

BY-LAW #6-2006

Being a By-Law of the Rural Municipality of Strathclair to establish sewer and water rates within the said L.I.D. #1 of the R.M. of Strathclair;

Whereas the Rural Municipality owns and operates a sewer and water facility within the limits of the said L.I.D. #1;

And Whereas The Municipal Act, S.M. 1996, C58, states in part:

232(1) A Council may pass by-laws for municipal purposes respecting the following matters:

(1) Public utilities;

232(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a council may in a by-law passed under this Division

(d) establish fees or other charges for services, activities or things provided or done by the municipality or for the use of property under the ownership, direction, management or control of the municipality;

Now Therefore be it and it is hereby passed and enacted as a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Strathclair, in council duly assembled as follows:

That By-Law #3-2006 enacted by the Rural Municipality of Strathclair the 10th day of May 2006 was given interim approval of the Public Utilities Board by Board Order 67/06 for water and sewer rates to be charged until December 31, 2006.

That the Rural Municipality of Strathclair has filed a rate study with the Public Utilities Board who considered the need for further increases.

That the Public Utilities Board has ordered, by Board Order No. 61/07, that the Interim Ex Parte Order No. 67/06 dated May 3, 2006 is confirmed; and that The Rural Municipality of Strathclair amend By-Law No. 6-2006 incorporating rates as ordered by the Public Utilities Board in Board Order 61/07. This By-Law is hereby amended to reflect the rates as set out in Schedule A, and the change in Clause 10 of Schedule A as approved by the Public Utilities Board.

That all accounts for minimum quarterly charges for metered services as set forth in the Schedule of Quarterly Rates shall be billed quarterly in advance together with any excess charges for metered water and sewer services for the preceding quarter. Consumers shall pay for water and sewer service supplied to them by the Rural Municipality of Strathclair at the rates and terms set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.

That this By-Law, as amended, shall come into force and become effective on, from and after both approval by the Public Utilities Board and receipt of third and final reading thereof.

Passed and Enacted by the Rural Municipality of Strathclair, in council duly assembled this 6th Day of June 2007.

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer

**Given First reading this 24th day of October 2006.
Given Second reading this 6th day of June 2007.
Given Third reading this 6th day of June 2007.**

CERTIFIED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF BY-LAW #6-2006 GIVEN FIRST READING BY COUNCIL OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STRATHCLAIR.

Schedule "A"

The Rural Municipality of Strathclair

Water and Sewer Rates

By-Law No. 6-2006

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES:

1.	<u>Commodity rates per M.G.</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water & Sewer</u>
	All Water Consumption	17.65	3.80	21.45

2. Minimum Charges, Quarterly

Notwithstanding the Commodity rates set forth in paragraph 1 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include water allowances indicated:

a) Water & Sewer Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Incl. Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges</u>		<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
				<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	
5/8"	1	3,000	\$19.85	\$ 52.95	\$ 11.40	\$ 84.20
3/4"	2	6,000	\$19.85	\$ 105.90	\$ 22.80	\$ 148.55
1"	4	12,000	\$19.85	\$ 211.80	\$ 45.60	\$ 277.25
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$19.85	\$ 529.50	\$114.00	\$ 663.35
2"	25	75,000	\$19.85	\$1323.75	\$285.00	\$ 1628.60

b) Water only Customers

Minimum charge will be the same for each meter size as shown above but the Sewer Commodity Charge will be excluded.

c) Sewer only for Residential Customers

The R.M. of Strathclair do charge the owners or occupants of land serviced with sewer but no water the sum of \$84.20. (A flat charge equivalent to the water and sewer minimum charge for a 5/8" water meter size.

3. Bulk Sales Rate

All water sold in bulk by the R.M. of Strathclair shall be charged for at the rate of \$1.00 per 80 gallons.

4. Billings and Penalties

Accounts shall be billed quarterly. A late payment charge of 1 1/4% shall be charged monthly on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date. The due date will be at least fourteen days after the mailing of the bills. The late payment charge shall be compounded monthly.

5. Disconnection

Service may be disconnected and discontinued immediately and without further notice in the event of non-payment of the account within 30 days after the due date.

6. Reconnection

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$50.00 have been paid.

7. **Outstanding Bills**
Pursuant to Section 252(2) of The Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer service are a lien and charge upon the land serviced, and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.
8. **Hydrant Rentals**
The L.U.D. of Strathclair will pay to the utility an annual rental of \$75.00 for each hydrant connected to the system. This will include the cost of water used for fire fighting.
9. **Water Allowance Due to Line Freezing**
That in any case where, at the request of the Council, a customer allows water to run continuously for any period of time to prevent the water lines in the water system from freezing, the charge to that customer for the current quarter shall be the average of the billings for the last two previous quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.
- 10) **Wages and Truck Expenses**
Water Plant Operator wage and benefit costs will be 50% expense to the water and sewer system and 50% expense to the L.U.D. of Strathclair. Truck expenses shall be shared with 50% expense to the water and sewer system and 50% expense to the L.U.D. of Strathclair.
- 11) **Meter Reading**
Customers are required to submit meter readings to the Water Plant Operator or the R.M. of Strathclair office for the first, second and fourth quarter billings. The Water Plant Operator is required to read all meters for the third quarter billings. Any customer that does not submit a reading for two consecutive quarterly billings will be charged a fee of \$20.00.
- 12) **Service to Customers outside L.I.D. #1 limits**
The Council of the R.M. of Strathclair may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and sewer services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the L.I.D. #1. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in the schedule, as well as a surcharge, set by resolution of council, which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes and special taxes for utility purposes in effect at the time, or may be in effect from time to time, and which would be levied on the property concerned if it were within these boundaries. In addition, the customer will pay all costs of connecting to the utility's mains, and installing and maintaining service connections.
- 13) **Dumping Fees**
Customers unloading septic trucks at the lagoon will be charged \$10.00 per load or \$250.00 per year. Council may, by resolution, waive this fee if certain circumstances warrant special consideration.
- 14) **New Connections**
Customers requiring new hook up to the water and sewer main lines will be responsible for the whole cost of installation right up to the main lines. This work must be done under the supervision of the Water Plant Operator. The customer will be responsible for the cost of maintenance of the line from the dwelling to the property line. The utility will be responsible for the cost of maintenance from the property line to the main line.