

**VILLAGE OF STROME
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

BYLAW NO. 760-10

A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF STROME, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TO OPERATE AND LEVY GENERAL RATES TO PROVIDE FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES IN THE VILLAGE OF STROME.

WHEREAS under authority of Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, a Council of a municipality may pass bylaws regulating the provision of its public utility services;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Strome provides for a water supply and distribution system, a sanitary sewage collection and disposal system, and a waste disposal service;

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the power conferred upon it by the Municipal Government Act and amendments thereto, the Municipal Council of the Village of Strome, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1) Any property owner or owners requiring services must make application for those services at the Village office;
- 2) The cost of connecting an owner's water and sanitary sewer services to the Village at the property line shall be borne by the owner, but no such connection shall be made without approval from the Village;
- 3) A utility account shall include charges for the use of the water supply and distribution system, sanitary sewer collection and disposal system, and/or for the provision of waste disposal services;
- 4) No utility account for services shall be set up for an occupant of a parcel of land who is not the owner of said lands;
- 5) Although a property owner may request that a copy of their invoice be mailed to a tenant, the property owner will receive the original invoice and the property owner remains ultimately responsible for any charges against the utility account;
- 6) If, in any case, money deposited with the Village by any person, firm or corporation for the purposes of water, sanitary sewage, or waste disposal remains unclaimed for a period of two years after the account has been discontinued, the amount of the prepayment shall be transferred to the general account of the Village;
- 7) The rates for water services, sanitary sewage collection, and waste disposal services shall be set under separate bylaw(s).
- 8) The charges for said services shall be payable by the property owner on or before the date which will be set out on the invoice mailed or delivered to the property owner each billing month. If the property owner is in default of payment of the invoiced charges after the date named, the Village shall have the right to disconnect the water supply to the said property, or shall have the right to enforce payment of the said charges by transfer of the said municipal services to the owner's tax account;
- 9) Water and sewer rates may be temporarily stopped, upon request from the property owner that the water service be discontinued for any reason, however:
 - a. The waste disposal charges must remain in place at all times;
 - b. Any arrears left owing on the account, plus a reconnection charge, must be paid before reconnection of the water services;
 - c. Reconnection charge to be determined by separate policy;
- 10) All users of municipal water services must allow the Village to install a water meter within the owner's premises at the exact location where the waterline first enters the premises and must allow the Village or its' duly authorized agent(s) to enter upon the owner's premises at periodic intervals to inspect the said meter;

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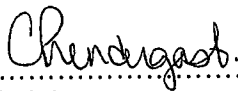
- 11) The water meters at all times remain the property of the Village of Strome and shall not be tampered with or interfered with at any time by the user or those under his/her control.
- 12) The water meter readings shall take place on the first work day (Monday-Friday) of each month.
- 13) No person, other than the Public Works operators or their duly authorized agent(s) or contracted personnel shall:
 - a. turn off, or on, the water supply from the Village supply system to the owner's premises, or attempt to do so;
 - b. alter, or attempt to alter, a water meter so as to lessen or later the amount of water registered by it, unless specifically authorized by the municipality for that particular purpose or occasion;
- 14) No person shall:
 - a. gift or otherwise discharge Village supplied services for use outside the property for which the services are intended;
 - b. lay or cause to be laid or attach any pipe or main or wire rod to communicate with any pipe or main or wire or rod of the public utility *or in any way* obtain use of any water thereof without the consent of the Village;
 - c. wilfully and without authority, enter, change/effect, interrupt, or cut off the supply of public utilities;
- 15) Any person violating Sections 11, 12 and/or 13 of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$10,000, plus the cost of any repairs required as a result of their offence;
- 16) This bylaw repeals and replaces any other bylaw or motion previously made with respect to water and sewer services.

READ a first time this 6th day of May, 2010.

READ a second time this 6th day of May, 2010.

READ a third time and finally passed this 6th day of May, 2010.


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Mayor Brian McGaffigan


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Administrator