**VILLAGE OF AVONLEA**

**BYLAW NO. 283-19**

**A BYLAW RESPECTING INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND GUIDELINES FOR WATERWORKS SERVICES**

The Council of the Village of Avonlea in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

This Bylaw shall be known as the “The Waterworks Bylaw”

The purpose of this Bylaw is to provide for the installation of the water services and to set terms and guidelines for the water service.

**Service Connections**

1. Every person wanting a service connection shall make application to the Village office and be accompanied by the payment of a fee or meter deposit as set out in the Water & Sewer Bylaw. The meter deposit shall be refunded upon service being discontinued and all water usage charges paid in full.
2. The Village will supply a water service connection that includes a curb stop (installed on the property line) and water meter (Meter Deposit charge as per Water & Sewer Bylaw), of which remain property of the Village. Damages to any Village infrastructure including the curb stop or water meter caused by the owner will be the responsibility of the owner.
3. It is the Village policy that each property be serviced by only one connection and water meter. If a second service is requested and the Village agrees it is necessary, cost recovery rate will apply.
4. The homeowner is responsible for the total cost of their service connections from the main to the premise, including the cost of construction, maintenance, repair and replacement of the water service connection.
5. The Village recommends all work on private property to be completed by a qualified contractor. The Village takes no responsibility for this work and the associated costs.
6. An isolation valve must be in place before the water meter be installed.
7. All water services must be metered.
8. No branch service will be taken from the part of the service pipe between the curb stop and the water meter.
9. No person other than an employee shall open, close or interfere with any a curb stop, hydrant or any waterworks outside that person’s private premises.
10. No person shall turn on water that has been turned off by the Village for any reason.

**Water Meters**

1. All meters are the property of the Village, and shall be supplied and maintained by the Village unless alternate arrangements are approved by council.
2. If an alternate arrangement is made, the customer shall pay the additional costs for supplying and installing the meter and the water meter shall remain the property of the Village.
3. The owner shall provide a suitable site for the water meter, convenient and accessible and at a horizontal setting near the point of entry for the water service connection; inside the building.
4. All dwellings shall have a remote readout installed at a location accessible for the Maintenance staff to read at the owner’s expense.
5. The owner shall provide easy access to the meter for removal, maintenance and reading.

**Protection and Damaged Water Meters**

1. Every owner shall ensure the water service connection and water meter are protected from frost and other damage once placed upon the premises at their own risk and expense.
2. If any water meter is Frozen, damaged or requires replacement under any circumstances, the Village may attempt to repair or need to replace the meter and that the owner will be charged at the cost recovery rate. This shall include all parts and labour required to replace and repair, or the cost recovery rate to replace with a new meter.
3. No person shall interfere with any meter, whether inside or outside a premise.
4. No person shall alter or tamper any water meter.

**Access to Waterworks**

1. The Village shall have access, upon reasonable notice to the owner or occupant, to all parts of every building in which waterworks services are delivered or consumed.
2. The Village maintenance staff may at any time enter upon any premises and properties of any water consumer to examine meters and fixtures to pressure test, install or repair meters, read water meters, sample or for any other related purpose in accordance with provisions of this Bylaw.

**Water Meter Readings**

1. Water meters will be read the first week of every quarter and at the discretion of the Village.
2. If a meter read cannot be obtained a card will be left requesting the customer to notify the Village with the reading within three days. If a reading is not supplied an estimate will apply.
3. If a remote readout reads a discrepancy between the water meter readings, the meter shall be the official reading and Village staff will need access the water meter to obtain a reading.

**Water Use Restrictions**

1. The Village may declare water use restrictions when they determine that, for any reason the Village may not be able to maintain a sufficient supply of water to meet the health and safety needs of the residents without imposing such restrictions.
2. In the case of an emergency or water shortage, the Village may shut the water off.
3. The Village may limit, restrict, regulate and invoke emergency measures for the water conservation, the hours which water may be used for any purposes whatsoever, the days, the uses, or any water use restrictions as may be necessary in the circumstances.
4. The Administration shall inform the general public of the water use restrictions declared by the council and indicate the period in which the restrictions will be in effect.
5. The Village maintains the right to restrict the use of water and/or limit the amount of water to any owner although no limit may be stated.

**Limitation of Liability**

1. The Village does not guarantee the quantity, quality, pressure, or uninterrupted supply of the water and the owner undertakes to hold the Village harmless from all claims, losses and damages therefrom.
2. Any water supplied by the Village from the waterworks system to the applicant shall only be supplied on the condition that the applicant shall make no claim against the Village, its officials and employees within the scope of their employment, as is the case may be. It is a further condition of supply that the applicant shall make no claim for any indirect, incidental or consequential damages, including but not limited to, lost profits.
3. The Village will not be liable for any damages resulting from the loss of supply or pressure, damages caused by the break of any water main, service, meter, private service, damages caused by any operation of the Village waterworks system unless such costs or damages have been shown to be directly due to the negligence of the Village or its employees.

**Penalties**

1. Any person who contravenes the provisions of this bylaw is guilty of an offense and liable on summary conviction shall be liable to the penalty provided for by the general penalty bylaw
2. Bylaw 186-90 is hereby repealed.
3. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of its final passing.

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