

Annual Waterworks Information

Northern Settlement of Uranium City

Year: **2021**

Name of Municipality: **Northern Settlement of Uranium City**

Date: **August 18, 2022**

WATERWORKS RATE POLICY

The Northern Settlement of Uranium City has a combined water and sewer system. The settlement is not metered and has a flat rate of \$30.00 per month for the water and sewer services.

Several issues plague the settlement's water and sewer system. For the system to be self-sufficient the usage rates would need to be increased to such a high rate that they would be unmanageable by the users. The main issue is that there is a significant water loss within the system itself. This causes the pumps to constantly run to ensure adequate water pressure within the community. Remediation processes are currently in the planning stages with the anticipation that work will begin in the spring of 2023. The settlement's rationale for the setting of a flat fee policy is knowing that the residents would not tolerate the rates that would be required to be self-supportive.

WATERWORKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The objective of the capital investment strategy is to work towards waterworks that are as close to self-financing as possible, where users are current with their utility payments for their services. With waterworks infrastructure costs being very high and the Settlement having a small revenue base, total self-reliance is not possible. The settlement anticipates having to transfer supplementary funding from the general revenues of the settlement in order to provide for additional capital costs that will be required to cover the waterworks infrastructure in the future. Due to anticipated future capital replacement, the settlement set up a designated reserve account which has a current balance of \$194,990. In addition, if significant water work upgrades or emergency repairs are required, an application will be made to the Northern Municipal Trust Account for funding from the Northern Water and Sewer Program and the Emergency Water and Sewer Program respectively. In 2015, the Settlement contracted Bullee Consulting Ltd. to complete an Infrastructure Assessment and Upgrades Strategy for the community. The strategy uses the 2020 waterworks system assessment as required by *The Waterworks and Sewage Works Regulations, 2015* for

infrastructure planning and the 2015 Waterworks System Assessment as required by SaskWater.

ANNUAL WATERWORKS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The following is information on the waterworks, as required under The Municipalities Regulations:

2021 Waterworks Overview:	
Total waterworks revenues:	\$21,064
Total waterworks expenditures:	\$229,525
Total debt payments on waterworks infrastructure loans:	\$0.00
Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures plus debt payment, expressed as a ratio:	.09
Reserves – Reserves available for waterworks capital infrastructure	\$194,990

For 2020, waterworks revenues covered 9% of the waterworks expenditures.

The following additional information is available at the Municipal Office on the waterworks:

- The 2021 Waterworks rate policy and capital investment strategy
- Capital plans in place and related sources of funding for the projects
- 2015 Northern Settlement of Uranium City Infrastructure Assessment and Upgrades
- 2021 financial overview of the waterworks
- Waterworks reserves
- 2020 copy of the waterworks assessment
- Agreement respecting the provisions of municipal waterworks services