

Corporation of the Village of Cobden

By-Law #1987-10

Being a by-law to replace By-law #913 and all amendments made thereof. This by-law will make provision for the management of the Cobden Waterworks.

Pursuant to Section 27(1) of the Public Utilities Act and Sections 208(13) of the Municipal Act, the Municipal Council of the Village of Cobden enacts as follows:

1. Short Title: This by-law may be cited as the "Waterworks By-law".

Interpretation

2. 1) Definitions: where used herein.
- a) "Approved" means approved by the Roads Superintendent or council.
 - b) "Clerk-Treasurer" shall mean the Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Cobden.
 - c) "Superintendent" or "Village Superintendent" means the Village superintendent of the Village of Cobden.
 - d) "Person" includes a firm, partnership or corporation.
 - e) "Quarter" as a measure of time, means three calendar months and shall commence on the first day of January, April, July and October.
 - f) "Monthly" as a measure of time shall mean calendar months.
 - g) "Service" includes not only the supply of water from the village waterworks system, but also any sprinkler, stand-by or other service supplied or provided by or in connection with said system. "Service" in certain cases where the context so requires, also includes a water service pipe.
 - h) "Waterworks system" means the waterworks utility owned and operated by the village consisting of the operating branch and the financial branch, and the waterworks office shall be the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Cobden.
 - i) In all cases where any person is required by this by-law to pay in advance any cost or charge or of or in connection with work to be done by the village, such person, before the work is commenced, shall deposit with the village such cost or charge as estimated by the Village Superintendent, and upon completion of the work, if the actual cost or charge, as certified by the Superintendent, exceeds the amount deposited, the difference shall be paid by such person to the village; if the reverse, the difference shall be refunded by the village to the person entitled.

3. Application for Water

Any person requiring hook-up to the waterworks system shall inform the Roads Superintendent in writing at least one week in advance by completing the form outlined in Schedule "A". The Roads Superintendent will then notify the Clerk of the new hook-up and the application will be filed in the Town Office.

4. Apartment Services

All units in an apartment-type dwelling shall be charged as separate units to the owner, with a laundry room being the responsibility of the owner as well.

Amended by
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(Aug. 11)

5. Service to Combined Store and Dwelling

A building consisting of a store and a dwelling house, when jointly occupied, shall be rated as a dwelling house. When the store and residential portion are separately occupied, each occupant's portion shall be rated separately.

6. Rating of Premises Not Otherwise Classified

All premises not specified shall be rated by the Clerk-Treasurer in accordance with the class to which council feels they most nearly approach.

7. Rates

- a) All rates for water shall be payable in advance.
- b) All charges for water shall be so charged on a quarterly basis.

8. Refund Where Service Discontinued

A proportionate refund shall be made to any person who ceases to use or receive water from the waterworks system, providing he notifies the waterworks office, by letter, at least one month in advance and produces the receipt for the payment in respect of which the refund is applied for.

9. Accounts Payable

All payments of rates and charges for water may be made at either the Bank of Nova Scotia in Cobden or at the Village of Cobden Municipal Office. All applications for adjustment of accounts shall be made at the municipal office.

10. Remedies for Default in Payment

In the event that any person supplied with service by the waterworks system neglects to pay any rate or charge due to the village within six (6) months of the due date, the village may shut off or discontinue the water service and may collect such amount by suit before any court of competent jurisdiction. The village will provide written notice for each of the six months that the person is in default. On the day of disconnection, both written and verbal notice will be given to the person in default.

11. Tapping Water Mains, Connecting and Laying Services or Pipe

Between the water main and the property line, any new service or any repairs, renewals, alterations or additions to the existing services shall be under the supervision of the Roads Superintendent or his delegated representative. The cost of installing, repairing, renewing, altering or adding any service from the water main to the property line shall be borne by the consumer

If the work is performed by the village for any person, fees shall be paid to the corporation on presentation of invoice and shall be collectable in the same manner as water rates, or at the option of the corporation, shall be paid in advance.

12. Temporary Services

Services to out-door skating rinks, tennis courts, lawn bowling greens and such similar places as are regarded by the village likely to be in use for temporary or seasonal periods only and in such case the owner of the property to be served shall pay the whole cost of installing the service pipe from the water main to the property line, and also a pavement charge, namely, the charge for cutting, replacing and maintaining the pavement in the street, if any.

13. Interconnection of Interior Services

Two or more services to the same building shall not be connected to each other except upon special permission given by the village superintendent and in all such cases only after satisfactory valves and piping layout drawings have been received.

14. Types of Service Pipes

For all permanent construction, approved copper water service tube shall be used for services of 3/4" to 2" in diameter, and pipes over two inches in diameter approved duck tile water pipe or approved equivalent shall be used. All holes drilled in the water main measuring more than 3/4" must be reinforced by affixing a c-clamp at the point of connection. The quality of all piping must be approved prior to installation by the Village Roads Superintendent.

15. No Branch Except on Outlet of Meter

No branch shall be taken off the service pipe other than on the outlet side of the meter, except that by-passes around the meter shall be provided and at the expense of the owner on services 3 inches in diameter and larger and the service shall be so valved that the meter can be removed for repairs or for test and water supply to the premises maintained, valves on the by-pass shall be sealed by the village and a seal shall not be broken excepting in case of a leak or clog in the meter or connections. Any person who breaks or authorizes the breaking of a seal shall notify the village superintendent within six hours after such breaking and failure to do so will render such breaking liable to the penalties provided for breach of this by-law.

16. Stop Cocks at Street Line

A water stop cock (or stop and drain cock or valve) and box shall be provided by the owner at or near the street line for control of water to the premises served. This stop cock and box shall not be operated or tampered with except by employees of the village. The water service pipe on the property shall be connected to the stop cock by the owner and the owner shall provide and allow an extra length of one foot of service pipe at the street line to facilitate this connection. Necessary adapters shall be provided by the village.

17. Position of Meter

When required the owner shall provide and allow a sufficient space as close as possible to the stop and drain cock in the building or premises to allow a plumber to place the meter in a horizontal position. The owner or occupant must at all times have the meter accessible so that it may be readily examined and read by employees of the waterworks. Such meters shall not be exposed to danger from frost.

18. Owner's Stop and Drain Cock

A stop and drain cock connected to the service pipe shall be placed inside the wall of the building as close as possible to the point at which the service pipe enters the same. The owner shall maintain the stop and drain cock so as to ensure that it is in good mechanical condition and available for emergency.

19. Draining Pipes When Water Turned Off

The owner or occupant of any premises who requests the village to turn off the water service to such premises shall, before making such request, close the said stop and drain cock, and drain all water from the system of water pipes in the premises and the appliances connected therewith, and the owner shall thereafter see that the said stop and drain cock is kept closed and the said pipes and appliances free from water until the village is notified that water service is again required for the premises. The owner of any premises in the village shall not permit

19. the said pipes or appliances to contain any water at any time while such premises are vacant. In the case where the water is shut off for non-payment of rates, the superintendent shall not turn it on to the premises again until a receipt for all arrears in full has been issued and payment made of the sum of \$15 dollars for shutting off and an additional \$15 dollars for turning the water on again.

20. Tampering With Meters Forbidden

No person shall alter any meter of the waterworks placed upon any service pipe or connection therewith, within or without the house, building or other place, so as to lessen or alter the amount of water registered thereby, unless specially authorized by the said village for that particular purpose and occasion.

21. Superintendent to be Notified of Failure of Meter

In case of breakage, stoppage or irregularity in the meter, the owner of the premises or the consumer shall notify the village superintendent immediately. All installation, repair and disconnection of meters shall be the responsibility of the owner and shall be supervised by the Village Roads Superintendent.

22. Damage to Meters by Hot Water

If a hot water system on any property is so constructed that backflow of hot water damages the water meter, the owner will renew or repair the meter and assume all charges for removing, renewing (or repairing) and replacing the meter. If a check valve is or has been installed by the owner to prevent the hot water from reaching the meter, then there shall also be installed, on the boiler side of the check valve, a relief valve of an approved pattern.

23. Damage to Meters from Frost

Every owner of property served by the waterworks system wherein a meter has been installed, shall maintain the basement or other place where the service pipe enters the premises and where the meter is situated so as to prevent the village pipes and apparatus from being damaged by frost. If such meter is damaged due to the failure of the owner to comply with this section, the owner will remove, repair (or renew) and replace the same at the owner's expense.

24. That this by-law become effective immediately upon the day which it is passed.

Read a first, second and passed on the third reading this 4 day of June, 1987.



REEVE



CLERK-TREASURER

This is Schedule A to By-Law #1987-10

Application for Water Service

Name of Owner:

Phone #:

Address:

Lot Description:

Single or Multiple Dwelling:

Number of Units:

Effective Date:

Billing Names and Addresses (if not the same as above)

1.

2.

Approval Signature of Roads Superintendent: _____

Waterworks By-Law

Cost to install a new pipe to Gibson's Garage. Main Pipe is on far side of County Road. Does he pay from Main or from property line

- No insurance to cover road-work

- Public Utilities Act

- covered in by-law

check existing feeder line

- Village to do work

& charge back to

owner

need MTC or County permission