

2024 ANNUAL UTILITY INFORMATION

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Name of Municipality:

Town of Lumsden

Date:

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL OVERVIEW – For the 2024 Year

The following is information on the Town of Lumsden Water and Sewer Utility, as required under *The Municipalities Act*.

Water and Sewer Utility Financial Overview:

For the Year 2024	Waterworks	Wastewater	Total
Revenues (operating and capital grants)	\$ 731,515	\$ 924,162	\$ 1,655,677
Transfer from Utility Reserve	160,976	402,552	563,528
Transfer from Solar Reserve	0	0	0
Total Revenue	892,491	1,326,714	2,219,205
Operating Expenses (excluding amortization)	510,602	811,889	1,322,491
Capital Expenses	106,569	31,909	138,478
Debt Repayment (principal only)	0	237,000	237,000
Transfer to Utility Reserve (Infrastructure Fee)	0	400,435	400,435
Total Expenses	617,171	1,481,233	2,098,404
2024 Net Profit / (Loss)	275,320	-154,519	120,801

Comparison of utility revenues to expenditures expressed as a ratio is 1.0576

The following additional information on the utility operation is available at the municipal office for public viewing:

- Water supply agreements

WATER AND SEWER UTILITY – Transfers To or From

In 2024 there were no transfers of utility revenue out of the utility department, only transfers within the utility reserve.

RESERVES – DECEMBER 31, 2024

The Water and Sewer Utility has reserves available for future capital infrastructure of **\$ 717,288.56**

WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

In 2022, Council passed a bylaw setting the Water and Sewer rates for the year 2023 and 2024, based on anticipated increases from budgeted capital expenditures and operational increases.

The following per gallon treated water rates, for customers located inside municipal boundaries, were adopted for 2023 and 2024:

Effective Date	Per Gallon Rate	Estimated Monthly Charge (based on 3,673 imperial gallons per month)
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	\$16.75 per 1,000 imperial gallons; 3,000 imperial gallons or less minimum \$50.25 per quarter	\$61.52

The following 2024 monthly sewer rates were adopted for customers accessing the municipal sewer system:

LOCATION		January 1, 2024
Residence		51.60
Self-contained suite in any building <i>In addition to basic charge</i>		25.85
Apartment Block – basic		51.60
Duplex/Fourplex – unit		51.60
Churches/Church Halls		51.60
Offices, Stores, Shops		51.60
Cafes, Restaurants, Food Outlets		157.65
Hotel – Basic		126.15
Licensed Beverage Room		126.15
Garages, Auto Body Shops		51.60
Car Wash – per stall		63.20
Laundromat – coin operated – per washer		25.85
Nursing Home, Hospital – Basic		74.50
Plus charge per bed		25.85
Schools – Elementary		635.90
- High School		635.90
Food Processing Plant		103.05
Trailer Court – mobile home		51.60
Condominium/Row Housing – unit		51.60
R.C.M.P. Detachment		126.15
Ice Plant		79.45
Sports Centre		227.00
All Other		51.60

The following monthly infrastructure rates were adopted for customers accessing the municipal sewer system:

LOCATION	Jan. 1, 2017 (<i>no change</i>)
Residence	40.00
Self-contained suite in any building <i>In addition to basic charge</i>	20.00
Apartment Block – basic	40.00
Duplex/Fourplex – unit	40.00
Churches/Church Halls	40.00
Offices, Stores, Shops	40.00
Cafes, Restaurants, Food Outlets	80.00
Hotel – Basic	80.00
Licensed Beverage Room	80.00
Garages, Auto Body Shops	40.00
Car Wash – per stall	40.00
Laundromat – coin operated – per washer	20.00
Nursing Home, Hospital – Basic	40.00
Plus charge per bed	20.00
Schools – Elementary or High School	400.00
Food Processing Plant	80.00
Trailer Court – mobile home	40.00
Condominium/Row Housing – unit	40.00
R.C.M.P. Detachment	80.00
All Other	40.00

The objective of the waterworks rate policy is to ensure that waterworks are self-financing; where users pay for the cost of the service. To accomplish this, waterworks rates need to increase over time so that the revenues will continue to cover operating costs. Expenditures in recent years have been significantly impacted by federal and provincial regulations intent on providing safe drinking water for consumers.

WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The objective of the waterworks capital investment strategy is to address anticipated waterworks infrastructure maintenance and future infrastructure replacements and additions; in a timely fashion so as to ensure the municipal waterworks system provides safe and adequate drinking water to residents and businesses to enable continued sustainable growth for the municipality.

Source funding models are developed to set rates and infrastructure charges at a level adequate to cover all costs associated with the Town of Lumsden's Capital Plan.

The goal of the capital plan is to address recognized utility infrastructure deficiencies. The current utility capital plan and planned sources of funding are as follows:

Project	Planned Year of Completion	Estimated 2025 Cost	Future Cost	Source of Funding
Fire Hydrant & Main Valve Replacement	2025-2026	80,000	80,000	Utility Reserve
Water Meters	2025-2027	75,000	150,000	Utility Reserve
Sewer Line Camera	2025	19,000		Utility Reserve
Water Treatment Plant Detailed Design	2025	296,787		Utility Reserve
Replace Truck #16	2025	56,400		Utility Reserve
WWTP SBR Maintenance, Sludge Mixing Pump, UV Bulbs and Filter	2025-2027	53,460	53,000	Utility Reserve
Well #5 Rehab	2025	52,400		Utility Reserve
New Well #4A	2026		400,000	Debt
Water Treatment Plant – Filter Expansion, Electrical, Instrumentation	2028		2,168,900	Debt
Replace Unit #17	2028		59,852	Utility Reserve
Water Treatment Plant – Reservoir Expansion	TBD			