

WETASKIWIN CITY COUNCIL AMENDS UTILITY BYLAWS

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WETASKIWIN, ALBERTA – Wetaskiwin City Council has amended three utility bylaws to improve long-term sustainability.

For most residents, waste management charges are set to rise by \$0.75, sewer charges by \$2.26, and water utility by \$3.35 (all numbers per month) for a total cumulative increase of \$6.36. Businesses or atypical residential properties may pay more depending on meter and /or toter size. Additionally, a fee of \$100 per occurrence will now be charged to cover the cost of Public Works providing access to the landfill during off-hours.

“One of the five strategic goals that Council set in the 2012-2014 Corporate Strategic Plan was ‘Be Sustainable,’ and that’s what we’re trying to do here” says Mayor Bill Elliot. “Our goal is to have the utility system pay for itself and not be funded from the tax base. Even with these increases, we’re still playing catch up.”

Consumption rates in 2014 remain unchanged from 2013 levels.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES – BY THE NUMBERS

1822-13 WASTE MANAGEMENT BYLAW

<u>Size</u>	<u>Old Rates</u>	<u>New Rates</u>	<u>Monthly Increase</u>
121 litre toter / week	\$16.25/ month	\$17.00 /month	\$0.75/month
242 litre toter / week	\$32.50/month	\$34.00/month	\$1.50/month
363 liter toter / week	\$48.75/month	\$51.00/month	\$2.25/month

1823-13 SEWER USAGE CHARGE BYLAW

<u>Property type</u>	<u>Old Rates</u>	<u>New Rates</u>	<u>Monthly Increase</u>
Residential – single unit	\$43.54	\$48.06	\$2.26
Multi-family (one meter) – first unit	\$43.54	\$48.06	\$2.26
Multi-family - each additional unit	\$21.77	\$24.03	\$1.13
Commercial/Industrial/Institutional – Bi-monthly	\$81.04	\$89.46	\$4.41
Commercial/Industrial/Institutional – Cubic meter	\$0.551	\$0.608	\$0.029

- Note – bills are sent out every two months. Monthly increase is ½ of difference between old and new rates.

1825-13 WATER UTILITY LEVY BYLAW

<u>Meter Sizes</u>	<u>Old Rates</u>	<u>New Rates</u>	<u>Monthly Increase</u>
16mm x 19mm (5/8" x 3/4") and smaller	\$22.65	\$26.00	\$3.35
19mm (3/4")	\$28.75	\$ 33.05	\$4.30
25mm (1")	\$34.65	\$ 39.80	\$5.15
32mm (1 ¼")	\$50.15	\$57.60	\$7.45
38mm 1 1/2")	\$64.70	\$74.35	\$9.65
50mm (2")	\$79.30	\$91.10	\$11.80
76mm (3")	\$94.80	\$108.95	\$14.15
102mm (4")	\$124.00	\$142.45	\$18.45
150mm (6")	\$272.30	\$312.85	\$40.55