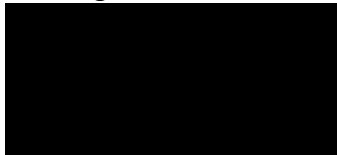
Local Government Committee

Sara Gartshore
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Dear Sara Gartshore:

Enclosed for your records is approval of sewer rates excluding the management fees (Clause 7.9: voluntary penalty payment for violation of the bylaw as approval is not required) pursuant to subsection 23(3) of *The Municipalities Act*.

Kind regards,



Zaki Abid
Financial Analyst

Enclosure

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RM OF EDENWOLD NO. 158 – SEWER RATES

That the Committee approve the sewer rates, excluding the management fees, as outlined in the **Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158's Bylaw No. 2026-22** in accordance with subsection 23(3) of *The Municipalities Act*.

CARRIED

