

## TOWN OF BIG RIVER

### WATERWORKS RATE POLICY / CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY/FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

#### 2025

##### **Background:**

In 2008, the Town of Big River upgraded its water and sewer infrastructure, including a new water treatment plant, additional reservoir, lagoon expansion, a force main to the lagoon, and a backup generator.

In 2018, the Town received funding through the New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund for a Water Treatment and Distribution System Upgrade Project.

The project included:

- Expansion of the Water Treatment Plant with a pre-treatment filtration system and reverse osmosis (RO) unit to improve water quality and reduce ammonia.
- Installation of two new water wells, observation wells, and associated piping, with decommissioning of older wells.
- Construction of a pump house, installation of 450 metres of supply pipeline, and a backup generator for higher elevation areas.
- Upgrades to the sewer lift station to accommodate wastewater from the RO system.

Upgrades were substantially completed by December 2020, with final work finished in 2021. Total project cost was \$3,300,000, funded equally by the Federal Government, Provincial Government, and the Town of Big River.

##### **Capital Investment Strategy:**

The Town of Big River's Waterworks Capital Investment Strategy is intended to ensure the continued delivery of safe and reliable drinking water.

Capital projects are prioritized to:

- Maintain safe drinking water quality
- Ensure reliable water distribution throughout the community
- Support proper wastewater management

The Town will continue to plan for future infrastructure upgrades and maintain reserves to support the long-term sustainability of the water and sewer systems.

##### **Waterworks Rate Policy:**

Water rates are established in accordance with Bylaw 2023-06, which sets charges for water consumption and sewer services. Key points include:

- Application and connection fees: \$150 meter deposit and \$30 service connection fee during office hours (\$45 after hours).
- Water consumption rates: Minimum charge of \$85.86 per 3 months for up to 2,000 imperial gallons; \$8.87 per 1,000 gallons over 2,000 up to 32,000 gallons.
- Infrastructure fee: \$15.00 per month per property to support water and sewer infrastructure.
- Sewer charges: Flat rate of \$59.20 per 3 months plus 25% of the water consumption charge; \$19.73 per month for locations not serviced by water.

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- Accounts are billed quarterly.

Water rates are reviewed periodically to ensure the utility remains financially sustainable and capable of providing safe, reliable water services.

#### **2025 Waterworks Financial Overview:**

Total 2025 waterworks revenues (R)  
(2025 Financial Statements Schedule 2-4) \$504,951

Total 2025 waterworks expenditures (E)  
(2025 Financial Statements Pg.23 Schedule 3-3)  
(Includes Amortization) \$552,047

Total 2025 debt payments on waterworks infrastructure loans (D)  
(595-100-101) LTD Paid Trial Balance) \$ nil.

Comparison of waterworks revenue to expenditures plus debt,  
Expressed as a ratio:

$$\frac{R}{(E+D)} = \frac{\$504,951}{\$552,047} = 0.915$$

**For 2025, waterworks revenues covered 91.5 of the waterworks expenditures.**

**Reserves – Reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure - \$48,916.90**

Municipality of **Town of Big River**  
**Schedule 2: Schedule of Operating and Capital Revenue by Function**  
**As at December 31, 2025**  
(Unaudited)

Schedule 2 - 4

	2025 Budget	2025	2024
<b>UTILITY SERVICES</b>			
<b>Operating</b>			
Other Segmented Revenue			
Fees and Charges			
- Water	237,110	239,561	240,487
- Sewer	245,630	243,005	248,936
- <b>Other (Specify)</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total Fees and Charges</b>	<b>482,740</b>	<b>482,566</b>	<b>489,423</b>
- Tangible capital asset sales - gain (loss)	-	-	-
- Intangible capital asset sales - gain (loss)	-	-	-
- <b>Other (Specify)</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total Other Segmented Revenue</b>	<b>482,740</b>	<b>482,566</b>	<b>489,423</b>
Conditional Grants			
- Student Employment	-	-	-
- MEEP	-	-	-
- <b>Other (Specify)</b>	-	22,385	1,045
<b>Total Conditional Grants</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,385</b>	<b>1,045</b>
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>482,740</b>	<b>504,951</b>	<b>490,468</b>
<b>Capital</b>			
Conditional Grants			
- Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)	-	-	-
- ICIP	-	-	-
- New Building Canada Fund (SCF, NRP)	-	-	-
- Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	-	-	-
- Provincial Disaster Assistance	-	-	-
- MEEP	-	-	-
- <b>Other (Specify)</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Restructuring Revenue (Specify, if any)</b>			
<b>Total Utility Services</b>	<b>482,740</b>	<b>504,951</b>	<b>490,468</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL REVENUE BY FUNCTION</b>	<b>945,500</b>	<b>1,046,809</b>	<b>568,208</b>

**SUMMARY**

Total Other Segmented Revenue	781,470	757,764	520,018
Total Conditional Grants	36,600	173,772	28,154
Total Capital Grants and Contributions	127,430	115,273	20,036
Restructuring Revenue	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE BY FUNCTION</b>	<b>945,500</b>	<b>1,046,809</b>	<b>568,208</b>

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Schedule 3: Total Expenses by Function

As at December 31, 2025

Schedule 3 - 3

(Unaudited)

	2025 Budget	2025	2024
<b>UTILITY SERVICES</b>			
Wages and benefits	156,340	146,994	133,762
Professional/Contractual services	114,210	71,195	121,417
Utilities	57,600	53,718	55,413
Maintenance, materials and supplies	113,490	97,705	89,286
Grants and contributions - operating	-	-	-
- capital	-	-	-
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	182,436	182,436	187,748
Amortization of Intangible capital assets	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	-	-	-
Allowance for Uncollectible	-	-	-
<b>Other (Specify)</b>	-	-	-
<b>Utility Services</b>	<b>624,076</b>	<b>552,047</b>	<b>587,627</b>
<b>Restructuring (Specify, if any)</b>			
<b>Total Utility Services</b>	<b>624,076</b>	<b>552,047</b>	<b>587,627</b>
 <b>TOTAL EXPENSES BY FUNCTION</b>	 <b>2,435,086</b>	 <b>2,320,179</b>	 <b>2,348,324</b>

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**TOWN OF BIG RIVER  
BYLAW 2023 - 06**

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF BIG RIVER TO FIX THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE USE AND CONSUMPTION OF WATER AND TO FIX THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY WAY OF RENT OR SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE USE OF THE SEWER**

The Council of the Town of Big River, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. All persons desiring to be supplied with water from the Municipality's water supply system shall make application to the officials of the Municipality. Each application shall be accompanied by the payment of a fee or meter deposit in the sum of \$150.00 and a service connection fee of \$30.00 during regular office hours, or of \$45.00 for after regular office hours.
2. The Municipality may, by Bylaw, ration or limit the amount of water furnished to any and/or all consumers should circumstances deem to warrant such action.
3. If the water supply is shut off from the premises of a user for infringement of the provisions of this Bylaw, same shall not be turned on until all penalties, fees, rates, charges, and arrears, if any, have been paid.
4. Water meters shall be read every three months.
5. The charges to be paid by the water consumer whose water service has been turned on and for persons who own the premises drained, or that are by Bylaw to be drained, into the sewer shall be those set out in Schedule "A" attached, or as amended from time to time.
6. Persons who own or occupy premises drained, or that are by Bylaw required to be drained, into the sewer shall pay for such services a rental rate or service charge in accordance with Schedule "B" attached, or as amended from time to time.
7. Accounts for water service and/or sewer service shall cover a period of three successive months, and shall be rendered on or before the first day of the month next following such period. Accounts shall be paid within a period of thirty days from the date on which such accounts are rendered. If an account is not paid within the said period of thirty days, the water service may be cut off.
8. Bylaw 2018 - 05 is hereby repealed.

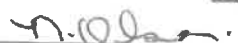
This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of approval being issued by the Local Government Committee.



  
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Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator

Read a third time and adopted this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

Certified A True Copy  
of Bylaw # 2023-06  
  
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Town Administrator



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### SCHEDULE "A"

Water Rates to be charged for metered water supplied by the Town of Big River shall be as follows:

- a) For an amount not in excess of 2,000 imperial gallons per month or fraction thereof that shall be consumed, a minimum charge of \$85.86 per 3 months shall be payable as a service charge for each water connection whether any water is actually consumed or not through the said meter connection, provided that, if a water connection is turned off by the servants of the Town at the request of the water user of such connection, no service charge shall be payable by such water user during the period within which the said water connection has been turned off.
- b) At the rate of \$8.87 for each 1,000 imperial gallons of water consumed per month in excess of the 2,000 imperial gallons allowed above, up to a total of 32,000 imperial gallons.
- c) An Infrastructure Fee of \$15.00 per month will be charged to each parcel of land that receives a utility bill, which will offset expenditures to the water and sewer infrastructure within the Town of Big River.

### SCHEDULE "B"

Persons who own or occupy premises drained or required to be drained into the sewer shall pay for such service a monthly rent or service charge in accordance with the following:

- a) A flat rate of \$59.20 per 3 months plus a charge equal to 25% of the amount charged for water consumption at that location. This rate applies to all services with the exception of those listed below.
- b) At locations which are not serviced by water a flat rate of \$19.73 per month shall apply.

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## SCHEDULE "C"

The Council of the Town of Big River must be satisfied that special circumstances make it appropriate to have two separate parcels of land amalgamated to be combined into one taxable parcel. In the event that Council approves amalgamation of parcels of land for a valid reason:

- a) The property owner is responsible to have the water service discontinued and capped off at the main at the parcel that will not be serviced with water.
- b) The property owner is responsible for the costs associated with the service being discontinued.
- c) If a request to amalgamate parcels of land is approved by Council, a \$2000.00 refundable deposit is to be paid to the Town of Big River from the property and once the water service to the parcel of land which will no longer be serviced with water is capped off at the main, the deposit will be refunded.