



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MILTON NO. 292 2026 WATER AND SEWER RATE POLICY

The Rural Municipality of Milton No. 292 water and sewer rate bylaw was adopted on February 18th, 2021 and approved by the Saskatchewan Municipal Board on April 8th, 2021.

The monthly rates established by Bylaw 2021-05 are as follows effective July 1st, 2021:

Basic Water Connection Charge (per month)

(a)	Residential (within Division 7)	\$64.25
(b)	Residential/Acreages (outside Division 7)	\$128.50
(c)	Commercial (within or outside Division 7)	\$160.65

Water Consumption Charge (per month)

(a)	Residential (within Division 7)	\$0.006/gallon
(b)	Residential/Acreages (outside Division 7)	\$0.006/gallon
(c)	Commercial (within or outside Division 7)	\$0.006/gallon

Additional rate for properties with no water meter installed or not functioning (per month)

(a)	Residential (within Division 7)	\$32.50
(b)	Residential/Acreages (outside Division 7)	\$32.50
(c)	Commercial (within or outside Division 7)	\$32.50

Monthly rates for sewer service

(a)	Residential (within Division 7)	\$25.50
(b)	Residential/Acreages (outside Division 7)	\$25.50
(c)	Commercial (within or outside Division 7)	\$25.50

How Rates Were Determined

The rates chosen were to generate enough revenue to cover utility operating costs and small utility capital projects. The Village of Alsask dissolved and became part of the Rural Municipality of Milton No. 292 on July 31st, 2009. The council of the Rural Municipality of Milton No. 292 decided at that time that the previous rates established by the former Village of Alsask were adequate to cover the expenses of the water system until the municipality had a chance to analysis operations of the water and sewer system. The council has now analyzed the revenue received from provided water and sewer service and compared it to the utility operating costs. In 2020, the revenue received from water and sewer charges did not cover the expenses and there was a deficit of (\$12,000.11). Bylaw 2021-05 was passed to help increase the revenue from water and sewer sales and reduce the deficit.

Below is a table showing the deficiencies in the current revenue amounts for water and sewer charges:

Year	Revenue	Expenses	Difference
2012	176,681.00 (118,009 CIT grant)	77,025.00	99,656.00
2013	59,596.50	67,854.79	(8,258.29)
2014	91,735.50	104,942.96	(13,207.46)
2015	84,367.00	95,397.00	(11,030.00)
2016	86,784.00	91,941.00	(5,157.00)
2017	85,730.00	83,942.03	1,788.00
2018	87,667.00	126,108.00	(38,441.00)
2019	102,078.00	100,927.86	1,150.14
2020	142,591.14	154,591.25	(\$12,000.11)
2021	99,050.29	114,311.75	(\$15,261.46)
2022	98,244.33	80,725.16	17,519.17
2023	89,418.00	71,575.00	17,843.00
2024	102,089.04	82,435.33	19,653.71
2025	84,163.76	121,268.09	(37,104.33)

Revenues and expenses will continue to be scrutinized to ensure they are appropriately allocated. Safe water is an important priority to the Rural Municipality of Milton No. 292.

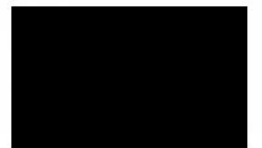
Any annual surplus funds will be transferred to a utility reserve for future capital expenses.

Objective of the Policy

The objective of the water and sewer rate policy is to provide Council with a planning tool for water and sewer works. The Council will review how much funding is generated for operating revenue and consider how much should be transferred to reserves. Funds will be needed to cover future infrastructure maintenance and replacement costs, such as replacing a distribution pump in the water treatment plant and replacing a section of the sewer main to the lagoon that runs under the CN tracks south of the community.

Annual review of water and sewer expenses and revenues will help ensure our waterworks can provide safe drinking water and that our sewage collection and disposal system meets the requirements of our community. Rates influence consumer demand and water conservation.

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**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MILTON NO. 292
2026 WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

Objective

The water and sewer capital investment strategy aims to address anticipated water and sewer infrastructure maintenance, the supply of safe drinking water and sewage collection, and disposal infrastructure replacements in a timely fashion. This will ensure the municipal waterworks provide safe drinking water to residents and businesses and the sewage collection and disposal system meets the municipality's needs. The strategy uses the 2020 waterworks system assessment that was required by Saskatchewan Environments for infrastructure planning.

To cover the costs of future water and sewer infrastructure maintenance and replacements, Council will determine how much funds should be transferred to reserves each year from revenues generated to increase the reserves. For certain projects, the council may need to look at long-term borrowing.


This capital investment strategy will ensure that safe drinking water and adequate sewage collection and disposal systems will be provided to the residents and businesses in the community, present and future.

Capital plans have been established to address the waterworks infrastructure deficiencies and replacements identified and prioritized in the 2020 waterworks assessment to ensure safe drinking water. The current water and sewer capital plans and planned sources of funding are as follows:

Project	Planned Year of Completion	Cost	Source of Funding
Alsask Treatment Plant Upgrades & Raw Water Cistern Rehabilitation	2027	\$379,489	Municipal Funds/Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (if approved)

For future waterworks capital plans, projects will be prioritized based on what is needed to ensure safe drinking water. Capital projects planned for sewer will be prioritized to ensure the sewer system is in good repair.

Approved by the council of the Rural Municipality of Milton No. 292 this 20th day of May 2026.



Lisa Ensor - Administrator

