

## **BYLAW NO 8/23**

### **A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF BUENA VISTA TO FIX THE TARIFF OF FEES CHARGED AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH WATER WILL BE SUPPLIED, HEREINAFTER CALLED "The Water Bylaw"**

The Council of the village of Buena Vista, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. (a) Homeowners desiring to be supplied with water from the Municipal system shall apply to the Municipality's officials. Each application shall be accompanied by payment of a meter deposit in the sum set out in Schedule "A".  
  
(b) When required, if Village personnel are to replace the water meter plate there will be a charge of \$70.00 which includes materials.  
  
(c) Infrastructure fees will be charged monthly as set out in Schedule "A"
2. The Village may, by bylaw, ration or limit the amount of water supplied to any and/or all consumers should circumstances warrant such action.
3. All water meters will be read on the first regular working day of the month.
4. All Utility charges will be the responsibility of the homeowner.
5. If the water supply is shut off from the premises of a user for infringement of the provisions of this bylaw, same shall not be turned on until all penalties, fees, rates, charges, deposits, and arrears, if any, have been paid in full.

#### **PAYMENTS**

6. Charges to be paid by the homeowner whose water service has been turned on or off are set out in Schedule "A"; the minimum charge will be payable in every case whether or not any water has been consumed.
7. Accounts for water service shall cover one month and shall be rendered in the next month following each period. Accounts are deemed to be in arrears if payment is not received within 30 days from the date on which such accounts are rendered. Administrative action will be taken if accounts are not paid within 60 days and the water service may be disconnected if accounts are not paid within 90 days. The water will not be reconnected without the consumer first having paid all arrears and charges and a fee

described in Schedule "A", for turning the service off and on, plus the minimum charge for three months of water in advance.

8. Where a cheque tendered for payment of a water bill is returned for any reason by the financial institution on which it was drawn, a handling fee in an amount set out in Schedule "A" shall be charged by the Village.

### **SUMMER LINES**

9. (a) No homeowner with a summer water line shall be permitted to connect their water before May 1 of each year unless an application is made by the owner, in writing, to have the service connected before that date. The application is to state that the owner will be responsible for any damages resulting from the early connection of the water service. 48 hours notice is required, the Village cannot guarantee preference of date or time. Failure to give 48 hours notice will result in the emergency turn on fee being charged.
  - (b) Homeowners must make an appointment to disconnect all summer water lines by September 30 of each year. 48 hours notice is required, the Village cannot guarantee preference of date or time. Failure to give 48 hours notice will result in the emergency turn off fee being charged. Should the homeowner desire to have water service extended beyond September 30, the application must be made in writing by the homeowner to have the service continued. The application must state the homeowner is responsible for any damages resulting from the extension of service.
10. Where the Village is unable to gain access to a meter to conduct the Villages business, the service may be discontinued to the premises until the Village is granted access to the water meter.

### **CHARGES AND PENALTIES**

11. The fee for connections and disconnections will be as stated in Schedule "A". A minimum of two working days' notice must be given to the village Administrator in advance of the actual connection and/or disconnection date.
12. If accounts are not cleared after 60 days the Village will take administrative action and a 2.0% penalty will be added to the arrears.
13. Where a customer fails to pay the account for services, any unpaid charges can be added to the tax roll for the premises, in such a manner as permitted pursuant to section 369 of The Municipalities Act.


14. No person other than Village personnel will be allowed to perform connections and disconnections in the Village. Any other person found guilty of performing these will be subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 for the first offense, \$1,000.00 for the second offense, and so on, to a maximum of \$10,000.00 per occurrence thereafter.

**COMING INTO FORCE**

15. The rates, charges, tolls, or rents contained in this bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of approval being issued by the Saskatchewan Municipal Board - Local Government Committee.
16. That Bylaw 6/23 be repealed.



  
Mayor

  
Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023  
Read a second time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023  
Read a third time and adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

**Certified True Copy**

I hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original document dated this 12 day of September, 2023.

