

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS**

**WATER REGULATIONS BYLAW NO. 1973-A1**

**A bylaw to provide for the regulation and use of the water system of the City of Grand Forks**

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**WHEREAS** the City of Grand Forks has established and operates a water system pursuant to its powers under the *Community Charter*, for the purpose of providing water to the residents, institutions, commercial and industrial users and all other consumers in the City;

**AND WHEREAS** the City Council of the City of Grand Forks deems it necessary to set the rates, fees, charges and terms and conditions under which water may be supplied, protected and used;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS** as follows:

**1. TITLE**

1.1 This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the **“Water Regulations Bylaw No. 1973-A1, 2015”**.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

2.1 In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

**“Agricultural User”** means any Owner of land in the Agricultural Land Reserve or bona fide agricultural land that is connected to the Waterworks System;

**“Applicant”** means any Owner or duly authorized agent making an application for Service, Water Connection/Disconnection or the Turn-on or Turn-off of water;

**“Backflow Preventer”** means a mechanical apparatus installed in a water system that prevents the backflow of contaminants into the potable Waterworks System;

**“Bi-monthly”** means every two-month period;

**“Bone Fide Agricultural Land”** means land used for agricultural purposes, as defined by the BC Assessment Authority;

**“Bylaw Enforcement Officer”** means a person in a class prescribed under Section 273 (c) of the *Community Charter* who is designated by a local government as a bylaw enforcement officer and every Peace Officer;

**“City”** means the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks;

**“City specifications”** means the specifications, drawings and other standards for works and services established under the Subdivision, Development and Servicing Bylaw No. 1424, 1994.

**“Collector”** means the Person appointed from time to time by Council as the Collector;

**“Collector’s Roll”** means a list of each property served by the Waterworks System that is liable to water charge and which designates the Owner as a Domestic User, a Non-Domestic User, an Agricultural User or a combination thereof;

**“Commercial”** means all industrial, utility and business properties as defined as Class 2, 4, 5 and 6 under the *B.C. Assessment Act* and any institutional and apartment buildings with three or more units and any residential with two or more units within the same assessment folio, upon written application by the Owner;

**“Council”** means the Municipal Council of the Corporation of City of Grand Forks;

**“Curb Stop”** means the valve on a Service pipe located on the street or lane at or near an Owner’s Parcel Boundary;

**“Customer”** means any person, company or corporation who has opened a service account with the City for the purpose of being supplied water from the City Waterworks System;

**“Domestic User”** means any Owner of land connected to the Waterworks System using water for residential household requirements, sanitation, fire prevention or lawn and garden irrigation purposes;

**“Dwelling Unit”** means a building or a part of a building in which a person or persons live. This means one or more rooms are to be used as or designed as a residence, which contains sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities and has an independent entrance, either directly from outside a building or from a common hallway inside a building.

**“Manager of Operations”** means the individual appointed by Council to manage and oversee the day-to-day operation of the Waterworks System or his/her designate and, along with other City Staff, to administer this bylaw;

**“Meter Pit”** means a chamber installed below or above the ground over a residential or irrigation water Service for the purpose of installing a Water Meter;

**“Non-Domestic User”** means any Owner of land connected to the Waterworks System that is not using water as a Domestic User or Agricultural User;

**“Occupier”** has the same meaning as in the Community Charter, as amended from time to time;

**“Owner”** has the same meaning as in the Community Charter, as amended from time to time;

**“Parcel Boundary”** means the line that defines the perimeter of a parcel of land;

**“Person”** includes a corporation, partnership or party and the Personal or legal representatives of a Person to whom the context can apply, according to law;

**“Service”** means and includes the supply of water to any Owner or any lot and all the pipes, valves, fittings, meters, connections and other things necessary for the purpose of such supply;

**“Service Connection”** means the connecting line from the Waterworks System to the Parcel Boundary and includes all related pipes, shut off valves and other appurtenances;

**“Single-family Detached Dwelling”** means a Dwelling Unit generally designed for and occupied by one family;

**“Sprinkling”** means to allow water from the City’s water supply to enter onto lawns, gardens and other outdoor areas;

**“Turn-off”** means to discontinue the Service to any Owner or any lot by closing a Curb Stop or by such other means as the City finds appropriate;

**“Turn-on”** means to commence the Service to any Owner or any lot by opening a Curb Stop or by such other means as the City finds appropriate;

**“Water Connection”** means the pipes and appurtenances on private property used or intended to be used to conduct water from the Curb Stop to the private property;

**“Water Meter”** means an apparatus or device used for measuring the volume of water passing through it and includes any accessories such as a remote reader device and the connecting cable;

**“Water User”** means any Person who is the Owner or agent for the Owner of any premises to which the Service is provided and also any Person who is the Occupier of any such premises and also any Person who is actually a user of water supplied to any premises;

**“Waterworks System”** means the entire water system of the City, including, without limitation, the distribution system and the intake, reservoirs and any water treatment facilities.

### **3. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 3.1 To the extent that the City has not already established the Service of water supply, the City hereby establishes the Service of supplying water to the City through the Waterworks System and operating, constructing, maintaining and regulating the Waterworks System.
- 3.2 The City does not guarantee water pressure, continuous supply or direction of water flow. The City reserves the right at any time, without notice, to change the operating pressure, to shut off water or to change the direction of flow. The City, its officers, employees, nor agents shall be liable for any damage or other loss caused by changes in water pressure, shutting off water or change in direction of flow or by reason of the water containing sediments, deposits, or other foreign matter.
- 3.3 Nothing contained in this bylaw shall be construed to impose any liability on the City to provide water to any Person or property or to provide a continuous supply of water or water of any particular quantity or quality.
- 3.4 Any supply of water by the City is subject to the following conditions, in addition to the other conditions set out in this bylaw:
- (a) the City is not responsible for the failure of the water supply as a result of any accident or damage to the Waterworks System;
  - (b) the City is not responsible for any excessive water pressure or lack of water pressure;
  - (c) the City is not responsible for any temporary stoppage of water supply on account of alterations or repairs to the Waterworks System,
- whether such arises from the negligence of any Person in the employ of the City or another Person, or through natural deterioration or obsolescence of the Waterworks System or otherwise.

### **4. APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE CONNECTION AND WATER CONNECTION**

- 4.1 An Owner or an Owner’s duly authorized agent must make an application to the City to install a Water Service from the Waterworks System to the Owner’s Parcel

Boundary, and the Water Connection from property line to his or her private property must submit the application on the required form(s), as provided by the City and amended from time to time. Such Applicant shall, on making the application, pay to the City the applicable fee(s) as set out in Schedule A.

## **5. CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER SERVICE**

- 5.1 Upon a completed application being received for the installation of a Service Connection, and payment of applicable fee(s) in full, a contractor pre-approved by the City may install a Service Connection from the Waterworks System to the Parcel Boundary and a Curb Stop at the Parcel Boundary.
- 5.2 An Owner is responsible for the installation of a Water Service and a Curb Stop at the Parcel Boundary, at his or her sole cost.
- 5.3 Each property shall have only one Service Connection except where a separate connection is required by the Manager of Operations.
- 5.4 The size of the pipe to be used in providing a Water Service to any premises and also the position in the street in which the Water Service is to be laid shall be determined by the Manager of Operations.
- 5.5 No work of any kind in relation to a Water Service, either for the laying of a new Water Service or repair of an existing Water Service, shall be done by any Person other than a contractor approved by the Manager of Operations.

## **6. CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER CONNECTION**

- 6.1 Upon a completed application being received for the installation of a Water Connection and payment of the applicable fee(s) in full, the Owner may install a Water Connection from the property line to the Owner's private property and the Manager of Operations shall classify the Owner as either a Domestic User, a Non-domestic User, an Agricultural User, or any combination thereof.
- 6.2 An Owner is responsible for the installation of a Water Connection, at his or her sole cost.
- 6.3 Installation of a Water Connection must comply with the following requirements:
  - (a) the type and size of pipe used for the Water Connection must meet the standards for piping as determined by the Manager of Operations or his/her designate;
  - (b) all Water Connection lines shall be installed to provide a minimum depth of 1.5 metres cover;

- (c) where required by the Manager of Operations, a Backflow Preventer must be installed at the building as close as possible to the entrance point of the Water Connection into the building; and
  - (d) after the Water Connection lines have been installed, the Owner must not backfill the excavation until the installation of the Water Connection has been inspected and approved by the City.
- 6.4 No work of any kind in relation to a Water Connection, either for the laying of a new Water Connection or repair of an existing Water Connection, shall be done by any Person other than a contractor approved by the Manager of Operations.
- 6.5 The Owner is solely responsible for supplying, installing and maintaining the Curb Stop and the connection or joint at the property line between the Water Service and the Water Connection.
- 6.6 The Owner is responsible for any damage caused by the Owner to the Curb Stop and must immediately notify the Manager of Operations of any such damage. The City will repair and bill the repair on utility bill.
- 6.7 Where required by the Manager of Operations, an Owner shall install a pressure-reducing device on his or her property, to the satisfaction of the Manager of Operations.
- 6.8 An Owner is responsible for maintaining the Water Connection and Backflow Preventer in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition at all times, and must remedy any defect in the Water Connection as soon as the Owner becomes or is made aware of the defect. The Owner must immediately advise the Manager of Operations of any defect in the Water Connection.
- 7. WATER TURN-OFF / TURN-ON**
- 7.1 All applications for the Turn-off or Turn-on of the water Service must be made in writing to the Manager of Operations not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the Turn-off or Turn-on is required.
- 7.2 On application by a property Owner or duly authorized agent, on the required form(s) as provided by the City and amended from time to time, the applicant shall pay the applicable fee as set out in Schedule A.
- 7.3 Any Person who applies to the City for the Turn-on of the Water Connection shall provide to the Manager of Operations confirmation that the Water Connection was satisfactorily tested, inspected and approved by the City.
- 7.4 No Person shall make an application for the Turn-off of the Water Connection from any premises in use, or occupied by any other Person, until such use or occupation

has ceased, the premises have been vacated or the occupying Person has been given notification of thirty (30) days.

- 7.5 Any unauthorized Person found to have turned the water on or off is guilty of an offence under this bylaw and will be subject to a penalty in accordance with Section 12.11.

## **8. WATER DISCONNECTION/RECONNECTION**

- 8.1 When any building within the City is removed, demolished or abandoned, application for disconnection of a water Service shall be made in writing, by the property Owner, on the required form(s) as provided by the City and amended from time to time and delivered to the City Office. Until such application has been submitted, water rates may be charged as prescribed in Schedule A to the property Owner.

- 8.2 All applications for the disconnection or reconnection of the water Connection must be made in writing to the Manager of Operations not less than one (1) week before the disconnection/reconnection is required.

- 8.3 On application by a property Owner or duly authorized agent, on the required form(s) as provided by the City and amended from time to time, the applicant shall pay the applicable fee as set out in Schedule A.

- 8.4 Any Person who applies to the City for reconnection of the Water Service shall provide to the Manager of Operations confirmation that the Water Service was satisfactorily tested, inspected and approved by the City.

- 8.5 Any unauthorized Person found to have disconnected from or reconnected to the water Connection is guilty of an offence under this bylaw and will be subject to a penalty in accordance with Section 12.11.

- 8.6 Should the property owner elect to have the water service to a building turned on or off, as described in Section 8 of this bylaw, water customer charge and fixed and capital fees will continue to be charged.

## **9. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF WATER**

- 9.1 Council may at such times and for such length of time as is considered necessary or advisable by Council, restrict or prohibit irrigation, yard and garden Sprinkling, car washing and private pool filling to reduce water usage when it considers water to be in short supply and every Person shall abide by such restriction or prohibition.

- 9.2 The City may at such times and for such length of time as is considered necessary or advisable by Council, restrict or prohibit other water uses when it considers

water to be in short supply and every Person shall abide by such restriction or prohibition.

## **10. WATER METERS**

- 10.1 Every Owner of property that receives the supply of water from the Waterworks System shall, at the sole cost of the Owner, pay for the cost of a Water Meter from the City and shall install the Water Meter on his or her property in compliance with the provisions of this bylaw. The Water Meter shall remain the property of the City of Grand Forks.
- 10.2 Notwithstanding Section 10.1, the City shall supply and install Water Meters to those properties built prior to July 31, 2016, free of charge.
- 10.3 Only one Water Meter shall be installed for each Water Connection on a property.
- 10.4 The Manager of Operations may determine and specify the type and size of Water Meters for each type of property and use, considering the Manager of Operation's estimate of water consumption and other factors considered relevant by the Manager of Operations.
- 10.5 Every Water Meter shall be installed by a certified plumber or qualified contractor retained by the Owner of the parcel and approved by the Manager of Operations.
- 10.6 Where water services a single building on private property, the Water Meter shall be located in the building as close as possible to the entrance point of the Water Connection into the building, unless otherwise approved by the Manager of Operations.
- 10.7 Notwithstanding Section 10.6, the Owner of each newly constructed Single-family Detached Dwelling in the City shall install a water meter within the Dwelling Unit or a Meter Pit, as per current industry standards as determined by the Manager of Operations, with a Water Meter at the Parcel Boundary. For clarity, a newly constructed single-family detached dwelling is any single-family detached dwelling constructed after adoption of this bylaw. The City will provide a water meter free of charge up until July 31, 2016. Any new construction building permit after January 1, 2016 the water meter will be supplied by the City and billed to the utility account with the home owner being responsible for the installation of the water meter by a qualified contractor.
- 10.8 Where water services multiple-unit housing or Commercial, industrial or institutional property, the Water Meter must be located within a meter room or some other location approved by the Manager of Operations.
- 10.9 The Owner shall maintain the Water Meter on his or her property in good repair and shall not tamper with the Water Meter in any manner. The Owner shall provide

adequate protection for the Water Meter against freezing, heat and other severe conditions that might damage the Water Meter.

- 10.10 If any breakage, stoppage or other irregularity in a Water Meter is observed by an Owner, the Owner shall notify the Manager of Operations immediately.
- 10.11 If a Water Meter installed on a property is destroyed, lost or damaged in any way, the Owner shall repair or replace the Water Meter at his or her sole cost.
- 10.12 An Owner must, at all reasonable times, provide adequate, convenient, and unobstructed access to the City for inspecting and reading the Water Meter.
- 10.13 No Person shall remove or in any way disturb a Water Meter except under the direction of the Manager of Operations.
- 10.14 The Service shall not be activated to a property until a Water Meter has been installed on the property and any Meter Pit has been inspected by the City and found to be in compliance with this bylaw.
- 10.15 If the City or an Owner questions the accuracy of the record of a Water Meter, the City shall designate a qualified professional to remove and test the Water Meter.
- 10.16 If the test performed under Section 10.15 discloses that the Water Meter is not less than 98% accurate in recording the water passing through the Water Meter, the party questioning the accuracy of the Water Meter shall pay the meter testing fee specified in Schedule A. If the test performed under Section 10.15 discloses that the Water Meter is less than 98% accurate in recording the water passing through the Water Meter, the cost of the test shall be borne by the City.
- 10.17 If the test performed under Section 10.15 discloses that the Water Meter is less than 98% accurate in recording the water passing through the Water Meter, the City shall repair or replace the Water Meter, at its own cost.
- 10.18 If the test performed under Section 10.15 discloses that the Water Meter is less than 98% accurate in recording the water passing through the Water Meter, the Manager of Operations shall adjust the Owner's water bill by the amount of the inaccuracy for a period not exceeding one (1) year. The adjustments shall only apply to the Owner who overpaid or underpaid and not to any subsequent Owner of the property.

## **11. FAILURE TO INSTALL A WATER METER**

- 11.1 If an Owner fails to install a Water Meter as required by this bylaw, the City may, upon giving notice to the Owner, install a Meter Pit and Water Meter at the Curb Stop at the sole cost of the Owner. Prior to and including July 31, 2016 the Owner will be responsible for the difference in cost between in-home installation and

Meter Pit installation. After July 31, 2016, the Owner will be responsible for all costs associated with installation unless booked for installation on or prior to December 15, 2015.

## **12. OFFENCES AND PROHIBITIONS**

### **12.1 No Person shall:**

- (a) connect or maintain any connection to, or use water from the Waterworks System without first obtaining permission from the Manager of Operations in accordance with this bylaw;
- (b) connect, cause to be connected or allow to remain connected any building on any property already connected to the Waterworks System to any other source of water;
- (c) connect, cause to be connected or allow to remain connected to the Waterworks System any pipe, fixture, fitting, container, appliance or apparatus, in any manner which, under any circumstances, could cause or allow any part of the Waterworks System to become contaminated;
- (d) sell, dispose of or otherwise give away water from the City Waterworks System; unless a written request has been approved by the Manager of Operations.
- (e) connect any apparatus, fitting, or fixture to the Waterworks System which may in any way harm the Waterworks System.

### **12.2 No Person shall cause, permit or allow any device or apparatus of any kind to be or remain connected to the Waterworks System or allow it to be operated in such a manner as to cause sudden large demands for water or otherwise affect the stability of water pressure in the Waterworks System and, for the purposes of this section, such prohibited devices and apparatuses include, without limitation:**

- (a) booster pumps;
- (b) quick opening valves or quick closing valves;
- (c) flush meters;
- (d) rod hopper water closets;
- (e) water-operated pumps or siphons;
- (f) standpipes;

- (g) large outlets.
- 12.3 Notwithstanding Section 12.2, an Owner may apply to the Manager of Operations in writing for permission to connect a prohibited device or apparatus to the Waterworks System. Upon receiving permission from the Manager of Operations, the Owner may connect a prohibited device or apparatus to the Waterworks System, subject to any terms and conditions imposed by the Manager of Operations.
- 12.4 No Person shall destroy, injure, obstruct access to, or tamper with any hydrant, valve, Curb Stop, pipe, pump or other fixture of the Waterworks System or the Water Connection and no Person shall, in any manner, make any additions, alterations or other changes to the Waterworks System or the Water Connection.
- 12.5 No Person shall use water from the Waterworks System unless that usage is recorded by a properly functioning Water Meter that is installed and maintained in accordance with this bylaw.
- 12.6 No Person shall install any piping or other works designed to allow water from the Waterworks System to be used without that usage being recorded by a Water Meter.
- 12.7 Where the Manager of Operations considers that a Person has violated Section 12.5 or 12.6, the City may install a Meter Pit with a Water Meter at or near the Parcel Boundary of the property either on the property or on the adjacent highway.
- 12.8 Where the City has installed a Meter Pit with a Water Meter under Section 12.7, the Owner of the property in respect of which the Meter Pit with a Water Meter was installed shall pay to the City a fee equal to the cost incurred by the City to install the Meter Pit and Water Meter, including the cost of the pit and meter.
- 12.9 Where a Person has violated Section 12.4, 12.5 or 12.6, the Owner of the property in respect of which the violation has occurred shall pay to the City an unrecorded water usage penalty as set out in Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 1957, and additional charges as described in Schedule A, whether or not the City has installed a Meter Pit with a Water Meter at or near the Parcel Boundary under Section 12.7.
- 12.10 Charges imposed under Section 12.8 or 12.9 are due and payable within 30 days of the date on which an invoice setting out the amount of the fee is mailed to the address of the Owner as shown on the assessment roll for the property referred to in those Sections and if unpaid on December 31 of the year in which the charges became due and payable, may be collected in the same manner and with the same remedies as property taxes.

12.11 Any Person who contravenes any of the provisions of this bylaw is liable, upon summary conviction, to a minimum fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and a maximum fine of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and the cost of prosecution. Every day during which there is an infraction of this bylaw shall constitute a separate offence.

12.12 Any Person who contravenes any of the provisions of the Stage 1 through Stage 4 Watering Restrictions may be subject to a fine as described in Schedule 12 – A3 of the Municipal Ticketing and Information Bylaw No 1957

### **13. SHUT OFF OF WATER SUPPLY**

13.1 The Manager of Operations may shut off the supply of water to any property for any or all of the following reasons:

- (a) a request for Turn-off or discontinuance of the Service;
- (b) maintaining, repairing, renovating, replacing, disinfecting or otherwise operating the Waterworks System;
- (c) an emergency that threatens the safety of the Waterworks System or the public;

and the City may shut off the supply of water to any property for any or all of the following reasons;

- (d) non-compliance with any provision of this bylaw;
- (e) shortage of water supply pursuant to Section 9.1 or 9.2 of this bylaw.

### **14. NOTICES OF WATER SHUT OFF**

14.1 Where water supply is to be shut off for non-compliance with any provision of this bylaw, the City will give thirty (30) days notice to the Owner.

14.2 Where water supply is to be shut off for reason of non-compliance with any provision of this bylaw, the City will give the Person affected the opportunity to make representations to Council in respect of such non-compliance.

14.3 Where water supply is to be shut off for reason of shortage of water supply pursuant to Section 9.1 or 9.2 of this bylaw, the City will give at least seven (7) days notice, but no notice will be given where safety of life or property is at risk.

14.4 Where water supply is to be shut off for maintenance, repair, renovation, replacement, disinfection or other operation of the Waterworks System, the City

will give at least two (2) working days notice for scheduled work, but no notice will be given where safety of life or property is at risk.

14.5 Notice under Sections 14.1, 14.3 and 14.4 may be given by one or more of the following:

- (a) posting notice on the property;
- (b) providing notice on an Owner's water bill;
- (c) mailing notice to the address supplied by the Owner or the address of the property;
- (d) telephoning the Owner, which may include speaking directly to the Owner or leaving a message at the telephone number supplied by the Owner.

14.6 The City is not responsible for any notice failing to reach an Owner or other Water User prior to the shut off of water.

## **15. WATER USE CHARGES**

15.1 Property Owners shall be responsible for payment of all rates for water used and consumed on properties owned by them.

15.2 The user rates and charges specified in Schedule A are imposed and levied for Water Services supplied by the City. All such rates shall be due and payable on or before the date shown as the DUE DATE on the Bi-monthly billing rendered by the City. These rates may also be paid on the City's Tax/Utility Preauthorized Pre-Payment Plan.

15.3 User rates and charges not paid by the DUE DATE shall be subject to an overdue account penalty, as set out in the current Fees and Charges Bylaw, on the working day after the DUE DATE and monthly thereafter.

15.4 For any new water Service connected to the City system during a Bi-monthly billing period, full basic charges for the billing period will apply and the user rates relating to consumption shall be based on recorded consumption. If no meter reading is available, the user rate will be prorated over the number of days from connection to the end of the billing period.

15.5 For any Water Service disconnected or reconnected from the City system, Section 8 of this bylaw shall apply. Should the property Owner elect to have water Service to a building turned on or off, as described in Section 7 of this bylaw, water basic charges and user rates will continue to be charged.

15.6 The charges prescribed in Schedule A to cover the cost of disconnecting or reconnecting the service or turning the water supply "off" or "on" shall apply.

15.7 User rates shall be invoiced on a Bi-monthly basis.

15.8 Upon application, the City will permit qualifying customers, to make equal monthly payments. The payments will be calculated to yield during the period ending in December, the total estimated amount that would be payable by the customer during the year. Application will be accepted at any time of the year. All accounts will be reconciled in December.

A customer will qualify for the plan provided the account is not in arrears and the customer expects to be on the plan for at least one (1) year.

The equal payment plan may be terminated by the customer, or the City, if the customer has not maintained his credit to the satisfaction of the City. The City deems credit to be unsatisfactory if, for any reason, two payments fail to be honoured. On the reconciliation date, or termination, the amounts payable by the customer to the City for water Service actually consumed during the equal payment period will be compared to the sum of equal payments made during the period. Any resulting amount owing by the customer will be paid to the City. An excess of payments over charges will be paid or credited by the City to the customer. If such amounts are less than \$10.00 (ten dollars), they will be carried forward and included in the calculation of the equal payments for the next period.

15.9 All rates and charges remaining unpaid on the 31st day of December in each year shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of the land and improvements therein, and shall be entered on the Collector's Roll as taxes in arrears.

## **16. INSPECTION**

16.1 The Manager of Operations and any Bylaw Enforcement Officer may enter on any property at any reasonable time for the purpose of inspecting and ascertaining whether the regulations and requirements of this bylaw are being observed.

16.2 No Person shall obstruct or interfere with the Manager of Operations or any Bylaw Enforcement Officer in the performance of his or her duties or the exercise of his or her powers under this bylaw.

## **17. SEVERABILITY**

17.1 If any portion of this bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

**18. REPEAL**

18.1 The "Corporation of the City of Grand Forks Waterworks Regulation Bylaw No. 1973, 2014 and Bylaw No. 2014, 2015" are hereby repealed.

**19. ENACTMENT**

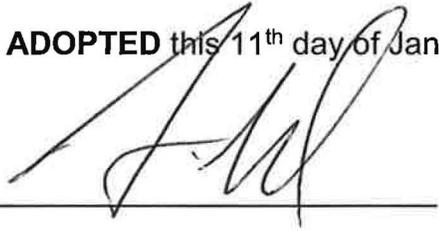
19.1 This bylaw is to take effect upon adoption by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks.

**READ A FIRST TIME** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

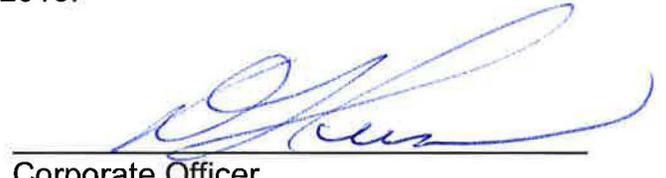
**READ A SECOND TIME** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

**READ A THIRD TIME** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

**FINALLY ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor



\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate Officer

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 1973-A1, as passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Grand Forks on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate Officer of the Municipal Council of the  
City of Grand Forks

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Date Signed

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**SERVICE CHARGES**

**1. Charges for installation of water service:**

- (a) Residential: 19 mm diameter (3/4") & 24.5 mm diameter (1")  
**\*NOTE: Water Meter Mandatory**

**At Cost by Contractor**, including any additional service costs itemized in (d), plus 15%

- (b) Commercial, Industrial & Institutional  
**\*NOTE: Water Meter Mandatory**

**At Cost by Contractor**, including any additional service costs itemized in (d), plus 15%

- (c) Renewal (upgrading, including meter retrofit)

**At Cost by Contractor**, including any additional service costs itemized in (d), plus 15%

- d) Additional service costs not included in (a), (b), and (c) above:

- i) Service or main extension (greater than 25.4 mm diameter and/or where the service line exceeds 15 m in length)

- ii) Restoration including but not limited to: asphalt road repair, concrete curb, sidewalk (concrete), and boulevard landscaping

- iii) Inspections and/or pressure testing \$150.00

**2. Charges for each time the water supply is turned on/off**

During normal working hours (Monday – Friday) \$ 50.00

**3. Charges for after-hours callout – evenings, weekends, statutory holidays**

Private property issue \$ 250.00

**4. Purchase of water from City Bulk Water Facility**

Rate per cubic meter or portion thereof \$4.00

**5. Water Meter Installation – subject to Sections 10.2, 10.7 & 11.1**

(a) Standard in-house installation

**At Cost by Contractor, plus 15%**

(b) In-house installation with modifications\*

**At Cost by Contractor, plus 15%**

(c) Pit meter

**At Cost by Contractor, plus 15%**

(d) Water meter for new house construction

**At Cost supplied by City, plus 15% added to utility bill**

\*Any modifications to water meter installation that result in the requirement for a manual read of the meter will result in a reading charge.

**6. Additional Charges**

(a) Manual meter reading charge – per occurrence \$ 25.00

(b) Meter re-read at Customer's request – per occurrence \$ 25.00

(c) Meter testing at Customer's request – per occurrence At Cost

(d) Water meter tampering charge – per occurrence \$200.00

(e) Charge for damage due to tampering

(f) Curb stop damaged by owner repaired by City At cost plus 15%

**At Cost by Contractor** for installation of new water meter plus the water meter tampering charge.

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**7. User Rates – Effective July 1, 2014**

	<b>Per Unit Bi-monthly Fixed Charge &amp; Capital Charge</b>	<b>Per Account (per meter) Bi-monthly Fixed Charge &amp; Capital Charge</b>	<b>Per Account Bi-monthly Customer Charge</b>	<b>Per Cubic Meter</b>	<b>Bi-Monthly Variable Water Charges for Non-Metered, Per Residence</b>
<b>User Class</b>					
Metered Multi-Family Apartment (one tax folio)	\$29.18		\$7.17	\$0.116	
Commercial Office Properties (water use restricted to staff washroom)		\$27.14	\$7.17	\$0.116	
Commercial (Class06) Properties not listed below		\$60.42	\$7.17	\$0.127	
Large Industrial (Class 04) Properties		\$60.42	\$7.17	\$0.127	
Commercial laundry, car wash Properties		\$60.42	\$7.17	\$0.127	
Hotels, Restaurants, Malls		\$60.42	\$7.17	\$0.127	
Institutions, schools, recreation facilities (arenas, pools) irrigation systems		\$60.42	\$7.17	\$0.127	
Buildings not connected to Water System on lots where service is available		\$22.02	\$7.17		
Residential Properties not metered	\$45.25		\$7.17		\$16.79