

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
BY-LAW NO. 2024-003**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH WATER
AND SEWAGE SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c. 25, and the amendments thereto, a Municipality may pass by-laws to impose rates, fees or charges for services or activities;

AND WHEREAS, water and sewage system usage rates are established annually by by-law to produce sufficient revenue to meet the estimated budget required for operation, maintenance and renewal of the water and sewage systems;

AND WHEREAS, charges are established to meet the estimated cost of permits and services related to the water and sewage system;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley enacts as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS:

- 1.1. **"Bleeder"** means a piece of tubing, piping or other device attached to a water system and allowed to run continuously during extreme cold weather to prevent freezing of the water in the system.
- 1.2. **"Capital Cost Recovery"** means a set monthly charge to cover the capital costs associated with the water and sewage systems.
- 1.3. **"Sewage Surcharge"** means a monthly charge based on a percentage of the water consumption charge including a capital cost recovery.
- 1.4. **"Township"** means the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley.
- 1.5. **"Multi-Unit buildings"** means a building that includes two or more self-contained places of residence or business. These places of residence or business do not include detached houses.

2. WATER AND SEWAGE USEAGE RATES:

- 2.1. Water and Sewage: Except as set out in section 2.4, every owner of a property that is connected to the water and sewage systems shall pay for the use of the systems in accordance with the rate structure set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law.
- 2.2. Bulk Water Rate: for water provided from a hydrant the rate structure will be as identified in Schedule "A".
- 2.3. Water Line Bleeder: (December 1st to March 31st - as necessary depending on weather conditions) For only those premises that the Township has specifically authorized in writing and has installed a water line bleeder to prevent freezing of the incoming water service line. An account credit will be applied as identified in Schedule "A".
- 2.4. The owners of multi-unit properties shall be charged a multi unit surcharge, per unit, as set out below for their use of the water and sewage systems, whether the unit is vacant or occupied. Eganville and Area Long Term Care Corporation also known as Fairfields shall be exempt from this multi-unit surcharge.

3. PERMITS:

- 3.1. New or Replacement Water and/or Sewage Service Connection Permit Fees – Charge as per Schedule "B".

4. SERVICES:

- 4.1. Special Meter Readings - Requested at the time of real estate closings, etc. – Charge as per Schedule “B”.
- 4.2. Water Service Curb Stop - Shutoff / Restoration of water service – Charge as per Schedule “B”.
- 4.3. Water Meter Removal and Reinstallation - Where the removal and reinstallation of a meter is required due to mechanical failure there is no charge. If the removal and reinstallation is required due to damage caused by the property owner a charge of time and materials will be applied to his/her account on the first billing after reinstallation.
- 4.4. Sewer and Storm Water Service Line Maintenance - In the event of a sewer or storm water service line being blocked and if it appears that the blockage is situated on the portion of the line located on Township property and if the owner cannot correct the problem by conventional rodding methods from within the premises, then the Township will excavate to locate and repair the line and the owner will be responsible for all related cost incurred by the Township. A charge of time and materials will be applied to his/her account on the first billing after reinstatement of the service. If the Township determines that the blockage was a result of damage done by road construction or other reasons attributable to the operations of the Township then the Township will assume financial responsibility for the excavation and repair.

5. CHARGES FOR NEW WATER METERS

- 5.1. The property owner shall purchase the required water meter from the Township and pay the actual cost plus a 10% administration fee.

6. PAYMENTS

- 6.1. Accounts may be paid at the Municipal Office, 49 Bonnechere Street East, Eganville; the Bank of Montreal; the Northern Credit Union; or by mail to P.O. Box 100, Eganville, Ontario K0J 1T0; without service charge.
- 6.2. Accounts shall be billed monthly, and shall be payable within fifteen (15) days.
- 6.3. Overdue accounts shall be subject to a 1.25% interest charge per month applied to the outstanding balance.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE

- 7.1. This by-law shall take full force and effect as of January 1, 2024.

8. REPEAL

- 8.1. This by-law rescinds all previous Water and Sewage System Service Rates by-laws.

READ A FIRST & SECOND TIME THIS 16TH DAY OF JANUARY 2024

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 16TH DAY OF JANUARY 2024

Jennifer Murphy, Mayor

Annette Gilchrist, CAO

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 2024-003

The Water and Sewage System Rates and Charges set out in this Schedule shall come into force and effect on January 1st, 2024.

The standard rate structure is comprised of four elements:

1. Capital Cost Recovery – a set monthly charge to cover the capital costs associated with the water and sewage systems.
2. Water Usage – a variable monthly charge based on water consumption.
3. Sewage Surcharge – a monthly charge based on a percentage of the water consumption charge including a capital cost recovery.
4. Multi-Unit – a monthly charge per unit in addition to the standard rate.

TABLE 1 - STANDARD RATE STRUCTURE

Description	Charge / Rate
Monthly water consumption is measured in cubic metres (m ³)	
Water	
Capital Cost Recovery	Set charge of \$22.82
Consumption less than or equal to 17.00 m ³	Minimum charge of \$42.44
Consumption from 17.00 m ³ to 22.50 m ³	\$2.92 per m ³
Consumption over 22.50 m ³	\$3.49 per m ³
Sewage	
Sewage Surcharge including a \$22.82 capital cost recovery	100% of total water charge
Multi-Unit	
Multi-Unit surcharge	Set charge of \$24.32 per unit

Specific rate structures:

1. Water service only – monthly charge for water capital cost recovery and water usage as per Table 1.
2. Water service with no meter:
 - a. Water and sewage service - a set monthly charge including water and sewage capital cost recovery.
 - b. Water service only - a set monthly charge including water capital cost recovery.
3. Sewage service only – a set monthly charge including sewage capital cost recovery.
4. Bulk Water Taking – a per cubic meter charge for water provided from a hydrant.
5. Water Line Bleeder – a monthly account credit for authorized consumers and applies only if monthly water usage is greater than 17.00 m³ and in extremely cold weather conditions.
6. Buildings – a set monthly charge if the water service is turned off.

TABLE 2 – SPECIFIC RATE STRUCTURE

Description	Charge / Rate
Water Service Only	As per Table 1.
<u>Water Service with no meter:</u>	
Water and Sewage service	\$130.52 per month
Water service only	\$ 65.26 per month
Sewage Service Only	\$ 65.26 per month
<u>Bulk Water Taking:</u>	
Customer within service area	\$3.02 per m ³
Customer outside of service area	\$6.05 per m ³
Plus Administration Fee	\$40.00
Water Line Bleeder	Monthly credit
Buildings – water turned off.	\$45.64 per month

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 2024-003

The Water and Sewage System Rates and Charges set out in this Schedule shall come into force and effect on January 1st, 2024.

Description	Charge / Rate
Water and/or Sewage Service Connection Permit:	\$250.00
Special Water Meter Reading:	\$95.00
Water Service Curb Stop Shutoff:	\$60.50
Restoration:	\$60.50