

## ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION

ANNUAL INFORMATION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR (beginning 2006)

Year: **2023**

Name of Municipality: **TOWN OF OSLER**

Date: August 19, 2024

### WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

The Town Council in Osler has a policy of reviewing rates annually. Bylaw 2022-13 came into force on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 upon Provincial approval. This bylaw set the rates to be charged for the use and consumption of water and to fix the rates to be charged by way of rent and service charge for the use of the sewer as well as an infrastructure fee for each. This bylaw provides for an increase in water rates and sewer rates based on actual use. The bylaw will be reviewed again in 2024.

This should assist in moving these numbers into a better situation with respect to full recovery of costs. The rates are as follows:

Jan 2023 to Dec 2023	\$16.80	\$4.32/cu M	\$18.80
Jan 2024 to Dec 2024	\$16.80	\$4.49/cu M	\$19.30
Jan 2025 Forward	\$16.80	\$4.67/cu M	\$20.00

The objective of the Waterworks rate policy is to ensure the town is covering the cost of regular increases from the service provider, SASK WATER, and that these increases are passed on to the end user (as per our waterworks strategy – Policy OSL.9.1 included). This policy will be reviewed again in August of 2024.

## **WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

### **ANNUAL WATERWORKS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

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

2023 Waterworks Overview:

Waterworks Revenues:

Water Sales/Household & Bulk	\$407,336	
Infrastructure Revenue	<u>\$103,396</u>	<u>\$510,732</u>

Waterworks Expenditures:

Debt Repayment (Debentures)	\$ 0	
Sask Water Contract	\$300,078	
Amortization & Cost of Borrowing	\$ 70,714	
All Other Expenditures	<u>\$152,540</u>	<u>\$523,332</u>

Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures plus debt payments, expressed as a ratio:

Revenue	<u>\$ 510,732</u>	=	0.98
Expenditure	<u>\$ 523,332</u>		

For 2023, waterworks revenues covered 98% of the waterworks expenses.

### **RESERVES**

Reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure - \$ 277,290

It appears the percentage of revenue is not yet covering the expenses, however, with reviewing the Water & Sewer Rates Bylaw frequently we are closing the gap. As the Town continues to work on Asset Management, and because the Debentures are paid, a new expense line is being used for Reserve Funds. The Reserve Funds are currently made up of the water infrastructure revenue. This will help to provide an appropriate level of funding for replacement, expansion or upgrades.

**The following additional information is available at the Municipal Office (or the Town's website at [www.townofosler.com](http://www.townofosler.com)) on the waterworks:**

2022-13 Water & Sewer Rates Bylaw

2023 Audited Financial Statement including information on Waterworks Reserves.

A copy of the most recent waterworks assessment (office only)

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