

Town of Kipling



"PRESERVING OUR PAST, ASPIRING TO THE FUTURE"

Water and Sewer Utility Budget

The Water & Sewer Utility has three main functions:

1. Provide water for residential, institutional and commercial customers, as well as water for fire protection. Our system currently serves 535 homes.
2. Collecting and treating wastewater from all residential, institutional and commercial customers in the Town of Kipling.
3. Controlling water runoff from rainfall and melting snow in and around the Town.

The Town of Kipling's water is continually tested to ensure it meets all health and quality standards. Water samples are required under the Towns permit to operate from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment.

Every time you turn on the tap to take a bath or wash clothes you know that the water coming out is safe and ready to use.

Afterwards, wastewater from your home travels through the Town's sewer system to the Lagoon located just north of Town.

Here the wastewater is treated to environmental standards and released.

Every year, Council reviews water, wastewater and storm drainage rates. Rates are increasing in the proposed 2012 Water & Sewer Utility Budget. These changes will ensure the continued reliable day to day delivery of water and sewer services.

The rate increase will also help us improve Kipling's existing infrastructure, meet increased federal and provincial regulatory requirements and support future capital needs.

To continue responsible stewardship of our Towns infrastructure and our environment, the Water & Sewer Utility is proposing a ten percent annual rate increase between 2012 and 2014.

in the next two years.

As we all saw this spring, we need to invest funding to ensure we have the ability to protect ourselves during times of flooding; through increased funding to our Conservation & Development Authority and the purchase of generators.

Investing in our Community

While we realize that rate increases are never welcomed, its essential that we proceed with infrastructure improvement projects in coming years.

Proposed Rate Structure (to be Approved by Saskatchewan Municipal Board)

Minimum charge based on up to 10,000 (increased from 9,000)

2012
Monthly Minimum Sewer Infrastructure Fee \$48.50
\$5.00

2013
Monthly Minimum Sewer Infrastructure Fee \$53.00
\$5.00

2014
Monthly Minimum Sewer Infrastructure Fee \$58.00
\$5.00

10,001-100,000 gal Per 1,000 gallons or part thereof \$7.70
100,001 gal Per 1,000 gallons or part thereof \$5.50

Re-connection Fee \$20.00
Re-connect (after hrs) \$25.00

Why are Rates Increasing?

For the last decade, expenditures have exceeded utility rate revenues.

Like any business, we cannot continue to operate this way. We need to correct this in order to maintain our current quality of infrastructure and services.

Our infrastructure is aging,

over the next twenty years we need to plan for improvements.

Federal and provincial governments are tightening regulations surrounding water and wastewater treatment, in order for the Town to meet these regulations it will require extra investment