

TOWN OF MILESTONE

2025 ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION REPORT

DATE AVAILABLE: August 31st, 2026

A) WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

i) Resolution by Council: The Council for the Town of Milestone passed a resolution on April 24, 2024 approving the 2024 Town of Milestone Waterworks Rate Policy. A move to make the waterworks system “self-contained” is a goal of the Council.

ii) Description of Waterworks Rates and Fees:

The Town of Milestone’s waterworks rates and fees are based on Bylaw #2024-01 and are set in imperial gallons. The rate schedule is as listed in the following Schedule:

TOWN OF MILESTONE WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULE #1 TO BYLAW NO. 2024-01

SCHEDULE "A"

Water Rates

The following billing rates shall be charged and levied against all commercial and residential consumers within the Town of Milestone limits from the town’s waterworks where a meter has been installed:

<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Charge</u>
0 to 3,000 Imp Gallons	\$ 52.67 Minimum / month
3,001 to 4,000 Imp Gallons	\$ 5.00 per 1,000 Imp Gallons (or portion thereof)
4,001 to 999,999 Imp Gallons	\$ 7.50 per 1,000 Imp Gallons (or portion thereof)

The following billing rates shall be charged and levied against all consumers outside the Town of Milestone limits from the town’s waterworks where a meter has been installed:

<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Charge</u>
0 to 3,000 Imp Gallons	\$ 52.67 Minimum / month
3,001 to 4,000 Imp Gallons	\$ 5.00 per 1,000 Imp Gallons (or portion thereof)
4,001 to 999,999 Imp Gallons	\$ 7.50 per 1,000 Imp Gallons (or portion thereof)

SCHEDULE "B"

Sewer Rates

Consumers who own or occupy premises drained or required by bylaw to be drained into the Town’s sewage system shall pay for such a Billing Rental or service charge based on water consumption in accordance with the following:

Flat rate per month per connection	\$20.34
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SCHEDULE "C"

Capital Infrastructure Charge

Consumers who own or occupy premises to which property is serviced with Town utility services shall pay the following

Flat rate per month per connection	\$27.84
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SCHEDULE "D"

Bulk Water Rates

Water sold from the Town’s reservoir, as general water sales shall be at the following rate:

\$5.00 per 100 Imperial gallons

iii) How Waterworks Rates and Fees are Determined:

The Council for the Town of Milestone reviews water rates annually. Future rate increases will likely be made on a multi-year basis. The Town determines their rates by looking at the overall cost structure within the Town, Grants are pending for upgrades to the Water plant to make the system more cost effective and reduce expenses. The cost structure within the Waterworks Department, and the Town's position in relation to regional rates as well as the province-wide rate structure as determined by The Ministry of Government Relation's "Average Water & Sewer Cost for Saskatchewan Communities" report. The Town tries to be cognitive of provincial rates while maintaining an affordable fee structure for the residents.

iv) Objectives of the Waterworks Rate Policy:

The objectives of the Waterworks Rate Policy are to pay for the services provided, to provide for training and development of waterworks personnel, to promote safe and clean drinking water, to promote economic development, to promote water conservation, and to help contribute to other areas of need for the citizens of the Town of Milestone.

In the future, the Waterworks Rate Policy will continue to be designed to provide clean, safe water to the citizens and businesses of Milestone. The Town of Milestone is also moving towards treating the waterworks process as a "stand alone" entity. Due to the fact that waterworks revenue went to general revenue for years, keeping waterworks self-contained will take some time.

B) WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

i) Resolution by Council: The Council for the Town of Milestone passed a resolution on Oct 7, 2007 approving the 2007 Town of Milestone Waterworks Capital Investment Strategy. This policy will be reviewed and adopted in 2026.

ii) Objectives of the Waterworks Capital Investment Strategy:

The objectives of the Waterworks Capital Investment Strategy is to keep an open line of communication between Town Council and the Public Works Department and the Water Works Department in order for the Council to provide its citizens and businesses with clean, safe water and to facilitate the compliance with any regulations associated with the waterworks infrastructure.

ii) How Capital Plans are Determined and Financed:

Capital plans are determined in a number of ways. A summary is listed below:

a) The Town Public Works Foreman are in regular contact with members of Saskatchewan Environment, the Water Security Agency, DELCO, BCL Engineering (Engineers who designed virtually the entire waterworks system for the Town of Milestone), Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, and other regulatory agencies and affiliated parties. Also, the 2020 Waterworks System Assessment is consulted. The purpose of this contact is to assess our waterworks infrastructure and to determine any areas of concern that need immediate or future attention.

b) The Town Public Works Foreman continually monitor our infrastructure to ensure compliance with any regulations and to determine any areas of concern that need immediate or future attention.

c) The Town Public Works Foreman is in constant communication with the CAO and Town Council. This communication is achieved through Council meetings, budget meetings, committee meetings and day-to-day contact. It is through this communication that deficiencies in the waterworks infrastructure are discussed, priorities are determined, and action to address the deficiencies are taken.

d) Funding for any waterworks projects is determined based on the importance of the project in relation to the waterworks department and in relation to the overall needs of the community. Waterworks projects that are vital to the safety of the waterworks system will be funded by whatever means are available. Waterworks revenue, general revenue, reserve funding, grant applications, or borrowing, or any combination of these revenue sources may be used to fund waterworks projects.

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2025 WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Project	Planned Year of Completion	2025 Cost	Future Costs	Source of Funding
1) Tie in New Well	2025	\$20,953.43	\$0	WW revenue
2) Water Plant Filter Bio Conversion & reservoir expansion	2028	\$ 0	\$2,582,000	Grants
3) New Well House Replacement	2029		\$5,000	WW revenue & reserves
4) Hydrant Replacement	2030		\$10,000	WW revenue & reserves
5) Replace Lagoon Pipeline	2035		\$500,000	Grants

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WATERWORKS INFORMATION

The following is information on the Town of Milestone's waterworks, as required under *The Municipalities Regulations*, Part VIII.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL OVERVIEW (From 2025 Fiscal Year)

Total 2025 waterworks revenue (including sewer):	\$435,427
Total 2025 waterworks expense (including sewer):	\$294,138
Revenue to expense ratio:	1 . 4 8

Ratio indicates that waterworks expenses are covered by revenues in 2025.

RESERVES

The amount of reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure is \$108,000.

OTHER INFORMATION – Available at the Town Office

- The 2024 waterworks rate policy
- The capital plans in place and related sources of funding for the projects
- A copy of the 2020 waterworks assessment

Issued at the Town of Milestone this 27th day of August, 2026

Ronda Heisler
Chief Administrative Officer