

**Town of Imperial**

**Bylaw # 4-2013**

**A Bylaw to Regulate and Control the Water and Sewer System**

The Council of the Town of Imperial in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw shall be known as the "*The Water and Sewer Management Bylaw*".
2. In this bylaw:
  - a) "Town" means Town of Imperial;
  - b) "Administrator" means the Town Administrator of the Town;
  - c) "Consumer" means an individual(s) or corporation that has, or wishes to have a water and/or sewer service connection.
3. **Connection fee**

A \$25.00 connection fee shall be paid to the Town each time a consumer wants to be supplied with water from the municipal system.
4. **Disconnection fee**

A \$25.00 disconnection fee shall be paid to the Town each time a consumer want to be disconnected from the municipal water system.
5. **Installation of water meters**
  - a) Water meters shall be installed in every connection to the municipal water distribution system;
  - b) Consumers desiring to be supplied with water from the municipal system must make application to the Administrator of the Town. Each application shall be accompanied by the payment of a water meter deposit in the sum of \$100.00;
  - c) The water meter deposit shall be refunded upon service being discontinued and all water usage charges paid in full.
  - d) Water meters shall remain the property of the municipality;
  - e) Water meters shall be read quarterly;
  - f) The owner of the property being serviced shall provide a frost-proof location for the water meter that is readily accessible for the purpose of taking water meter readings.
  - g) The owner of the property being serviced shall be liable for the full replacement cost of the meter installed on his property if damaged by frost or other cause.
  - h) Consumers shall allow Town employees free access at proper hours of the day and upon reasonable notice given, and/or request made, to all parts of the premises in which water is delivered, for the purpose of inspections or repairing any service pipe or for the placing of meter they deem expedient and for the purpose of protection or regulating the use of any meter.
6. Only Town employees or persons under the direction of the Fire Department shall open, close or interfere with any hydrant, valve or curb stop connected with the water works system.
7. **Water rationing**
  - a) The Town shall have the right to limit the amount of water furnished to any or all consumers should circumstances warrant such action;
  - b) From April 1 to September 30 watering of lawns and gardens is restricted. Consumers north of Royal Street shall be allowed to water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday and consumers south of Royal Street shall be allowed to water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
8. No consumer shall convey, sell dispose of, give away, permit to be carried or taken away, or supply water for the use or benefit of others.
9. **Sewer discharge**
  - a) No consumer shall discharge into any drain, sewer or sewage system operated by the Town a harmful matter, substance or thing, whether liquid or solid, that would be injurious to health, life or property or that would injure, pollute or damage any stream, watercourse, drain, sewer, sewage system or sewage treatment facility.
  - b) The service of any consumer who contravenes this section of the bylaw shall be discontinued and a fine of \$2,000.00 for an individual or \$5,000.00 for a corporation shall be imposed.

**10. Billings**

- a) Accounts for water service and/or sewer service shall cover a period of three consecutive months and shall be paid within a period of thirty days of billing date;
- b) If an account is not paid within the said period of 30 days, the water service may be discontinued and not reconnected until all arrears have been paid together with a fee of \$50.00 to cover the expenses of disconnecting the water and reconnecting it again;
- c) If the Town is required to reconnect a service outside the Town employee's regular working hours, the fee shall be \$80.00;

11. All unpaid fees and/or costs incurred under this bylaw may be either applied to the account that the service was provided or the service may be disconnected.

12. Where a consumer owns the property served and any rates or charges in arrears remain unpaid 60 days after the billing date, that amount can be added to and thereby form part of the taxes on the land or building(s) with respect to which the service was provided.

13. Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw for which no other penalty is provided shall be guilty of an offense and liable upon summary conviction to penalties provided under the general penalty bylaw of the Town.

14. Bylaw 5/02 is hereby repealed.

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Mayor

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Administrator

Read a third time and adopted  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

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Administrator