



CITY COUNCIL BYLAW REPORT

Title Bylaw 6416, 2024 Wastewater Rates

Meeting Date October 3, 2023

Submitted By Doug Kaupp, General Manager - Water, Wastewater Services

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Summary

Amend the Sewerage Service Charge Bylaw effective January 1, 2024 as follows:

Replacing specified pricing in Schedule "A" and all of Schedules "B" and "C" as they relate to utility rates. These updated schedules reflect a 3.0% increase in wastewater revenues in accordance with the 2023-2026 Wastewater Utility Operating Budget, and the approved Wastewater CIP. Amendment of the sewerage service charge bylaw is needed to support a 3.0% increase in utility revenues.

Recommendation(s)

That City Council provide first reading to Bylaw 6416, a Bylaw to amend Bylaw 3250 – Sewerage Service Charge Bylaw.

Financial

Bylaw 6416 will increase wastewater utility revenues by 3.0%, through changes to the retail wastewater rates within Bylaw 3250. Rates will increase by 3.0% for all customers.

Background and Prior Decisions

The Wastewater Utility is funded through utility rates. The rates are set to provide the revenue required to balance the expenses detailed in the operating budget.

These expenses include the costs associated with:

- wastewater treatment,
- pumping and storage,
- maintenance and life-cycle renewal of underground infrastructure,
- payments on debt that funds approved CIP projects.

The 2023 to 2026 Operating Budget was approved by City Council in late 2022. The 2024 wastewater rates will come into effect January 1, 2024.

Engagement

- The wastewater utility will participate in the Community Conversation event on October 23rd
- Annual presentation of rates to the IASA (Industrial Association of Southern Alberta)
- Utility bill stuffers are being considered.

Recommendation and Option(s) Analysis

An increase in wastewater rates is required to achieve the 3.0% increase in wastewater utility revenue as approved during the Operating Budget. Bylaw amendment applies 3.0% increase to both daily and consumption rate components uniformly to all customer classes. This results in 3.0% increase to residential, commercial, and regional monthly bills.

Residential (monthly)	2020/2021/2022	2023	2024
Sewer 15m3	\$ 23.81	\$ 24.54	\$ 25.27
		3.0%	3.0%
Commercial			
Sewer 50m3	\$ 58.94	\$ 60.71	\$ 62.54
Sewer 500m3	\$ 514.06	\$ 529.48	\$ 545.37
Sewer 5000m3	\$ 5,116.66	\$ 5,270.16	\$ 5,428.28
Sewer 50,000m3	\$ 50,442.28	\$ 51,955.54	\$ 53,514.20
		3.0%	3.0%

Attachment(s)

1. 2024 Wastewater Rates Bylaw 6416
2. 2024 Red-Line of 3250 Rate Schedules

Link(s)

None

Approvals	
Department Director:	Joel Sanchez
City Manager:	Lloyd Brierley

BYLAW 6416


A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE TO AMEND
BYLAW 3250 – THE SEWERAGE SERVICE CHARGE BYLAW

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,
DULY ASSEMBLED, HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:


1. Bylaw 3250 – The Sewerage Service Charge Bylaw is amended by this bylaw as follows:
 - (a) by deleting Schedule “A” and replacing it with the attached Schedule “A”;
 - (b) in Schedule “B”:
 - (i) in the first paragraph, by deleting “\$1.034” and replacing with “\$1.065”; and,
 - (ii) in the last paragraph, by deleting “\$0.008” and replacing with “\$0.009”; and,
 - (c) by deleting Schedule “C” and replacing it with the Schedule “C” attached to this bylaw as Schedule “B”.

2. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect on the 1st day of January, 2024

READ A FIRST TIME this 3 day of October, A.D. 2023



MAYOR



CITY CLERK

READ A SECOND TIME this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2023

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

READ A THIRD TIME this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2023

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Schedule "A" to Bylaw 6416

The Sewerage Service Charge Bylaw
Schedule "A"

Domestic and Commercial
Sewage Service Charge

Based on Water Meter Size

Meter Size (mm)	Meter Size (Inches)	Service Charge \$ per Day
up to 20	Up to ¾	\$0.31
25	1	0.43
40	1½	0.73
50	2	1.16
75	3	2.18
100	4	3.49
150	6	6.13
200	8	9.30
250	10	13.22
300	12	17.71

The above rates are applicable to all Domestic and Commercial customers whether or not any sewage was discharged.

An additional Sewer Meter Charge of **\$2.85** per day is applied when a sewage recording meter is used to measure wastewater volume as per Section 3.01.

Schedule "B" to Bylaw 6416

The Sewerage Service Charge Bylaw
Schedule "C"

Industrial Sewage Charges

All industrial customers shall pay the following unit rates as described in Section 4 of the Sewerage Service Charge Bylaw:

Customer	\$44.00/day
Flow	\$0.447/m ³
TSS	\$0.391/Kg
SCOD	\$0.279/Kg
Sewer Meter	\$2.85/day

Miscellaneous Sewage Fees

Industrial solid or semi-solid wastes dumping charge	\$ 20.00/m ³
Sewer Service Inspection Only (no Clearing) callout or booked 8:00am to 6:00pm	\$ 30.00
Scheduled Sewer Service Inspection and Clearing booked 8:00am to 6:00pm	\$ 60.00
Sewer Service Inspection and Clearing callout 8:00am to 6:00pm	\$ 90.00
Sewer Service Inspection and Clearing callout 6:00pm to 8:00am	\$ 150.00
Defective Service Call-Back Surcharge	\$ 150.00
Disconnection or capping sewer service connection for abandonment	\$150.00 plus labour and materials at cost