

MUNICIPALITY OF BRENDA-WASKADA
RURAL UTILITY
BY-LAW NO. 41-2024
WATER & WASTEWATER UTILITY RATES

BEING a By-law of the Municipality of Brenda-Waskada to establish new water and wastewater rates for the Rural Utility and provide for the collection thereof.

WHEREAS the Municipality of Brenda-Waskada owns and operates the Rural Water and Wastewater utility within the limits of the Municipality;

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:
- (i)** 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;
- 250(2)** Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a municipality may for municipal purposes do the following:
- (c)** acquire, establish, maintain and operate services, facilities and utilities;
- 252(1)** A municipality exercising powers in the nature of those referred to in clauses 250(2)(b),(c) and (e) may set terms and conditions in respect of users, including
- (a)** setting the rates or amounts of deposits, fees and other charges, and charging and collecting them;
- (b)** providing for a right of entry onto private property to determine compliance with other terms and conditions, to determine the amount of deposits, fees or other charges, or to disconnect a service; and
- (c)** discontinuing or disconnecting a service and refusing to provide the service to users who fail to comply with the terms and conditions.
- 252(2)** A charge referred to in clause (1)(a) may be collected by the municipality in the same manner as a tax may be collected or enforced under this Act.”

AND WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to provide rates for July 1, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and thereafter to be paid by persons to whom water and wastewater services are supplied by the Rural Utility and to provide for the collection thereof;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Municipality of Brenda-Waskada, in session duly assembled hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT consumers shall be charged quarterly for water and wastewater service supplied to them by the Rural Utility within the Municipality of Brenda-Waskada at the rates and terms set out in Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.
2. THAT the Municipality of Brenda-Waskada reserves the right to discontinue the supply of water for fountains, jets, hoses and sprinklers, or to limit the hours for use of the same, whenever, at the discretion of Council, it is in the best interests of the public to do so.
3. THAT no person, other than the Fire Chief or someone acting on their behalf, or a representative of the Municipality duly authorized in writing by the Municipality’s Chief Administrative Officer, shall open or use any fire hydrant, either for construction purposes, street cleaning, or any other purpose.
4. THAT the meter shut off valve inside premises serviced with water by the Municipality shall be readily accessible and not used by the owner except for the protection of the

premises. No person shall tamper with the meter or cause the water supply to bypass the meter. All pipes and valves inside the premises shall be kept in good repair by the owner or occupant. Any damage through neglect or otherwise, by a contractor for the owner or occupant, to the water service pipes from the street to the premises including the meter shall be the responsibility of the owner or occupant.

5. THAT no person shall wilfully or maliciously hinder or cause to hinder the Municipality or its representatives in the exercise of their duties in relation to the operation and maintenance of the water or wastewater system.

6. THAT any person violating any provision of this by-law shall:

a. be guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and costs for each violation;

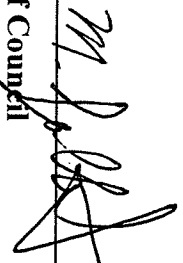
b. be liable to the Municipality of Brenda-Waskada for any expense, loss or damage suffered by the Municipality as a result of the violation;

c. be liable for the repairs and costs of the repairs to the system as a result of the violation. If that person is in default of effecting the repairs, the Municipality may effect the repairs and charge the cost thereof to that persons, or add the cost to property taxes and collect those property taxes in the same manner as other property taxes.

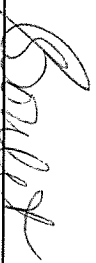
7. THAT this by-law and rates for July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, and thereafter, shall come into force and be effective on, from and after both approval of the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba and receipt of third and final reading thereof.

8. THAT By-law No. 45-2025 and its amendments are hereby repealed as of July 1, 2025 and upon final approval of By-laws No. 41-2024 and 42-2024 by the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba.

PASSED AND ENACTED by the Municipality of Brenda-Waskada in Council duly assembled, this 12 day of AUGUST **2025**.



Head of Council



Chief Administrative Officer

READ a First time this 12 day of August, **2024**.

READ a Second time this 12 day of August, **2025**.

READ a Third time and **PASSED** this 12 day of August, **2025**.

MUNICIPALITY OF BRENDA-WASKADA
RURAL UTILITY
WATER & WASTEWATER UTILITY RATES BY-LAW NO. 41-2024
SCHEDULE “A”
SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES

1. Commodity Rates & Quarterly Service Charge **July 1, 2025**

Quarterly Service Charge	\$21.96			
Quarterly Rates	Water	Wastewater	Water & Wastewater	
Per Thousand Gallons	\$17.83	\$9.84		\$27.67

2. Minimum Charges per Quarter

Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges per quarter set out below, which includes the volume allowance as listed. For all metered accounts, volumes in excess of the minimum quarterly allowance will be charged at the applicable commodity rate.

a. Metered Water & Wastewater, Metered Water Only Customers

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Volume Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum	Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8	1	3,000	\$ 21.96	\$ 53.49	\$ 29.52	\$ 104.97	\$ 75.45
3/4	2	6,000	\$ 21.96	\$ 106.98	\$ 59.04	\$ 187.98	\$ 128.94
1	4	12,000	\$ 21.96	\$ 213.96	\$ 118.08	\$ 354.00	\$ 235.92
1 1/2	10	30,000	\$ 21.96	\$ 534.90	\$ 295.20	\$ 852.06	\$ 556.86
2	25	75,000	\$ 21.96	\$ 1,337.25	\$ 738.00	\$ 2,097.21	\$1,359.21

b. Unmetered Wastewater Only for Residential Customers

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Volume Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Wastewater Only Total Quarterly Charge
Unmetered		6,000	\$ 21.96	\$ -	\$ 59.04	\$ 81.00

3. Bulk Water Sales Rate

Water sold in bulk by the Rural Utility shall be charged at a rate of \$19.75 per thousand gallons.

1. Commodity Rates & Quarterly Service Charge **July 1, 2026**

Quarterly Service Charge	\$22.46		
Quarterly Rates	Water	Wastewater	Water & Wastewater
Per Thousand Gallons	\$18.82	\$10.53	\$29.35

2. Minimum Charges per Quarter

Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges per quarter set out below, which includes the volume allowance as listed. For all metered accounts, volumes in excess of the minimum quarterly allowance will be charged at the applicable commodity rate.

a. Metered Water & Wastewater, Metered Water Only Customers

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Volume Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum	Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8	1	3,000	\$ 22.46	\$ 56.46	\$ 31.59	\$ 110.51	\$ 78.92
3/4	2	6,000	\$ 22.46	\$ 112.92	\$ 63.18	\$ 198.56	\$ 135.38
1	4	12,000	\$ 22.46	\$ 225.84	\$ 126.36	\$ 374.66	\$ 248.30
1 1/2	10	30,000	\$ 22.46	\$ 564.60	\$ 315.90	\$ 902.96	\$ 587.06
2	25	75,000	\$ 22.46	\$ 1,411.50	\$ 789.75	\$ 2,223.71	\$1,433.96

b. Unmetered Wastewater Only for Residential Customers

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Volume Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Wastewater Only Total Quarterly Charge
Unmetered		6,000	\$ 22.46	\$ -	\$ 63.18	\$ 85.64

3. Bulk Water Sales Rate

Water sold in bulk by the Rural Utility shall be charged at a rate of \$20.81 per thousand gallons.

1. Commodity Rates & Quarterly Service Charge July 1, 2027

Quarterly Service Charge \$22.96

Quarterly Rates	Water	Wastewater	Water & Wastewater
Per Thousand Gallons	\$19.81	\$11.22	\$31.03

2. Minimum Charges per Quarter

Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges per quarter set out below, which includes the volume allowance as listed. For all metered accounts, volumes in excess of the minimum quarterly allowance will be charged at the applicable commodity rate.

a. Metered Water & Wastewater, Metered Water Only Customers

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Volume Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum	Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8	1	3,000	\$ 22.96	\$ 59.43	\$ 33.66	\$ 116.05	\$ 82.39
3/4	2	6,000	\$ 22.96	\$ 118.86	\$ 67.32	\$ 209.14	\$ 141.82
1	4	12,000	\$ 22.96	\$ 237.72	\$ 134.64	\$ 395.32	\$ 260.68
1 1/2	10	30,000	\$ 22.96	\$ 594.30	\$ 336.60	\$ 953.86	\$ 617.26
2	25	75,000	\$ 22.96	\$ 1,485.75	\$ 841.50	\$ 2,350.21	\$1,508.71

b. Unmetered Wastewater Only for Residential Customers

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Volume Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Wastewater Only Total Quarterly Charge
Unmetered		6,000	\$ 22.96	\$ -	\$ 67.32	\$ 90.28

3. Bulk Water Sales Rate

Water sold in bulk by the Rural Utility shall be charged at a rate of \$21.81 per thousand gallons.

1. Commodity Rates & Quarterly Service Charge July 1, 2028

Quarterly Service Charge	\$23.45		
Quarterly Rates	Water	Wastewater	Water & Wastewater
Per Thousand Gallons	\$20.79	\$11.89	\$32.68

2. Minimum Charges per Quarter

Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges per quarter set out below, which includes the volume allowance as listed. For all metered accounts, volumes in excess of the minimum quarterly allowance will be charged at the applicable commodity rate.

a. Metered Water & Wastewater, Metered Water Only Customers

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Volume Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum	Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8	1	3,000	\$ 23.45	\$ 62.37	\$ 35.67	\$ 121.49	\$ 85.82
3/4	2	6,000	\$ 23.45	\$ 124.74	\$ 71.34	\$ 219.53	\$ 148.19
1	4	12,000	\$ 23.45	\$ 249.48	\$ 142.68	\$ 415.61	\$ 272.93
1 1/2	10	30,000	\$ 23.45	\$ 623.70	\$ 356.70	\$ 1,003.85	\$ 647.15
2	25	75,000	\$ 23.45	\$ 1,559.25	\$ 891.75	\$ 2,474.45	\$1,582.70

b. Unmetered Wastewater Only for Residential Customers

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Volume Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Wastewater Only Total Quarterly Charge
Unmetered		6,000	\$ 23.45	\$ -	\$ 71.34	\$ 94.79

3. Bulk Water Sales Rate

Water sold in bulk by the Rural Utility shall be charged at a rate of \$23.00 per thousand gallons.

The following clauses take effect July 1, 2025:

4. Service To Customers Outside Municipal Limits

The Council of Municipality of Brenda-Waskada may sign Agreements with customers for the provision of water and wastewater services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the Municipality. 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 Municipal boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the Utility's mains, and installing and maintaining service connections, will be paid by the customer.

5. Billings And Penalties

Accounts shall be billed quarterly and the due date shall be at least 14 days after the mailing of the bills. A late payment penalty of 1¼ % compounded monthly shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date.

6. Disconnection

The Public Utilities Board has approved the Conditions Precedent to be followed by the Municipality with respect to disconnection of service for non-payment, including such matters as notice and the right to appeal such action to The Public Utilities Board. A copy of the Conditions Precedent is available for inspection at the Municipality's office. The Southwest Regional Water Co-op owns the rural distribution lines and as such, service disconnections on these lines requested by Utility customers are performed by Southwest Regional Water Co-op staff and subject to a disconnection fee set by the Co-op.

7. Reconnection

Any service disconnected, whether due to non-payment of account or for any other reason(s) mutually agreed to by the customer and the Municipality (i.e. repairs necessitated by negligence of the customer, changes in tenant, vacancy for an extended period of time, etc.) shall not be reconnected until a reconnection fee of \$50 and all arrears and penalties, if any, have been paid.

8. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of the Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and wastewater services, including fines and penalties, 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. Where charges and penalties pursuant to this by-law are not paid within sixty (60) days from the date when they were incurred, said charges and penalties shall be added to the taxes on the property and collected in the same manner as other taxes.

9. Wastewater Surcharges

- a) There may be levied annually, in addition to the rates set forth above, a special surcharge on wastewater having a Biochemical Oxygen Demand in excess of 300 parts per million, to be set by Resolution of Council.
- b) A special surcharge for substances requiring special treatment shall be charged based on the actual costs of treatment required for the particular wastewater or industrial waste.

10. Meter Testing

That in any case where a utility customer requests that a meter be tested for accuracy, the customer will provide the Municipality with a deposit of \$100. The Municipality will then remove the subject meter and send it to an independent lab for testing. If the meter is found to be faulty, all costs associated with the testing process will be borne by the Municipality and the deposit will be refunded to the customer. If the meter is found to be in proper working order, all costs associated with the testing process will be borne by the customer and the customer will be billed or refunded any balance owing.

11. Meter Tampering

Where there is evidence of meter tampering a minimum charge of \$500 will be applied to the customer's account in addition to an amount calculated to adjust for the tampering based on historical usage.

12. Cross Connections

No customer or person shall connect, cause to be connected or allow to remain connected any piping, fixture, fitting, container or appliance in a manner which under any circumstances may allow water, wastewater or any harmful liquid or substance to enter the Municipality's water system.

If a condition is found to exist which, in the opinion of the Municipality, is contrary to the aforesaid, the Municipality may either:

- Shut off the service or services; or
- Give notice to the customer to correct the fault at his or her own expense within a specified time period. If the customer fails to comply with such notice the Municipality shall proceed in accordance with clause 1 of this section.

13. Conditions of Disrepair

In the event that there are conditions of disrepair in the wastewater and water works on a property that detrimentally affects the system as a whole and, upon the failure of the owner of the property to correct the condition within a reasonable time, the Municipality, or its agents, may enter the property, effect repairs and charge the cost thereof against the subject property as ordinary taxes.

14. Authorization for Officer to Enter Upon Premises

The Public Works Foreman, or other employee authorized by the Municipality in the absence of the Public Works Foreman, shall be authorized to enter upon any premise for the purpose of:

- affixing to any pipe, wire or apparatus connected with any such utility, a meter or any other measuring or testing device; or
- taking readings from, repairing, inspecting or removing any meter or apparatus belonging to the Municipality.

15. Water Allowance Due To Line Freezing

In any case where, at the request of 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 the 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.

