

**Order No. 92/25**

**MUNICIPALITY OF HARRISON PARK  
ONANOLE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY  
REVISED WATER RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, JANUARY 1, 2026, JANUARY 1,  
2027, AND JANUARY 1, 2028  
AND RECOVERY OF 2020 ACTUAL OPERATING DEFICITS**

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**June 18, 2025**

**BEFORE: Shawn McCutcheon, Panel Chair  
Jim Hrichishen, B.A. (Hon), M.A., Panel Member**

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## 1.0 Executive Summary

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves the revised water rates for the Municipality of Harrison Park (Municipality), Onanole Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility), and varies the effective dates to July 1, 2025, January 1, 2026, January 1, 2027, and January 1, 2028.

The approved rates are as follows:

	Current Rates	July 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2027	January 1, 2028
Quarterly Service Charge	\$32.50	\$28.36	\$27.09	\$25.82	\$24.54
Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$7.05	\$12.86	\$14.65	\$16.44	\$18.22
Wastewater (per 1,000 gallons)	\$7.17	\$9.32	\$9.98	\$10.64	\$11.30
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$75.16	\$94.90	\$100.98	\$107.06	\$113.10
Rate Rider (per 1,000 gallons)	-	\$0.47	\$0.47	\$0.47	\$0.47
Minimum Quarterly Charge - with rate rider*	\$75.16	\$96.31	\$102.39	\$108.47	\$113.10
Bulk Water Sales (per 1,000 gallons)	\$19.61	\$23.75	\$25.50	\$27.50	\$29.25
Annual Hydrant Charge	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Annual Wastewater Tipping Fee**	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Meter Tampering***	-	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00

\*Based on 3,000 gallons

\*\*Septic service haulers shall remit \$40.00 per load for septicage hauled from properties located outside the boundaries of the Municipality. (Previously charged at \$20.00 per load.)

\*\*\*Minimum charge, in addition to an amount calculated to adjust the tampering based on historical usage.

The Board also approves the Municipality's request for recovery of a 2020 actual operating deficit of \$48,092, when calculated for regulatory purposes, incurred by the Utility, to be recovered by a reimbursement of \$30,698 from Parks Canada and a rate rider of \$0.47 per customer per 1,000 gallons, effective July 1, 2025 for a period of three years or until the deficit is fully collected, whichever comes first.

Details of other rates may be found in the attached Schedule A.

Rationale for the Board's decisions may be found under the heading Board Findings below.

## 2.0 Background

The Municipality owns and operates the Utility serving 25 water and wastewater customers and 74 water only customers (or 99 total customers). Rates were last approved for the Utility in 2017 in Board Order No. 19/17, with the last increase occurring January 1, 2019.

Board Order No. 103/17 transferred ownership and operation of the Poplar Rider Properties Inc. water distribution system to the Municipality as part of the Utility.

### Water Supply/Distribution

The Utility provides treated water purchased from Parks Canada, Riding Mountain National Park, for 98 customers in Onanole, in addition to providing water to Elkhorn Resort.

In 2012 the Rural Municipality of Park (now the Municipality of Harrison Park) installed a water main to service Sportsman's Park and the Onanole area with treated water from the Parks Canada water treatment plant at Wasagaming.

The total cost for the water and wastewater capital project was \$4.2 million which was funded through Infrastructure grants and the creation of a local improvement district that included the Onanole area and Sportsman's Park.

Elkhorn Resort has received treated water through a waterline owned by Elkhorn and Parks Canada for a number of years. There are no concerns regarding capacity for future expansion at this time.

## **Wastewater Collection/Treatment**

There are 25 wastewater customers that discharge wastewater to a two-cell wastewater lagoon owned by Onanole Utility. In addition, Elkhorn Resort receives wastewater treatment through a contract that Onanole Utility has with Parks Canada.

In 2012, the Municipality installed a wastewater main to connect Onanole and Sportsman's park to the Municipality's two-cell lagoon located northwest of Onanole. Included with this project was a wastewater lift station and a \$500,000 payment to Parks Canada as a capital cost buy in toward the Wasagaming water treatment plant.

The total cost for the water and wastewater capital project was \$4.2 million which was funded through Infrastructure grants and the creation of a local improvement district that included the Onanole area and Sportsman's Park.

Wastewater is discharged from Elkhorn Resort via wastewater main to the Parks Canada's lagoon that services Wasagaming. There are no concerns regarding capacity for future expansion at this time.

## **Unaccounted for Water**

The acceptable percentage of unaccounted for water is 10%, based on industry standards. If the percentage is above this amount, the applicant is to explain why and provide a plan to remedy.

As of 2022, the Utility's unaccounted for water is 7.9% and within the acceptable amount.

### **3.0 Application**

On June 3, 2024, the Municipality applied for revised water and wastewater rates for the Utility. The Municipality also applied for the recovery of a 2020 actual operating deficit of \$48,092, when calculated for regulatory purposes, incurred by the Utility, to be recovered by a reimbursement of \$30,698 from Parks Canada and a three-year rate rider of \$0.47 per customer per 1,000 gallons. The applications were accompanied by a rate study prepared by the Municipality's consultant and By-Law No. 159 read for the first time on April 24, 2024 and Council Resolution No. 2024/121.

A Public Notice of Application was issued on June 18, 2024 allowing for any questions or comments with respect to the proposed rate increases to the Board and/or the Municipality on or before August 2, 2024. There were no responses to the Notice.

When reviewing an application the Board can either: hold a public hearing at which the applicant can present its case and customers can present their concerns; or where it is deemed to be in the best interests of a utility and its customers, the Board can review the application using a paper review process without holding a public hearing. The paper review process considers all written materials submitted by the Utility and the public, as well as any information requests and responses between the Board and the Utility. This process may reduce regulatory costs to the Utility.

A public hearing process allows the Utility and the public the opportunity to review the application and address any concerns with the Board present.

Whenever reasonable, the Board will review the application using a paper review process, which saves the cost of a public hearing process. The Board has chosen a paper review process for the Municipality's application.

The rates were calculated based on the following projections using an annual inflation rate of 3% in all calculations:

**Schedule of Utility Rate Requirements**  
**Municipality of Harrison Park – Onanole Water and Wastewater Utility**  
**2025 to 2028 Budget Forecasts (\$)**

		2025	2026	2027	2028
		Forecast			
<b>General Expenses</b>					
Revenue	Administration	4,399	4,531	4,667	4,807
	Total General Expenses	4,399	4,531	4,667	4,807
Water Expenses	Penalties	210	217	223	230
	Total General Revenue	210	217	223	230
<b>Net Costs General</b>		<b>4,189</b>	<b>4,314</b>	<b>4,444</b>	<b>4,577</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Wastewater Expenses	Water Purchases	133,912	139,87	146,106	152,614
	Service of Supply	84,516	87,052	89,663	92,353
Revenue	Amortization	166,620	166,62	166,620	166,620
	Interest on Long-Term Debt	31,673	27,660	23,488	19,150
Wastewater Expenses	Contingency	24,497	24,497	24,497	24,497
	Total Water Expenses	441,218	445,70	450,374	455,234
Revenue	Connection Fees	5,010	5,010	5,010	5,010
	Hydrant Rentals	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600
Wastewater Expenses	Bulk Water Fees	2,897	3,252	3,507	3,730
	Total Water Revenue	17,507	17,862	18,117	18,340
<b>Net Costs Water</b>		<b>423,711</b>	<b>427,84</b>	<b>432,257</b>	<b>436,894</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Wastewater Expenses	Treatment and Disposal	43,134	47,299	51,866	56,875
	Lift Station	19,819	20,414	21,026	21,657
Revenue	Contingency	7,853	7,853	7,853	7,853
	Reserves	56,373	56,373	56,373	56,373
Total Wastewater Expenses		127,179	131,93	137,118	142,758
Wastewater Expenses	Lagoon Tipping Fees	56,373	56,373	56,373	56,373
	Total Wastewater Revenue	56,373	56,373	56,373	56,373
<b>Net Costs Wastewater</b>		<b>70,806</b>	<b>75,566</b>	<b>80,745</b>	<b>86,385</b>
<b>Net Operating Costs</b>		<b>498,706</b>	<b>507,72</b>	<b>517,446</b>	<b>527,856</b>

The proposed Utility rate increases are primarily increased water purchase costs, inclusion of a 10% contingency, and reduction in forecasted connection revenues.

### **Contingency Allowance and Utility Reserves**

As per the Board's Water and Wastewater Rate Application Guidelines, a yearly allowance equal to 10% of the variable operating costs is recommended for a contingency allowance.

The Municipality has included an annual contingency allowance of \$24,497 per year for water and \$7,853 per year for wastewater or a total contingency allowance of \$32,350 per year.

The Municipality has included an annual reserve allowance of \$56,373 per year for wastewater for future lagoon projects.

### **Working Capital Surplus/Deficit**

Board Order No. 93/09 established that utilities should maintain a minimum working capital surplus, in an amount equal to 20% of annual expenses. The working capital surplus/deficit is defined as the Utility fund balance, excluding any capital related items plus Utility reserves.

As per the 2023 Audited Financial Statements, the most recent information available, the working capital deficit for the Utility at December 31, 2023 was:

	2023
Utility Fund Surplus/Deficit	\$5,841,795
Deduct: Tangible Capital Assets	(7,086,352)
Add: Asset Retirement Obligation	-
Add: Long-Term Debt	892,755
Add: Utility Reserve	115,120
<b>Equals Working Capital Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (236,682)</b>
Operating Expenses	499,737
<b>20% of Operating Expenses (Target)</b>	<b>\$99,947</b>

The Utility does not meet the Board minimum working capital surplus of 20%.

## Cost Allocation Methodology

The Board requires all municipal governments to review the costs shared between its general operations and the Utility, and to allocate appropriate and reasonable costs to the Utility, based on a policy known as a Cost Allocation Methodology. This allocation must be submitted to the Board for approval and cannot be changed without receiving approval from the Board. The Board's requirements regarding cost allocation methodologies can be found in Board Order No. 93/09.

The Municipality's allocation plan for shared costs is as follows:

<b>Municipality of Harrison Park Onanole Water and Wastewater Utility Allocation Plan for Non-Direct Shared Services (see Note 1) as at March 2024</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Sub-category</b>	<b>Options</b>
1.0 Administrative Staff	Activity Based (Note 1)	0.5% of general government services at large (as defined in Financial Plan), excluding assessment and grant expenses.
	1.1 Billing services – meter reading to receipting and collection.	Meter reading – N/A; receipting and collection part of admin. Staff allocation.
	1.2 Accounting/ auditing/ including bylaw making and enforcement.	0.5% of audit costs.
	1.3 Common office space	0.5% of office costs, utilities
	1.4 Office overheads (telephone, photocopier, computer, etc.)	0.5% of printing, postage, and stationery.
2.0 Operating, construction and maintenance costs		Maintenance and operation on contract to the Municipality of Clanwilliam-Erickson
	2.1 Vehicle – fuel, maintenance, lease costs, capital costs	N/A
	2.2 Labor – full time, part time, on call, sick time, vacation (see Note 2)	N/A

	2.3 Public works building and property.		Costs that could be charged to the Utility are minimal and at present nothing is allocated to the Utility.
	2.4 Road repairs and alike (see Note 3)		Based on actual costs.
3.0 Major projects			
	Interest/ financing		Based on actual costs.
	Labor		Based on actual costs.
	External costs		Direct charge (dedicated consulting)

Note 1 – Allocation must be updated periodically to reflect impacts of inflation.

Note 2 – Including salaries and benefits.

Note 3 – If a project involves work benefitting both the Utility and general operations the costs may be shared (i.e. If reconstructing a road and replacing services at the same time, a portion of the roadwork costs may be allocated to the Utility.)

## Deficits

By law, Manitoba utilities are not allowed to incur deficits. In the event a deficit does occur, the Utility is required by *The Municipal Act* to obtain Board approval for both the deficit and recovery methodology as soon as it is known.

The Municipality applied for the recovery of a 2020 actual operating deficit of \$48,092 to be recovered to be recovered by a reimbursement of \$30,698 from Parks Canada and a rate rider of \$0.47 per customer per year, effective July 1, 2025 for a period of three years or until the deficit is fully collected, whichever comes first.

## 4.0 Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the application and the projections presented by the Municipality in its rate application and notes the calculations used to formulate the Utility's rates are not consistent with Public Utilities Board Guidelines, but instead have been revised to keep rates consistent for ratepayers.

The Board approves the rates as applied for but varies the effective dates to July 1, 2025, January 1, 2026, January 1, 2027, and January 1, 2028 to coincide with the Utility's quarterly billing period.

The Board requires the Municipality to review its water and wastewater rates for the Utility for adequacy and file a report with the Board, as well as an application for revised rates (if required) on or before July 1, 2028.

The Board notes, the Municipality's consultant advises the Utility has 32 hydrants and directs the Municipality to ensure the revised hydrant rental fees are charged, collected, and reported accordingly in the Audited Financial Statements.

### **Deficits**

The Board has also reviewed the Municipality's deficit application and approves the 2020 actual operating deficit of \$48,092, when calculated for regulatory purposes, incurred by the Utility, to be recovered by a reimbursement of \$30,698 from Parks Canada and a rate rider of \$0.47 per customer per year, effective July 1, 2025 for a period of three years or until the deficit is fully collected, whichever comes first.

The Board notes that Board Order No. 19/17 ordered the Municipality to review its water and wastewater rates for the Utility for adequacy and file a report with the Board, as well as an application for revised rates, if required, by no later than December 1, 2018. The Municipality did not apply for revised rates until 2024. Had the Municipality been more diligent in

monitoring and reviewing rates for the Utility, the 2020 deficit may have been mitigated or avoided entirely.

The Board notes it has been seven years since the Utility has submitted a rate application to the Board. In the Board's view the period between rate reviews is too long. Regular rate reviews submitted every three years, as per the Board's Guidelines, protect the financial position of the Utility and may reduce the need for significant rate increase in one year.

## **5.0 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The revised water and wastewater rates for the Municipality of Harrison Park, Onanole Water and Wastewater Utility, BE AND ARE HEREBY VARIED in accordance with the attached Schedule A, effective July 1, 2025.
2. The Shared Cost Allocation Methodology for the Municipality of Harrison Park BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED.
3. The Municipality of Harrison Park is to provide a notice of the decisions found in this Order to its customers as soon as possible, with a copy provided to the Public Utilities Board.
4. The Municipality of Harrison Park amend its water and wastewater rate By-Law to reflect the decisions in this Order and submit a copy to the Board once it has received third and final reading.
5. The Municipality of Harrison Park review its water and wastewater rates for the Onanole Water and Wastewater Utility for adequacy and file a report with the Public Utilities Board, as well as an application for revised rates if required, by no later than July 1, 2028.
6. The actual operating deficit, when calculated for regulatory purposes, in the amount of \$48,092 for 2020 incurred by the Municipality of Harrison Park, Onanole Water and Wastewater Utility, is HEREBY APPROVED to be recovered by a reimbursement of \$30,698 from Parks Canada and a rate rider of \$0.47 per customer per 1,000 gallons,

effective July 1, 2025 for a period of three years or until the deficit is fully collected, whichever comes first.

Board decisions may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, or reviewed in accordance with Section 36 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules). The Board's Rules may be viewed on the Board's website at [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca).

Fees payable upon this Order - \$500.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

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Panel Chair

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**SCHEDULE A**  
**MUNICIPALITY OF HARRISON PARK**  
**ONANOLE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**  
**WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY RATES BY-LAW NO. 159**  
**SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES**

**1. Quarterly Service Charge & Commodity Rates**

**July 1, 2025**

Quarterly Service Charge \$28.36

Commodity Rates Per 1,000 Gallons	Water \$12.86	Wastewater \$9.32	Water & Wastewater \$22.18	Rate Rider \$0.47
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**2. Minimum Charges per Quarter**

Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges per quarter set out below, which includes the volume allowance as listed.

For all metered accounts, volumes in excess of the minimum quarterly allowance will be charged at the applicable commodity rate.

**a. Metered Water & Wastewater, Metered Water Only Customers**

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Volume Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Rate Rider	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum With Rate Rider	Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum	Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum With Rate Rider
5/8	1	3,000	\$ 28.36	\$ 38.58	\$ 27.96	\$ 1.41	\$ 94.90	\$ 96.31	\$ 66.94	\$ 68.35
3/4	2	6,000	\$ 28.36	\$ 77.16	\$ 55.92	\$ 2.82	\$ 161.44	\$ 164.26	\$ 105.52	\$ 108.34
1	4	12,000	\$ 28.36	\$ 154.32	\$ 111.84	\$ 5.64	\$ 294.52	\$ 300.16	\$ 182.68	\$ 188.32
1 1/2	10	30,000	\$ 28.36	\$ 385.80	\$ 279.60	\$ 14.10	\$ 693.76	\$ 707.86	\$ 414.16	\$ 428.26
2	25	75,000	\$ 28.36	\$ 964.50	\$ 699.00	\$ 35.25	\$ 1,691.86	\$ 1,727.11	\$ 992.86	\$ 1,028.11
3	45	135,000	\$ 28.36	\$ 1,736.10	\$ 1,258.20	\$ 63.45	\$ 3,022.66	\$ 3,086.11	\$ 1,764.46	\$ 1,827.91
4	90	270,000	\$ 28.36	\$ 3,472.20	\$ 2,516.40	\$ 126.90	\$ 6,016.96	\$ 6,143.86	\$ 3,500.56	\$ 3,627.46
6	170	510,000	\$ 28.36	\$ 6,558.60	\$ 4,753.20	\$ 239.70	\$ 11,340.16	\$ 11,579.86	\$ 6,586.96	\$ 6,826.66

**3. Bulk Water Sales Rate**

Water sold in bulk by the Onanole Utility shall be charged at a rate of \$23.75 per thousand gallons.

**1. Quarterly Service Charge & Commodity Rates****January 1, 2026**

Quarterly Service Charge \$27.09

Commodity Rates Per 1,000 Gallons	Water \$14.65	Wastewater \$9.98	Water & Wastewater \$24.63	Rate Rider \$0.47
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**2. Minimum Charges per Quarter**

Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges per quarter set out below, which includes the volume allowance as listed.

For all metered accounts, volumes in excess of the minimum quarterly allowance will be charged at the applicable commodity rate.

**a. Metered Water & Wastewater, Metered Water Only Customers**

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Volume Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Rate Rider	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum With Rate Rider	Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum	Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum With Rate Rider
5/8	1	3,000	\$ 27.09	\$ 43.95	\$ 29.94	\$ 1.41	\$ 100.98	\$ 102.39	\$ 71.04	\$ 72.45
3/4	2	6,000	\$ 27.09	\$ 87.90	\$ 59.88	\$ 2.82	\$ 174.87	\$ 177.69	\$ 114.99	\$ 117.81
1	4	12,000	\$ 27.09	\$ 175.80	\$ 119.76	\$ 5.64	\$ 322.65	\$ 328.29	\$ 202.89	\$ 208.53
1 1/2	10	30,000	\$ 27.09	\$ 439.50	\$ 299.40	\$ 14.10	\$ 765.99	\$ 780.09	\$ 466.59	\$ 480.69
2	25	75,000	\$ 27.09	\$ 1,098.75	\$ 748.50	\$ 35.25	\$ 1,874.34	\$ 1,909.59	\$ 1,125.84	\$ 1,161.09
3	45	135,000	\$ 27.09	\$ 1,977.75	\$ 1,347.30	\$ 63.45	\$ 3,352.14	\$ 3,415.59	\$ 2,004.84	\$ 2,068.29
4	90	270,000	\$ 27.09	\$ 3,955.50	\$ 2,694.60	\$ 126.90	\$ 6,677.19	\$ 6,804.09	\$ 3,982.59	\$ 4,109.49

**3. Bulk Water Sales Rate**

Water sold in bulk by the Onanole Utility shall be charged at a rate of \$25.50 per thousand gallons.

**1. Quarterly Service Charge & Commodity Rates****January 1, 2027**

Quarterly Service Charge \$25.82

Commodity Rates Per 1,000 Gallons	Water \$16.44	Wastewater \$10.64	Water & Wastewater \$27.08	Rate Rider (see clause 4) \$0.47
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**2. Minimum Charges per Quarter**

Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges per quarter set out below, which includes the volume allowance as listed.

For all metered accounts, volumes in excess of the minimum quarterly allowance will be charged at the applicable commodity rate.

**a. Metered Water & Wastewater, Metered Water Only Customers**

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Volume Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Rate Rider	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum With Rate Rider	Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum	Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum With Rate Rider
5/8	1	3,000	\$ 25.82	\$ 49.32	\$ 31.92	\$ 1.41	\$ 107.06	\$ 108.47	\$ 75.14	\$ 76.55
3/4	2	6,000	\$ 25.82	\$ 98.64	\$ 63.84	\$ 2.82	\$ 188.30	\$ 191.12	\$ 124.46	\$ 127.28
1	4	12,000	\$ 25.82	\$ 197.28	\$ 127.68	\$ 5.64	\$ 350.78	\$ 356.42	\$ 223.10	\$ 228.74
1 1/2	10	30,000	\$ 25.82	\$ 493.20	\$ 319.20	\$ 14.10	\$ 838.22	\$ 852.32	\$ 519.02	\$ 533.12
2	25	75,000	\$ 25.82	\$ 1,233.00	\$ 798.00	\$ 35.25	\$ 2,056.82	\$ 2,092.07	\$ 1,258.82	\$ 1,294.07
3	45	135,000	\$ 25.82	\$ 2,219.40	\$ 1,436.40	\$ 63.45	\$ 3,681.62	\$ 3,745.07	\$ 2,245.22	\$ 2,308.67
4	90	270,000	\$ 25.82	\$ 4,438.80	\$ 2,872.80	\$ 126.90	\$ 7,337.42	\$ 7,464.32	\$ 4,464.62	\$ 4,591.52

**3. Bulk Water Sales Rate**

Water sold in bulk by the Onanole Utility shall be charged at a rate of \$27.50 per thousand gallons.

**1. Quarterly Service Charge & Commodity Rates****January 1, 2028**

Quarterly Service Charge \$24.54

Commodity Rates Per 1,000 Gallons	Water \$18.22	Wastewater \$11.30	Water & Wastewater (see clause 4) \$29.52	Rate Rider \$0.00
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**2. Minimum Charges per Quarter**

Notwithstanding the rates set forth in paragraph 1, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges per quarter set out below, which includes the volume allowance as listed.

For all metered accounts, volumes in excess of the minimum quarterly allowance will be charged at the applicable commodity rate.

**a. Metered Water & Wastewater, Metered Water Only Customers**

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Capacity Ratio	Volume Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Water Commodity Charge	Wastewater Commodity Charge	Rate Rider	Water & Wastewater Total Quarterly Minimum	Water Only Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8	1	3,000	\$ 24.54	\$ 54.66	\$ 33.90	\$ -	\$ 113.10	\$ 79.20
3/4	2	6,000	\$ 24.54	\$ 109.32	\$ 67.80	\$ -	\$ 201.66	\$ 133.86
1	4	12,000	\$ 24.54	\$ 218.64	\$ 135.60	\$ -	\$ 378.78	\$ 243.18
1 1/2	10	30,000	\$ 24.54	\$ 546.60	\$ 339.00	\$ -	\$ 910.14	\$ 571.14
2	25	75,000	\$ 24.54	\$ 1,366.50	\$ 847.50	\$ -	\$ 2,238.54	\$ 1,391.04
3	45	135,000	\$ 24.54	\$ 2,459.70	\$ 1,525.50	\$ -	\$ 4,009.74	\$ 2,484.24
4	90	270,000	\$ 24.54	\$ 4,919.40	\$ 3,051.00	\$ -	\$ 7,994.94	\$ 4,943.94

**3. Bulk Water Sales Rate**

Water sold in bulk by the Onanole Utility shall be charged at a rate of \$29.25 per thousand gallons.

**The following clauses take effect July 1, 2025:**

**4. Deficit Rate Rider**

A deficit Rate Rider commences July 1, 2025 for 2020 Onanole Utility actual operating deficit of \$17,394 to be recovered over a period of 3 years; \$0.47 per 1,000 gallons of water or until \$17,394 has be recovered, whichever comes first.

**5. Service To Customers Outside Municipality of Harrison Park Limits**

The Council of Municipality of Harrison Park may sign Agreements with customers for the provision of water and/or wastewater services to properties located outside the boundaries of the Municipality. Such Agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in the Schedule, as well as a surcharge set by Resolution of Council, which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes, and special taxes for Utility purposes in effect at the time or may be in effect from time to time, and which would be levied on the property concerned if it were within the Municipality's boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the Utility's mains, and installing and maintaining service connections, will be paid by the customer.

**6. Billings And Penalties**

Accounts shall be billed quarterly and the due date shall be at least 14 days after the mailing of the bills. A late payment charge of 1.25% per month shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date.

**7. Disconnection**

The Public Utilities Board has approved the Conditions Precedent to be followed by the Municipality with respect to disconnection of service for non-payment, including such matters as notice and the right to appeal such action to The Public Utilities Board. A copy of the Conditions Precedent is available for inspection at the Municipality's office.

**8. Reconnection**

Any service disconnected, whether due to non-payment of account or for any other reason(s) mutually agreed to by the customer and the Municipality (i.e. repairs necessitated by negligence of the customer, changes in tenant, vacancy for an extended period of time, etc.) shall not be reconnected until a reconnection fee of \$100 and all arrears and penalties, if any, have been paid.

**9. Outstanding Bills**

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of *The Municipal Act*, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and wastewater services, including fines and penalties, are a lien and charge upon the land serviced, and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies. Where charges and penalties pursuant to this by-law are not paid within sixty (60) days from the date when they were incurred, said charges and penalties shall be added to the taxes on the property and collected in the same manner as other taxes.

**10. Hydrant Charges**

The Municipality of Harrison Park will pay to the utility an annual rental of \$300 for each hydrant connected to the system.

**11. Wastewater Tipping Fees**

- a. Regular septic haulers are to remit to the Municipality of Harrison Park an annual fee of \$350 for tipping of septic tanks into the Onanole lagoon.
- b. Approved septic service haulers are to be provided a key to enter the lagoon and shall maintain a log of lagoon use, including the recording of septic service provided to residents located outside the boundaries of the Municipality of Harrison Park.
- c. Septic service haulers shall remit \$40 per load for septage hauled from properties located outside the boundaries of the Municipality of Harrison Park.

**12. Water Allowance Due To Line Freezing**

In any case where, at the request of Council, a customer allows water to run continuously for any period of time to prevent the water lines in the water system from freezing, the charge to the customer for the current quarter shall be the average of the billings for the last two previous quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.

**13. Wastewater Surcharges**

- a. There may be levied annually, in addition to the rates set forth above, a special surcharge on wastewater having a Biochemical Oxygen Demand in excess of 300 parts per million, to be set by Resolution of Council.
- b. A special surcharge for substances requiring special treatment shall be charged based on the actual costs of treatment required for the particular wastewater or industrial waste.

**14. Meter Tampering**

Where there is evidence of meter tampering a minimum charge of \$500 will be applied to the customer's account in addition to an amount calculated to adjust for the tampering based on historical usage.

**15. Meter Testing**

That in any case where a utility customer requests that a meter be tested for accuracy, the customer will provide the Municipality with a deposit of \$200. The Municipality will then remove the subject meter and send it to an independent lab for testing. If the meter is found to be faulty, all costs associated with the testing process will be borne by the Municipality and the deposit will be refunded to the customer. If the meter is found to be in proper working order, all costs associated with the testing process will

be borne by the customer and the customer will be billed or refunded any balance owing.

#### **16. Cross Connections**

No customer or person shall connect, cause to be connected or allow to remain connected any piping, fixture, fitting, container or appliance in a manner which under any circumstances may allow water, wastewater or any harmful liquid or substance to enter the Municipality's water system.

If a condition is found to exist which, in the opinion of the Municipality, is contrary to the aforesaid, the Municipality may either:

- Shut off the service or services; or
- Give notice to the customer to correct the fault at his or her own expense within a specified time period. If the customer fails to comply with such notice the Rural Municipality shall proceed in accordance with clause 1 of this section.

#### **17. Conditions of Disrepair**

In the event that there are conditions of disrepair in the wastewater and water works on a property that detrimentally affects the system as a whole and, upon the failure of the owner of the property to correct the condition within a reasonable time, the Municipality, or its agents, may enter the property, effect repairs and charge the cost thereof against the subject property as ordinary taxes.

#### **18. Authorization for Officer to Enter Upon Premises**

The Public Works Foreman, or other employee authorized by the Municipality in the absence of the Public Works Foreman, shall be authorized to enter upon any premise for the purpose of:

- affixing to any pipe, wire or apparatus connected with any such utility, a meter or any other measuring or testing device; or
- taking readings from, repairing, inspecting or removing any meter or apparatus belonging to the Municipality.