

VILLAGE OF VANSCOY
BYLAW 4-13

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE, REGULATE AND MANAGE THE WATER AND SEWER
SERVICES

Council of the Village of Vanscoy, in the Province of Saskatchewan, in open meeting, enact as follows:

Part 1 – Introduction

Title

1. This bylaw shall be known as the Water and Sewer Management Bylaw

Purpose

2. The purpose of this bylaw is to provide for and manage the water and sanitary services for residential, commercial, industrial and institutional users

Scope

3. This bylaw shall apply within the corporate limits of the Village of Vanscoy

Part II – Definitions

1. Administrator – the admin of the Village of Vanscoy
2. Council – Council of the Village of Vanscoy
3. Owner – Owner of any land or building to which water and sewer services are supplied
4. User – the owner of land or building who makes applications for water and sewer services to any premises situated on their land
-any other person who is not an owner of the land or building who makes application for water and sewer services to any premises situated on the property

Part III – General Regulations

1. Every owner or user who wishes to obtain water and sewer services to any premises shall make application to the Village of Vanscoy and pay all necessary fees and charges levied for the installation of service lines, meters and any other thing deemed necessary for the provision of water and sewer service
2. Every person who wishes to obtain water and sewer services to any premises shall, prior to the provision, pay the following amounts, by way of a non-refundable per connection administration fee:
 - a) The sum of \$150 if the user is an owner
 - b) The sum of \$150 if the user is not an owner and the meter is required to be connected
 - c) The sum of \$50 if the user is not an owner and no new meter is required to be connected
3. Every person receiving a meter will be given a meter reading puck that must be installed at the time the meter is installed. The puck shall be placed, whenever possible, on the front of the building, where it is easily accessible to the meter reader

Part IV – Water Supply Regulations

1. Every owner shall make provision for the installation of the inside water meter in a location easily accessible for personnel for examination and maintenance and shall at all times properly and efficiently protect the service pipe and meter from frost or other injury so the meter shall not become damaged
2. Every owner or occupant connected to the Village Water system shall permit access to the building by Village personnel to examine, inspect and repair the water meter at all reasonable times
3. All water meters shall be sealed at the time of installation and it shall be an offence for any person to break the seal and tamper with the meter in any way. Where evidence of tampering of the seal or meter is found, the person who applied for the service shall be deemed responsible and is liable to the penalty prescribed in this bylaw
4. In the event that a meter, when read, is found to register incorrectly, an amount based on the user's average from previous periods will be used to calculate the billing
5. It shall be an offence for any person not authorized by Council, to open, close or tamper with any curb stop, fire hydrant or valve connected to the Village water system
6. It shall be an offence for person to interfere, obstruct or abuse any Village employee engaged in maintenance, inspection or repair of a curb stop, fire hydrant or valve connected to the Village water system
7. The cost of the installation of water lines from the water main to the building shall be the sole responsibility of the property owner
8. For reason of making repair or extension of mains or service, the Village shall have the right to shut off water to any customer, without notice, for a period necessary to complete the repair or connection
9. The Village and its employees shall not be liable for any damages resulting from the discontinuance of water supply, with or without notice, to any building or boiler deriving its water supply from the Village water system
10. Every owner or user of premises connected to the Village water system, shall give reasonable notice to the Administrator of his intended or actual vacating of the premises
11. Where a user permits a water meter to freeze and damages result, the cost of the repair or replacement shall be added to the user's account
12. Every user of water service shall be billed on a monthly basis and shall render payment of that bill before the end of the month in which it was issued
13. Every user will be billed the minimum fee regardless of the quantity of consumption
14. Calculations of water service shall be based on estimates and actual meter data will be applied at least every three months, or when council determines a rate change is necessary
15. Estimate amounts may be increased at council's discretion in the event they feel the estimated amount is insufficient
16. Accounts for water service shall cover a period of one month

Part V – Sewer Service Regulations

1. Every owner shall take every reasonable precaution not to cause a blockage in the sewer line between the building and the Village sewer main
2. If a blockage occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the owner to have the material blocking the line removed; if the blocking material was placed in the line at the building, the owner shall be responsible for the cost of unplugging the sewer line
3. The Village shall be responsible for maintaining the sewer line in good condition from the property line to the sewer main and make all necessary repairs to the sewer line installed on Village property
4. If a blockage occurs in the line between the property line and the sewer main because of broken, damaged, or collapsed line, the cost of removing the material blocking the pipe will be the responsibility of the Village
5. The Village shall have the right to shut off water service to any user for non-payment of the charges levied for unplugging a sewer line or making repair to a sewer line
6. If the user of sewer service fails to pay amounts charged the Village may discontinue the provision of water and sewer service upon giving notice of its intent to do so. The Village shall not be liable for any damages resulting from the discontinuance of water supply
7. Arrears of water and sewer service and penalties may be added to the taxes of that property and subject to the provisions of the Tax Enforcement Act
8. If any rate or charge owed by the owner is in arrears after the owner has vacated, the charges may be added to and form part of the taxes on the land
9. Every user of sewer service shall be billed on a monthly basis
10. Accounts in arrears shall be subject to a written warning. Amounts which remain in arrears will be subject to termination of service. When service is terminated, it will not be connected until such time as the account is paid in full. A re-connection fee of \$100 will be added and must be paid before service is re-connected

Part VI – Repeal

Bylaw 2-10 is hereby repealed

Part VII – Coming Into Force

Bylaw 4-13 shall come into force and take effect upon its final passing

Seal

Mayor

Administrator

Certified true copy of Bylaw 4-13

Adopted by resolution this _____

Day of _____, _____

Administrator