

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DAWSON CREEK

BYLAW NO. 4088

A bylaw of The Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek (hereinafter called "the City") to establish Sewer Rates and Regulations.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City deems it necessary from time to time to establish rates and regulations for the use of the municipal sewer system;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek hereby enacts as follows:

1. All users shall pay a variable as well as a fixed infrastructure charge as set out in Schedule A.
2. Each property connected to the sewer system shall have its own service directly from the principal building to the sewer main. Costs for such connections shall be paid by the property owner.
3. The property owner is required to have an easily accessible clean out installed on the soil waste stack, where the sewer service leaves the building and such clean out shall be a minimum of 4" in diameter inside.
4. All installations must be performed by a certified plumber and must adhere to the requirements of the Servicing and Subdivision Bylaw, the City of Dawson Creek Sewer and Sewer Connecting Lines Service Bylaw, or any other applicable bylaws, except where permission has been granted in writing by the City Engineering Department.
5. No person shall connect a building service to a sewer main, connect a building service to a previously installed service at property line, install a service box at property line, or otherwise excavate to accommodate such works without having first obtained a Service Connection Permit from the City. The fee for such permit shall be charged in accordance to Schedule A. The issuance of Service Connection Permits is at the sole discretion of the City. The City Engineering Department shall not issue such permit unless the applicant has demonstrated competence to perform such work. The City may inspect any works undertaken under such Permit and may accept or reject the work.
6. The property owner is responsible for all sewer blockages between the building and the sewer main, except for damage from a broken pipe under the street or lane.
7. The property owner is required to employ a certified plumber to attempt to determine, with the use of a hand snake, the extent of the damage, but shall not excavate without the approval of the City Engineering Department.
8. The City will not attempt to remove any blockage by working through a roof vent stack.
9. The City will, upon request of the property owner, assist with exploratory examinations of all blockages. Costs for such examinations shall be paid by the property owner.
10. Owners requesting assistance other than the exploratory examination will be charged actual manpower and equipment costs.

11. No person shall tamper with, or obstruct access to, any part of the sewerworks system. Any person contravening this section shall be assessed the full costs of any repair, replacement or removal required by reason of their actions.
12. No contractor, builder or other person shall use, for building purposes or otherwise, the sewerworks system without obtaining a Temporary Use Permit.
13. Any person or company disposing of sewage from a truck into the City sewerage system shall pay a rate as set out in Schedule A.
14. Deposits will only be made at a location designated by the City of Dawson Creek. No grease, solid waste or other material detrimental to the sewerage disposal system shall be deposited into the City's sewerage system.
15. Users of metered water being used solely for irrigation purposes will only be charged rates in accordance with the City of Dawson Creek Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw and not the variable rate or the fixed charge as set out in this bylaw.
16. Users of the City of Dawson Creek sewerage system outside of municipal boundaries shall pay the fixed infrastructure charge and a minimum variable amount based on the average bi-monthly homeowner water usage of 33 m³.
17. The rates, fees and charges levied or imposed under the provisions of this bylaw are a special charge upon the lands or real property in respect of which the sewer service is supplied or used. All rates, fees and charges under the provisions of this Bylaw, in addition to any other remedies, may be levied, collected and recovered from the owner in the same manner and subject to the same incidents as taxes upon land and improvements.
18. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Bylaw shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not to exceed the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars together with costs for each offence and each day during which any violation, contravention or breach shall continue, shall be deemed as a separate offence.
19. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase in this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by a decision of any Court of competent jurisdiction, the decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this bylaw.
20. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "**SEWER RATES AND REGULATIONS BYLAW NO. 4088, 2010**".
21. This bylaw shall take effect on January 1, 2011.

22. Effective January 1, 2011, the following bylaws and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed:

- a. Sewer Rates Adjacent Area Bylaw 156, 1955;
- b. Sewer Frontage Tax Bylaw 338, 1958;
- c. Sewerage Frontage Tax Validating Bylaw 378, 1959;
- d. Sewer Rates Amendment Bylaw 2866, 1991;
- e. Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw 2909, 1992;

READ a first time this _____ day of _____, 2010.

READ a second time this _____ day of _____, 2010.

READ a third time this _____ day of _____, 2010.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

<p>CERTIFIED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY of Bylaw No. 4088 cited as "SEWER RATES AND REGULATIONS BYLAW NO. 4088, 2010".</p> <p>_____ Brenda Ginter Director of Corporate Administration</p>

The Corporate Seal of **THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DAWSON CREEK** was affixed in the presence of:

Mike Bernier – Mayor

Brenda Ginter – Director of Corporate Administration

SEWER RATES & REGULATIONS BYLAW**SCHEDULE A**

Item	Fee
Disposing from a truck into City sewer system	\$3.00 per cubic meter as measured at the metering station
Service Connection Permit	\$50.00
Camera	\$125.00 per inspection
Manpower (vehicle and equipment)	\$80.00 per regular hour \$130.00 per overtime hour

Sewer Rates	2011 Rate	2013 Rate
Variable Rate for Sewer (Based on 60% of water rates)	\$.72/m ³	\$1.01/m ³
Rate for users outside municipal boundaries (Based on 60% of the average household usage of 33 m ³ of water bi-monthly)	\$23.76	\$33.26

Sewer Fixed Infrastructure Charge Based on water meter size	
Water Meter size	Bi-Monthly Charge
5/8"	\$14.80
3/4"	\$21.20
1"	\$38.00
1½ "	\$85.20
2"	\$151.60
3"	\$340.80
4"	\$606.40
6"	\$1364.40