



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF DUFFERIN

By-law No. 2037

*Being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin to amend By-Law No. 2024 that established water rates within the municipality to provide for a "pass-through" rate increase from the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative as per Public Utility Board Order No. 138/22*

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Dufferin owns and operates the Dufferin Waterline Distribution System 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:

(1) public utilities;

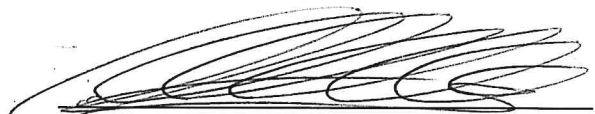
232(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a council may in a by-law passed under this Division

(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 Dufferin, in council duly assembled, as follows:

1. THAT By-law No. 2024 enacted by the Rural Municipality of Dufferin the 14th day of November, 2023 is hereby repealed.
2. 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 charges for metered water services for the preceding quarter. Consumers shall pay for water service supplied to them by the Rural Municipality of Dufferin at the rates and terms set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.
3. THAT this By-law 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 Dufferin, in Council duly assembled this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

  
Reeve Cor Lodder

  
Chief Administrative Officer Sharla Murray

Read a first time, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

Read a second time, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

Read a third time, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

SCHEDULE 'A'

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF DUFFERIN

WATER RATES BY-LAW NO. 2037

Schedule of Quarterly Rates effective January 1, 2025

1. Commodity rates per M.G. effective January 1, 2025

All water consumption	\$ 21.58
Bulk Water	\$ 23.20

2. Minimum Charges, Quarterly effective January 1, 2025

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
5/8 "	1	3,000	\$ 29.01	\$ 64.73	\$ 93.74
3/4"	2	6,000	\$ 29.01	\$ 129.46	\$ 158.47
1"	4	12,000	\$ 29.01	\$ 258.92	\$ 287.93
1.5"	10	30,000	\$ 29.01	\$ 647.30	\$ 676.31
2"	25	75,000	\$ 29.01	\$ 1,618.26	\$ 1,647.27
3"	45	135,000	\$ 29.01	\$ 2,912.87	\$ 2,941.88

3. Service to Customers outside the Rural Municipality of Dufferin

(a) The council of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin for supplying water to such Municipalities, Corporations and individuals.

(b) The rates to be charged to such outside users shall be the same 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, all costs of connecting to the utility mains and installing, maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

4. 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 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.

5. Billings and Penalties

Accounts shall be billed quarterly and shall be due and payable at least fourteen days after the billing date. A penalty of 1¼% per month shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date.

6. Disconnection and Reconnection of Service for Non-Payment

The Public Utilities Board has approved the Conditions Precedent, Order Nos. 172/18 to be followed by the municipality with respect to the disconnection of service for non-payment including such matters as notice and the right to appeal such action to the Public Utilities Board.

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account or otherwise shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties, and a reconnection fee of \$35.00 have been paid.

7. Outstanding Utility Charges are a Lien on Land

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of *The Municipal Act*, the amount of all outstanding charges for water 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. Water Used During Construction

Contractors using water in connection with the construction of buildings be charged a flat fee of \$35.00 for dwellings and \$55.00 for commercial buildings for every three month period until completion.