

ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION REPORT

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Year: 2025

Name of Municipality: TOWN OF CHURCHBRIDGE

Date: July 17, 2026

WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

In February 2025, Council passed a bylaw 2024-001 to fix the rates to be charged for the use and consumption of water and to fix the rates to be charged by way of rent and service charge for the use of the sewer for 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Under the Water & Sewer Rate Bylaw, the 2025 water rate of \$128.52 for the first 6000 gallons of water used per quarter and .004 per gallon in excess of 6000 gallons per quarter, as adopted under the Water & Sewer Bylaw 2024-001, dated February 18, 2025.

DATE	RATE	MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE
April 1, 2025	\$.004	IN EXCESS OF 6000 GALLONS \$42.84

The rates and fees are determined from the prior year Utilities Expenses, plus an approximate adjustment for inflation (in the past three percent). Utility Expenses included in the calculation include: wages, benefits, memberships, training, insurance, lab fees, contracted services, heat, power, telephone, office/advertising, materials, supplies, chemicals for water & sewer, sewer other, lagoon, lift station repairs, line repairs, capital purchases, long term debt issued, and amortization.

The objective of the Waterworks Rate Policy is to ensure that we have reserves put away to repair and replace our aging infrastructure.

WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The objective of the waterworks capital investment strategy is to address anticipated waterworks infrastructure maintenance and replacements in a timely fashion so as to ensure the municipal waterworks provides safe drinking water to residents and businesses. The strategy uses the 2010 & 2015 waterworks system assessment that was required by the Water Security Agency for infrastructure planning.

To cover the costs of future waterworks infrastructure maintenance and replacements, Council will likely need to undertake in the future a combination of increasing water rates to build the waterworks reserves. The capital investment strategy will ensure that safe drinking water can be provided to the residents, businesses, and surrounding rural community in the present and future.

In 2017 the Water Security Agency issued a permit for 5 years, with a condition that superchlorination be started to reach breakpoint and that a more permanent remedy must be in place by 2022. Council increased the infrastructure fee from \$35/quarter to \$100/quarter in July 2017 with the intent to increase the reserves so a permanent remedy can be put in place within the timeline. Currently, the Reverse Osmosis System was installed and operational in October of 2021 to all residents.

ANNUAL WATERWORKS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The following is information on the waterworks, as required under The Municipalities Regulations:

2025 Waterworks Overview:

Total waterworks revenues: \$410,914.31

Total waterworks expenditures: \$315,113.06

Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures, expressed as a ratio:

$$\frac{\$410,914.31}{\$315,113.06} = 1.30$$

RESERVES

Reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure - \$51,080.55

The following additional information is available at the Municipal Office on the waterworks:

- The Water and Sewer Rate Bylaw 2024-001
- Capital plans in place and related sources of funding for the projects.
- Capital Plans including the Small Communities Fund (SCF) Funding Agreement for the Reversis Osmosis Upgrade- \$2,245,000 (2/3 and 1/3 split- 2/3 is Federal/Provincial Governments and 1/3 is the Town cost sharing)
- 2024 financial overview of the waterworks.
- Waterworks reserves.
- A copy of the 2010 & 2015 waterworks assessment.
- A current Water Operator Agreement exists between the Town of Bredenbury, Town of Churchbridge, Town of Esterhazy, and the Town of Saltcoats.