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## ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION 2024

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### WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

The Village of North Portal passed BYLAW NO. 2015-01 on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and received approval by the Saskatchewan Municipal Board on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The water and sewer rates are as follows:

**Village OF North Portal  
SCHEDULE "A"  
TO BYLAW NO. 2015-01**

### QUARTERLY METERED UTILITY RATES

WATER RATES	Effective January 1st, 2015	Effective January 1st, 2016	Effective January 1st, 2017	Effective January 1st, 2018	Effective January 1st, 2019
Minimum up to 1500 Gallons	\$ 51.01	\$ 55.60	\$ 60.61	\$ 66.06	\$ 72.01
1,501 - 9,000 Galons	\$ 5.23	\$ 5.70	\$ 6.22	\$ 6.78	\$ 7.39
9,001-15,000 Gallons	\$ 6.54	\$ 7.13	\$ 7.77	\$ 8.47	\$ 9.23
15,001+ Gallons	\$ 10.90	\$ 11.88	\$ 12.95	\$ 14.12	\$ 15.39
<b>SEWER RATES <i>Based on Water Consumption</i></b>					
Minimum up to 15,000 Gal	\$ 51.01	\$ 55.60	\$ 60.61	\$ 66.06	\$ 72.01
15,000 + Gal	\$ 1.64	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.94	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.31
<b>MAINTENANCE FEE</b>					
Residential	\$ 16.35	\$ 17.82	\$ 19.43	\$ 21.17	\$ 23.08
Commercial	\$ 32.70	\$ 35.64	\$ 38.85	\$ 42.35	\$ 46.16

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The rate schedule increased water and sewer fees by 9% each year in order to accommodate increasing operational costs, as well as debt repayment. As per the bylaw, the water and sewer rates were adjusted accordingly in the new year. 2019 was the final rate increase according to this bylaw. **Council reviewed the current rates in December of 2024 and decided to increase rates in 2025 to meet rising costs. A new bylaw is being drafted as of December 31, 2024.**

## **WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The objective of the waterworks capital investment strategy is to address anticipated waterworks infrastructure aging.

### **WATER**

Phase 3 of the WTP Upgrade was completed in March 2019, which included the installation of a natural gas generator to supply power to the WTP and Sewer lift station to end plant shut downs during power outages. There has been a significant decrease in the number of PDWAs issued as a result of the system depressurising. This infrastructure is still in good condition.

Well #2 underwent extensive maintenance and repair in 2020 to significantly improve production. Repairs to Well #1 in 2025 are expected.

The Water Treatment Plant is operating well. High Ammonia levels were found in 2021 and have been actively addressed with adjusting chlorine levels. New testing meters were purchased to ensure accuracy. Testing was expanded to include regular manganese and iron tests. Projected investments in 2025 will be upgrading and repairing curbstops and hydrants as required. Over the next 10-15 years, the main water line replacement may be required on Antrim St.

### **SEWER**

The village has made improvements to Wastewater infrastructure, which included improvement of the road to the lagoon as well as new fencing around the perimeter of the site. The work was completed in 2019.

In 2023 the lift station required the replacement of all the existing pipes and valves with stainless steel hardware. In 2024, one of the lift station pumps was replaced. Over the next 10 years, council plans to upgrade the sewage system, which will consist of installing larger capacity pumps at the lift station, refurbishing the concrete walls of the station, the purchase of back-up pumps, and scheduling regular maintenance of the pumps. A regular maintenance contract with Municipal Utilities was established in 2024 which includes annual cleaning and inspection.

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The controller at the lift station has failed repeatedly over the last 2 years to do corrosion of the switches caused by its location over the hatch area. A plan to move the controller to the Water Treatment Plant is underway.

An additional lift station may be added to increase capacity as our community grows. The new lift station would serve the North section of the community only, which would include large water consumers such as CBSA, CFIA and CP Rail. A third storage at the cell will be added when and if community growth continues.

### **LAGOON**

The lagoon berms are starting to show signs of erosion and will need to be built up in the next 2-5 years. The dump site at the lagoon was moved to Cell 1 to retire the old evaporation pond. The road and approach to the lagoon should be improved for accessibility.

### **ANNUAL WATERWORKS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

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

#### **2024 Waterworks Overview:**

Total waterworks revenues from Fees:	\$66,342
Other revenues	\$250
<b>Total waterworks revenues:</b>	<b>\$66,592</b>
<b>Total waterworks expenditures:</b>	<b>\$90,823</b>

**Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures, expressed as a ratio:**

$$\frac{\$66,592}{\$90,823} = 0.73^*$$

**\*lift station pump failed and required replacement**

### **RESERVES**

The water and sewer rates bylaw includes an infrastructure fee, which is deposited into the Waterworks Reserve.

Reserve funds available as of Dec 31, 2023 – \$ 38,961.19

**Reserve funds available as of Dec 31, 2024 - \$ 46,646.38**

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

- The waterworks rate policy and capital investment strategy
- Capital plans in place and related sources of funding for the projects.
- 2024 financial overview of the waterworks.
- Waterworks reserves
- A copy of the 2006 waterworks assessment.
- A copy of the 2010 KGS Design and Plan for the Water Treatment Plant expansion as well as the modified expansion plan for 2016 and 2018
- The 2021 KGS Drainage Plan and Cost Projection