

## **Bylaw No. 2019-32**

### **Wastewater Utility Bylaw**

A Bylaw for the operation of the wastewater collection sewer system and for collection of sewer service charges in the R.M. of Edenwold No. 158.

Pursuant to Section 23 of *The Municipalities Act*, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

#### **Definitions:**

Wastewater collection system means a system of sewers, valves, fittings, plumbing stations and appurtenances used to collect wastewater but does not include plumbing or service connections in buildings.

**Administrator** means the administrator of the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158.

**Consumer** means consumes, person, persons, customer, customers, are synonymous, and mean the person or persons, organizations, corporations, municipal, provincial, federal, tenant, occupant or inmate of any house or building connected to the waste water collection system who is responsible for the payment of sewer service charges.


**Fees** mean rates for service, connection, infrastructure and disconnection of service.

**Interceptor** means a receptacle approved by the Municipality and designed to prevent oil, grease, acid, sand, toxic material or other matter from passing from the source into the wastewater collection system.

**Municipality** means the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158, its employee or employees whose employment requires them to undertake certain works under this bylaw.

#### **Sewer System**

1. Persons who own or occupy premises drained, or required by bylaw to be drained, into a wastewater collection system shall pay for such services a monthly fee or service charge in accordance with Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. Every consumer shall pay a wastewater infrastructure fee in accordance with Schedule "A" attached hereto. Said fee shall be paid quarterly to the administrator and are due upon receipt of the invoice.
3. Fee rates or service charges imposed by this Bylaw shall commence at and from the time the sewer outlet is open to receive drainage, irrespective as to when plumbing fixtures are installed.
4. Any person who proposes to carry on, alter or expand any residential, industrial or commercial activity of any premises which is connected or is proposed to be connected to the wastewater collection system shall prior to expanding or altering such activity or making any connection to the wastewater collection system provide to the Municipality, in writing, the following information:
  - (1) the type of waste to be processed or discharged including daily volumes and peak discharges of wastewater from the premises;
  - (2) a description of the activity to be carried on within the premises including any expansion or addition; and
  - (3) any other such information the Municipality may request.
5. An owner or occupier of any premises upon which an industrial or commercial activity is carried on and which discharges into the wastewater collection system wastewater containing oil, grit, grease, acid, sand, toxic material or inflammable materials shall provide, on the premises, an interceptor of a design and location approved by the Municipality. The owner or occupier of the premises shall keep the interceptor in good working condition at all times. No person shall deposit, or cause to allow any interceptor residue to be deposited into the wastewater collection system.



6. No person shall discharge septage or hauled wastewater into the wastewater collection system.
7. Where wastewater is deemed, at the sole discretion of the Municipality, to be hazardous or creates an immediate danger to any person; endangers or interferes with the operation of the wastewater collection system; or causes or is capable of causing an adverse effect is discharged into the wastewater collection system, the Municipality may, in addition to any other remedy available, disconnect, plug or seal off the sewer line discharging the unacceptable wastewater in the collection system or take such action as is necessary to prevent such wastewater from entering the collection system.

#### **Sewer Service Connection**

8. Sewer connections may be constructed extending from the sewer to the street line or to any building or buildings on the lots.
9. Sump pump connections to the wastewater collection system are prohibited.
10. All expenses for the cleaning or clearing of blocked sewer connections shall be the responsibility of the owner or occupant where the blockage is deemed to be located after the sewer clean-out on private property; if the blockage is located at or before the sewer clean-out on municipal property the Municipality shall be responsible.

#### **General**

11. For the purpose of this bylaw, the payment by a consumer of any rates or levies charged hereunder shall constitute acceptance of a contract for the supply of such services between the Municipality and such consumer in accordance with this bylaw and subsequent amendments.
12. The plumber employed and designated by the owner of the premises will be considered as the agent of the said owner while employed in the work of the wastewater connection to the said premises, and will not be recognized as in any sense the agent of the Municipality, nor will the Municipality nor its employees be responsible for the acts of the plumber.
13. Accounts for sewer rent or service charges shall be rendered quarterly during each calendar year and are due upon receipt of invoice.
14. Accounts unpaid after 45 days from the date of the invoice shall be subject to a late payment charge of five dollars (\$5.00).
15. The Municipality shall give notice to the consumer as soon as possible after the discovery of errors or omissions in the utility billing. All necessary adjustments for errors or omissions in the six months previous to the date of discovery shall be either invoiced to the consumer for any underpayment or refunded for any overpayment.
16. All outstanding utility accounts at December 31<sup>st</sup> shall be added to the property owners tax arrears account in accordance with *The Municipalities Act*. The cost for a registered letter informing the consumer how and when unpaid utility amounts are added to the tax account will be considered an additional charge to the consumer.
17. Any person found guilty of a breach of any provisions of this bylaw, or any person interfering or obstructing any municipal employee of their duly authorized assistants in their work, shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to the penalties imposed by the General Penalty Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158, whichever is applicable.
18. Any person who breaches any provision of this bylaw for which no other penalty is provided is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$500.
19. Alteration or discontinuance of the service at any point in the distribution system to accommodate the re-development of a site shall be approved and supervised by the Municipality and all costs charged to the consumer regardless of whether the

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disconnect is on private or municipal property or easement.

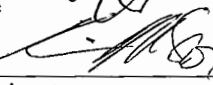
20. The Municipality is not responsible for the replacement or repair of any surface improvements on the property being serviced, including grass, shrubs, trees, driveways, retaining walls, etc.
21. The Municipality is not liable for damages:
  - (1) caused by the breaking, plugging or stoppage of any wastewater collection main;
  - (2) caused by the interference with the supply of any wastewater collection necessary in connection with the repair or proper maintenance of the sewer system.
  - (3) generally for any accident due to the operation of the wastewater system.
22. Nothing in this bylaw relieves any person from complying with any provision of any Federal or Provincial legislation or any other Bylaw of the Municipality.
23. Bylaw No. 2014-18 is hereby repealed.
24. 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, Saskatchewan Municipal Board or January 1, 2020, whichever is the later.

First Reading: July 23, 2019

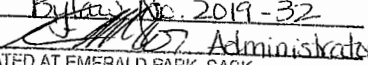
Second Reading: September 10, 2019

Third Reading: September 10, 2019

  
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Administrator



CERTIFIED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF  
Bylaw No. 2019-32  
 Administrator  
DATED AT EMERALD PARK, SASK.  
THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September 2019



**Schedule "A" to Bylaw No. 2019-32**

The rates, charges, levies, 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, Saskatchewan Municipal Board or January 1, 2020, whichever is the later.

**Effective January 1, 2020**

1. Monthly sewer service charge on all residential properties connected to a central sewage line shall be \$45.00.
2. Monthly sewer charges on all commercial and industrial properties connected to a central sewage line, but not connected to the central water supply shall be \$54.00.
3. Monthly sewer charge on all commercial and industrial properties connected to both the central sewage system and the central water supply shall be 10% of the water usage charged for the billing period, or \$45.00 per month whichever is greater.
4. Monthly wastewater infrastructure fee on all commercial and residential properties in the amount of \$22.00 per month.

**Effective January 1, 2021**

1. Monthly sewer service charge on all residential properties connected to a central sewage line shall be \$45.90.
2. Monthly sewer charges on all commercial and industrial properties connected to a central sewage line, but not connected to the central water supply shall be \$55.08.
3. Monthly sewer charge on all commercial and industrial properties connected to both the central sewage system and the central water supply shall be 10% of the water usage charged for the billing period, or \$45.90 per month whichever is greater.
4. Monthly wastewater infrastructure fee on all commercial and residential properties in the amount of \$24.00 per month.

**Effective January 1, 2022**

1. Monthly sewer service charge on all residential properties connected to a central sewage line shall be \$46.82.
2. Monthly sewer charges on all commercial and industrial properties connected to a central sewage line, but not connected to the central water supply shall be \$56.19.
3. Monthly sewer charge on all commercial and industrial properties connected to both the central sewage system and the central water supply shall be 10% of the water usage charged for the billing period, or \$46.82 per month whichever is greater.
4. Monthly wastewater infrastructure fee on all commercial and residential properties in the amount of \$24.00 per month

