

# Why are Water Prices Changing?

## Town of Bashaw Update

Historically previous Town of Bashaw Council members implemented a plan to ensure the Town of Bashaw would have consistent access to water, even in the event of critically low water situation.

They approved becoming a Member of the Highway 12/21 Regional Water Commission, this process is in alignment with Provincial obligations.

The final segment of the line is (Mirror to Bashaw) is scheduled for construction in 2017, they anticipate completion by July 1, 2017.

In preparation for changes in water production and distribution costs; the pricing required adjustments.

## How will this pricing Affect you?

Hypothetical Example of a typical water billing based on 23 cubic meter (1 cubic meter = approx. 220 gallons) consumption within a two-month period. Depending on water consumption your overall bill may go up about \$ 50.00, you as a consumer can control this by the amount of water you use.

<b><u>Current Resident Water Rate:</u></b>		<b><u>New 2017 - Water Rate:</u></b>	
Water Base Charge per month <b><u>(\$20.00)</u></b>	\$ 40.00	Water Base Charge per month <b><u>(\$25.00)</u></b>	\$ 50.00
Sewer Rate	\$ 40.00	Sewer Rate	\$ 40.00
Water Consumption Charge <b><u>90</u></b> <b><u>cents</u></b> @ 23 cubic meters	\$ 20.70	Water Consumption Charge <b><u>\$ 2.64</u></b> @ 23 cubic meters	\$ 60.72
Garbage Charge	\$ 27.50	Garbage Charge	\$ 27.50
Total Bill received bimonthly	<b>\$ 128.20</b>	Total Bill received bimonthly	<b>\$ 178.22</b>

## Is this in Alignment with Other Communities?

Other Communities:	Monthly Base Charge	Consumption Charge
Mirror	\$61.75	\$3.31
Bittern Lake	\$25.00	\$2.08
Alix	\$35.00	\$2.91
Ferintosh	\$30.00	\$5.05

The new rates are within other municipal examples.

## Need More Information?

**Join us on February 9, 2017 at the Bashaw Community Hall at 7:00 pm.**

Information on the upcoming water connection changes, and what to expect with surface chloraminated water will be discussed.

Additional information on pricing determination on backside of this information sheet.

## **WATER SUPPLY & DISTRIBUTION**

<b>Base charge \$25.00 @ 415 locations</b>	-124,500.00
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## **WATER SUPPLY & DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM EXPENSES**

		2017 Budget
Salaries & Wages		44,746.87
Public Works Course Fees - Water		1,655.00
Travel and Subsistence		4,300.00
Freight, Postage, Phone		2,120.00
Memberships Relating to Water		20,540.00
Repairs & Maintenance - Treatment		3,060.00
Repairs & Maintenance - Distribution		36,000.00
Insurance		5,400.00
Hwy 12 21 Water Purchase		115,200.00
	<i>Water Purchase from 12.21 - 40 000 cubic m</i>	
	<i>40 000 X \$2.88</i>	
General Goods & Supplies		17,850.00
Chemicals & Salts Etc.		6,200.00
AltaGas Power		16,000.00
Water Supply & Distribution Natural Gas		3,000.00
Contributed to Capital Functions		29,500.00
Coin mechanisms, etc.		30,000.00
		<b>335,571.87</b>
Expenses less Revenue; Net Cost		211,071.87
Net Cost Divided by 80 000 cubic meters		<b>2.64</b>

If you have additional questions, complete information is accessible on the Town of Bashaw website

<http://townofbashaw.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/12.15.16-AGENDA-PACKAGE.pdf>

Or:

Town of Bashaw Website/ Town Office Tab/ Council Proceeding/ Council Meeting Agenda Packages/  
December 15, 2016.

Or:

Call 780-372-3911

Or:

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