

TOWN OF SALTCOATS

BYLAW NO. 05-2014

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF SALTCOATS TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE USE AND CONSUMPTION OF WATER, AND CONTROL AND REGULATE THE DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE INTO THE TOWN OF SALTCOATS SYSTEM.

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SALTCOATS, IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This bylaw shall be cited as the Utility Management Bylaw.

DEFINITIONS:

2. In this bylaw, including this section:
 - (a) "Administrator" means the administrator or designate of the Town of Saltcoats;
 - (b) "Appurtenance" or "Appurtenances" means and includes electronic communication register, touch pad, and any new equipment or technology replacing the same;
 - (c) "Council" means the Council of the Town of Saltcoats;
 - (d) "Meter" means the water meter installed for the purpose of measuring water supplied by the waterworks system of the Town of Saltcoats;
 - (e) "Owner" means the person(s) holding title to the said property;
 - (f) "Waterworks" means the transmission pipes which are tapped to water service and includes all fittings and appurtenances including electronic communication register, touch pad, and any new equipment or technology replacing same.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

3. Property owners desiring to be supplied with water and/or sewer services from the Municipality shall make application to the officials of the Municipality. The Town shall provide water and sewer services only to property owners; with his/her written consent, the Town may send the invoice for services to him/her and/or a renter; however the debt is being incurred by the property owner.
4. The Municipality may by resolution ration or limit the amount of water furnished to any and/or all consumers should circumstances be deemed to warrant such action (see also #6).
5. In the event of an emergency, the mayor or deputy/acting mayor may ration or limit the amount of water furnished to any and/or all consumers should circumstances be deemed to warrant such notice.
6. Council undertakes no guarantee of uninterrupted supply or quality of water and failure to supply water shall not be construed as neglect on the part of Council. Council shall at no time be held liable by reason of inadequate supply of water or by reason of Council restricting the supply of water or for refusing the supply of water.
7. Town employees charged with the maintenance and repair of the waterworks may enter any premises of any waterworks account holder at all reasonable hours upon reasonable notice to examine the pipes, meters, remote readers, fittings, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances to ascertain the quantity of water used, the manner of its use and to determine compliance with this

bylaw.

8. Maintenance and repair costs including thawing of frozen lines in the service connection, from the property line and in to the building, shall be the responsibility of the property owner served.
9. Foreign objects which may become lodged in sewer lines, from the sewer main to the building shall be deemed to have originated from the property owner of the said sewer connection and shall be the property owner's responsibility.
10. The cost of clearing tree roots, from the property line and in to the building, which may infiltrate and block sewer service lines shall be the property owner's responsibility.
11. The Town shall establish a Utility Reserve for the purpose of allocating funds from the annual utility budget for future capital expenditures, repairs, or other costs. The Town may establish an annual contribution to the reserve from time to time. Each year the surplus or deficit from operating shall be added to or deducted from, as the case may be, the reserve.
12. The Town shall fix the rates to be charged for the use and consumption of water and to fix the rates to be charged by way of service charge for the use of the sewer by way of Bylaw.
13. If the water supply is shut off from the premises of a user for infringement of the provisions of this bylaw, same shall not be turned on until all penalties, fees, rates, charges, and arrears, if any, have been paid.
14. If arrears remain unpaid at any time of the year, in accordance with *The Municipalities Act*, that amount may be added to, and thereby form part of the taxes on the land or building with respect to which the service was provided.
15. No person shall:
 - a) in any way interfere with, obstruct or conceal any hydrants, valve, curb stop, service pipe, stopcock, meter, remote reader, or other waterworks appurtenances;
 - b) willfully let off or discharge water so that the water runs waste or useless out of the waterworks;
 - c) without the consent of Council, lend, sell, or dispose of the water, give it away, permit it to be taken or carried away, or apply it to the use or benefit of another, or to any use and benefit other than the person's own use;
 - d) without lawful authority, willfully open or close any hydrant, or obstruct the free access to any hydrant, stopcock, chamber, pipe or hydrant-chamber by placing on it any building material, rubbish or other obstruction
 - e) willfully alter any meter placed upon any service pipe or connected therewith, within or without any building or other place, so as to lessen or alter the amount of water registered;
 - f) throw or deposit any injurious, noisome or offensive matter into the water or waterworks; or
 - g) lay or cause to be laid any pipe or main to communicate with any pipe or main of the waterworks, or in any way obtain or use the water without the consent of Council.
16. Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw for which no other penalty is provided shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to penalties provided under the general penalty bylaw of the municipality.

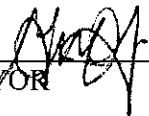
WATER METER INSTALLATION PROGRAM

17. A Town of Saltcoats Water Meter Installation Program shall commence April 1, 2015 with a targeted end date of March 31, 2020, mandating that all properties with water services shall have water meters installed and that all water meters shall be read and billed.
18. Effective April 1, 2015, the Town of Saltcoats Water Meter Installation Program shall have water meters installed and that all water meters shall be read and billed upon the following:
 - a) voluntary requests
 - b) all new development, and
 - c) properties which are sold or otherwise change ownership
19. If an owner does not make arrangements to have a water meter installed by March 31, 2020, then the owner's new flat water rate in the next billing cycle (April 1 – June 30, 2020) will be equal to three (3) times the flat water rate as currently established by Council. If the installation was not accomplished for reasons beyond the owner's control, an extension may be granted by Council.
20. All meters and related appurtenances shall be provided, controlled and maintained by the Town of Saltcoats, except as otherwise provided herein.
21. Where a meter or any appurtenance thereto has been damaged due to the negligence or willful act of the owner, Council shall repair or replace the same, as necessary, at the owner's expense.
22. All new and existing properties provided with water services shall be charged an installation fee in accordance with Schedule "A"

REPEALING OF PREVIOUS BYLAW


23. Bylaw No. 16-2010 is hereby repealed.

This bylaw shall come into effect on December 17, 2014.


MAYOR


ADMINISTRATOR

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No.
Adopted by resolution of the Council on the 17th
day of December, 2014.


ADMINISTRATOR

