

BYLAW NO. 4 – 23

A BYLAW TO REGULATE OUTDOOR WATER USAGE

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Buena Vista deem it expedient to establish restrictions on the use of water; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Buena Vista, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Bylaw may be referred to as the *Outdoor Water Usage Bylaw*.

2. DEFINITIONS

Whenever in this Bylaw the following words or terms are used, they shall, unless the context provides otherwise, be held to have the following meanings:

- 2.1. **Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)** means the Administrator of the Village of Buena Vista appointed pursuant to Section 110 of *The Municipalities Act*;
- 2.2. **Consumer** means any person(s), corporation, board, society, provincial or federal corporation who is connected to the Municipal Waterworks System;
- 2.3. **Council** means the Mayor and Councillors of the Village of Buena Vista that have been duly elected by *The Local Government Elections Act*;
- 2.4. **Municipal Waterworks System** means the waterworks that are owned and operated by the Village of Buena Vista;
- 2.5. **Municipality** means the system or works established to supply water within the Village of Buena Vista and is a municipal public utility;
- 2.6. **Person** includes a natural individual, corporation, association or partnership.

3. WASTING OF WATER

3.1. All consumers are prohibited from wasting water. Wasting of water includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Broken or malfunctioning underground sprinklers;
- b) Setting of or placement of sprinklers and lawn watering devices such that they spray water onto hard surfacing such as driveways, sidewalks, patios, and streets;
- c) Manually operated sprinklers and lawn watering devices that are left unattended for more than sixty (60) minutes; or
- d) Watering of an area for more than sixty (60) minutes.

3.2. Unless enacted otherwise by Council, the following activities are exempt from the Wasting of Water provisions of this Bylaw:

- a) Village maintenance activities including, but not limited to, flushing of water mains, street sweeping and repairs to Village infrastructure;
- b) Firefighting; and
- c) Construction activities requiring water for preparation or to ensure a proper final product.

4. STANDARD WATERING RESTRICTIONS

4.1. Standard Watering Restrictions shall be in effect from May 1st to October 31st each year.

4.2. No person shall use the Municipal Waterworks System from a hose, pipe sprinkler or permanent irrigation system for the purpose of watering any lawn, garden, flowerbed or the washing of vehicles, watercraft, sidewalks, driveways, patios, decks and windows or the filling of swimming pools and hot tubs except as follows:

- a) Properties with even-numbered street addresses may use water outdoors from a hose, pipe sprinkler or permanent irrigation system only on Monday, Thursday and Saturday.
- b) Properties with odd-numbered street addresses may use water outdoors from a hose, pipe sprinkler or permanent irrigation system only on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

4.3. In order to give the demands of the water system a rest, Wednesdays are “*Waterless Wednesdays*” where no person shall use the Municipal Waterworks System from a hose, pipe

sprinkler or permanent irrigation system for the purposes of watering any lawn, garden, flowerbed or the washing of vehicles, watercraft, sidewalks, driveways, patios, decks and windows or the filling of swimming pools and hot tubs.

- 4.4. Watering from a hose, pipe sprinkler or permanent irrigation system for the purpose of watering any lawn, garden or the washing of vehicles, watercraft, sidewalks, driveways, patios, decks and windows or the filling of swimming pools and hot tubs is only permitted between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on days when watering is permitted.
- 4.5. Watering of vegetable gardens and flowers is permitted at any time but shall be done by hand, using a watering container or a hose with a spring-loaded trigger spray nozzle.
- 4.6. Consumers with newly planted lawns by either laying of sod or seeding are exempt from the Standard Watering Restrictions of this Bylaw for a period of up to one (1) month following the planting of the lawn, provided a *Watering Exemption Permit* has been obtained from the Village of Buena Vista Office prior to the planting.

5. OUTDOOR WATER USE BAN

- 5.1. Where the CAO gives notice that an Outdoor Water Use Ban is declared, no person shall use water from the Municipal Waterworks System by hose, pipe, sprinkler, or permanent irrigation system for the purpose of:
 - a) Watering lawns and gardens;
 - b) Washing vehicles, watercraft, sidewalks, patios, decks, windows, or driveways;
 - c) Filling swimming pools or hot tubs.
- 5.2. An Outdoor Water Use Ban shall not apply to persons who own, operate or carry on the following operations, which rely on the steady supply and use of water:
 - a) All-weather playing fields, if failure to water will result in permanent loss of plant material or adversely affect public safety;
 - b) Washing exterior building surfaces, including windows, parking lots, driveways, or sidewalks prior to the application of a product such as paint, preservative, stucco, or the preparation of a surface prior to paving or rejoining of bricks, or if required by law to comply with health and safety regulations, and carwashes;
 - c) Village-operated recreational facilities;
 - d) Other users identified by the Village from time to time provided a *Watering Exemption Permit* has been obtained from the Village of Buena Vista Office.

5.3. No potable water sales over 1000 gallons shall be permitted during an Outdoor Water Use Ban.

6. ENFORCEMENT

6.1. This Bylaw shall be enforced by the appointed Bylaw Officer or any officer designated by Council or CAO.

7. PENALTY

7.1. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of any section(s) of this Bylaw, shall be guilty of an offense and upon conviction, shall be liable to a penalty:

- a) A standard five-hundred-dollar (\$500) fine for each individual offence of Standard Watering Restrictions.
- b) A standard one thousand five-hundred-dollar (\$1,500) fine for each individual offence during an Outdoor Water Use Ban.
- c) A standard five-hundred-dollar (\$500) fine for each individual offence of a Watering Exemption Permit.

8. TRANSITIONAL, REPEAL AND COMING INTO FORCE

8.1. Bylaw No. 04-15 is hereby repealed.

8.2. This Bylaw shall come into force on the final reading by the Village of Buena Vista Council.

Mayor

SEAL

Chief Administrative Officer

INTRODUCED AND READ a first time this **8th** day of August, 2023.
READ a second time this **8th** day of August, 2023.
READ a third time and adopted this **8th** day of August, 2023.