

BYLAW NO 5/14

A Bylaw of The Village of Buena Vista to provide for the OPERATION OF A WATERWORKS SYSTEM

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

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this bylaw is to
 - (a) Repeal Bylaw No. 5/03
 - (b) To provide for the operating and maintaining of the waterworks system in the Village of Buena Vista.

INTERPRETATION

2.
 - (a) **“municipality”** means the Village of Buena Vista
 - (b) **“water works”** means the municipal water system
 - (c) **“Administrator”** means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Village of Buena Vista or their designate.
 - (d) **“owner”** means the registered owner of the property
 - (e) **“customer”** means the registered owner or occupier of the property
 - (f) **“readily accessible”** means that access is available without the necessity of removing or moving away any panel, door or other similar obstruction.
 - (g) **“water meter”** or **“meter”** means any device approved by the Village which is designed to measure the quantity of water used by a Consumer. A Water Meter may have attached to it a remote reading device as a component of the Meter.

SCOPE

3.
 - (a) The municipality will have the right to limit the amount of water furnished to any customer, if circumstances warrant such action.
 - (b) If making repairs to the street mains, or in connecting or repairing service pipes, or in constructing new work, the municipality will have the right to shut off the service and the water from any consumer, without notice, and keep it shut off as long as may be necessary.
 - (c) No person shall interfere with any stop-cock, pipe or other waterworks appliance; nor will they in any way interfere with any meter connected to a service conduit whether inside or outside his premises so as to alter the amount of water registered by the meter.

- (d) No contractor will hook into the main water line for connection purposes, unless he has first obtained permission from the Municipality. Adequate notice is to be given by the contractor in order to have the municipal maintenance personnel present at the connection. The contractor will leave the roadway in good repair when work is complete.
- (e) A plumber employed by the owner or occupier of premises connected to the waterworks system shall be deemed to be the agent of such owner or occupier and the Village will not be responsible for the acts of the plumber.
- (f) It shall be unlawful for any consumer to use, sell, waste, dispose of or give away Village water for use other than on the property where the meter is located; or permit it to be taken or carried away by any person or persons.
- (g) No person shall obstruct the access to any fire hydrant by parking a vehicle or placing around, thereon or within twelve (12) feet thereof any stone, brick, lumber, dirt, rubbish or other material or willfully or carelessly injure same, or fill up or cover over any curb box, valve box, or in any way tamper with or injure same.
- (h) No persons except those acting under the direction of the council, or members of the Fire Department in the event of fire, shall open, close, or interfere with any hydrant, gate or valve connected with the waterworks.
- (i) No person shall draw water from the municipal water system other than those indicated in this bylaw, unless they have first obtained authority from the Chief Administrative Officer.

METERS AND REMOTE READING DEVICE:

- 4. (a) Only water meters furnished by the Village shall be used in all premises and the meters shall be and remain the property of the Village.
- (b) Water meters and automatic reading devices shall at all times be readily accessible to authorized Village employees, so that they may be examined, read and inspected.

BROKEN OR DAMAGED WATER METERS:

- 5. (a) A customer who disputes a water meter reading shall, within two (2) months of being billed, give written notice to the Village. Following receipt of such written notice, a water meter situated on

the customer's premises can be tested or calibrated by a qualified person designated.

- (b) If a test or calibration is conducted and a water meter is found to be accurate the cost of the test or calibration shall be paid by the customer.
- (c) If a test or calibration is conducted and a water meter is found to not be accurate the Village will bear the cost of the replacement of the meter with one that is accurate and the bill adjusted to take into account such error. The amount determined will be based on the monthly base rate and shall be deemed accepted by the customer and the Village as settlement in full of all claims on account of the inaccuracy of such meter.

FROZEN CONNECTIONS:

- 6. If a water service connection is frozen on private property, it is the Consumer's responsibility to have it thawed at their own expense.

MOVING

- 7. A person moving or vacating a premises must inform the Village office at least 48 hours prior so that the current water meter reading can be obtained. (see **Water Bylaw** for reimbursement)

RELOCATION OF FACILITIES:

- 8. No Person shall relocate, alter or change any existing Water Meter without approval from the Village. The customer, or his authorized agent, may submit a proposal for relocation and, if approved by the Village, the customer will pay the entire cost, including any costs incurred.

BUILDING ALTERATIONS AND RELOCATIONS:

- 9. If the Village is dissatisfied with the location of any Water Meter or remote reading device due to alterations to a building, it may require that the customer move the Water Meter and/or the remote reading device to a more suitable or convenient location. All costs associated with relocating the Water Meter and remote reading device, shall be paid for by the Owner.

PENALTIES

- 10. Any person who contravenes the provisions of this bylaw or interferes with any portion of the water works system of the municipality will be guilty of a breach of this bylaw and
 - (a) liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 and

- (b) have service discontinued until the terms and conditions are complied with.

COMING INTO FORCE

11. This Bylaw comes into force on the third and final reading.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Read a first time this day of , 2014
Read a second time this day of , 2014
Read a third time and adopted this day of , 2014

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No.5/14 as adopted by
resolution of Council on the day of , 2014

Chief Administrative Officer