2024 Annual Waterworks Information

Town of Imperial July 24, 2025

Waterworks Rate Policy

Council will work towards water and sewer works revenues that cover water and sewer works expenditures, beginning January 1, 2019 and also to work towards establishing a waterworks capital investment strategy. Council will closely monitor water and sewer works expenditures and an annual review of rates will take place. Within this time frame there may be a need for an additional water and sewer works infrastructure charge.

By planning water and sewer works rate increases, residents and businesses will be able to prepare for and adjust to increases. Bylaws will be passed annually if water and sewer rate changes are required and implemented.

On January 8, 2025 Council passed a bylaw 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 and service charge for the use of sewer. The water and sewer rates that were adopted under the Water and Sewer Bylaw, #1-2025, dated January 8, 2025 were chosen to be an acceptable rate for residents and businesses at the time. The rates did not generate enough revenues to cover the water and sewer works operating expenditures. Water and sewer works operating expenditures include waterworks' staff salaries; benefits; training; power; telephone; heat; insurance; chemicals; repairs; maintenance; supplies; etc. The water and sewer rates do not include an infrastructure charge.

Below are the rates that were adopted under the Water and Sewer Bylaw, dated August 17, 2022:

Quarterly Water Rates:

Consumption – Water	**Effective Jan. 1, 2026**	**Effective Jan. 1, 2027**	**Effective Jan. 1,2028**
0 – 10,000 gallons	$123.00	$126.00	$129.00
10,001 to 35,000 gallons	$1.00	$1.00	$1.00
(per 1,000 gals or part thereof)	$6.00	$6.00	$6.00
35,000 + (per 1,000 gals or part thereof)			

Quarterly Sewer Rates:

Carwash	$227.00	$230.00	$233.00
All others	$52.00	$55.00	$58.00

The objective of the water and sewer works rate policy is to work towards water and sewer works that are self financing, where the users pay for the cost of the service. To accomplish this, the water and sewer works rates need to increase over time so that the revenues cover the operating costs, to the extent possible. At the end of every year of the planned increase, Council will also need to consider increasing rates to build the water and sewer works reserves in order to cover future infrastructure maintenance and replacement costs. This water and sewer works rate policy will work towards financially independent water and sewer works that do not have to compete with the other key municipal financial demands under the municipal general revenue fund. This will ensure our waterworks

can provide safe drinking water. Also, rates that cover costs will influence consumer demand and water conservation, and self-financing water and sewer works will reduce pressures on property taxes.

Waterworks Capital Investment Strategy

The objective of the water and sewer works capital investment strategy is to address anticipated water and sewer works infrastructure maintenance, the immediate drinking water infrastructure problems and future infrastructure replacements in a timely fashion so as to ensure the municipal waterworks provides safe drinking water to residents and businesses. To cover the costs of future water and sewer works infrastructure maintenance and replacements, Council will need to undertake in the future a combination of increasing water and sewer rates to build the water and sewer works reserves, once the water and sewer rates cover the water and sewer works operating cost.

This capital investment strategy will ensure that safe drinking water can be provided to the residents and businesses in the community in the present and future.

Annual Waterworks Financial Overview

The following is information on the waterworks, as required under The Municipalities Regulations:

2024 Waterworks Overview:
Total waterworks revenues: $ 136565*
Total waterworks expenditures: $175112*
Total debt payments on waterworks infrastructure loans: zero
Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures plus debt payments, expressed as a ratio

$136565 = .78
$175112+ ($0)

*Water and sewer are recorded together.

Reserves

Reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure: $160,000

The following additional information is available at the Municipal Office on the waterworks:

♣ 2024 financial overview of the waterworks
♣ Bylaw #1-2025 – Water & Sewer Works Rate Policy