# **TOWN OF LUMSDEN**

# BYLAW NO. <u>17-2019</u>

# A BYLAW TO REGULATE THE USAGE OF PRIVATE WATER WELLS FOR DOMESTIC WATERING PURPOSES IN THE TOWN OF LUMSDEN

The Council of the Town of Lumsden, in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

# 1. SHORT TITLE

This bylaw shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Private Well Bylaw".

#### 2. INTERPRETATION

- (a) "bylaw" means The Private Well Bylaw.
- (a) "municipality" means the Town of Lumsden;
- (b) "owner" means, in addition to any other meaning, be deemed to extend to and include any person in occupation or possession of, or entitled to, or having any interest in land, premises or property referred to under an agreement of sale;
- (c) "water system" means centralized municipal infrastructure for the collection, transmission, treatment, storage, and distribution of water for homes, commercial establishments, and industry, as well as for public needs such as firefighting. The water system meets all the requirements for public, commercial, and industrial activities regarding both quality and quantity;
- (d) "yard irrigation" means the sprinkling or pouring of water by means of a hose, pipe or any sprinkling devise upon, over and under the surface of the ground;

#### 3. PRIVATE DOMESTIC WATER WELLS

- (a) The use of raw well water is encouraged for yard irrigation, where appropriate.
- (b) The construction or development of water wells within the Municipality's corporate boundary must be conducted by a licensed water well driller and according to Saskatchewan Water Security Agency requirements.
- (c) Water well drilling reports shall be provided to the Municipality.

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- (d) The well is only to be used for outside watering for yard irrigation purposes and shall not be used for potable (consumptive and hygienic) purposes. No interconnection with the municipal water system shall be allowed.
- (e) Where a water well is no longer in use and is abandoned, the owner shall cause the well to be properly closed or decommission in a manner sufficient to prevent the vertical movement of water in it. A property owner shall be responsible for the cost of the water well closing or decommissioning and shall follow the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency guidelines.
- (f) The Municipality may inspect any private water well at any time, that is suspected of contravening the provisions of this bylaw.

# 4. PENALTIES

(a) Failure to meet these requirements may result in fines as outlined in the General Penalty Bylaw.

# 5. SEVERABILITY

(a) If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion must be severed, and the remainder of the bylaw remains valid.

# 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

(a) This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the final day of its passing.

<b>Readings</b>	
Read a first time this	$10^{th}$ day of September, 2019
Read a second time this	24 <sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019
Read a third time this	24 <sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019



Chief Administrative Officer