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NEWS RELEASE

Council Approves New Water Rates

Council has approved an increase to Kindersley water rates that will appropriately raise utility revenues to offset the current cost of supplying water to taxpayers.

The new bylaw (Bylaw 11-14) was approved by Council at its September 8, 2014 regular meeting. It now requires approval from the Saskatchewan Municipal Board before it can be implemented. Water rates have not been adjusted since 2011.

According to the new rates, residential customers will be separated into two tiers based on consumption. The average household will fall into the first tier category (0-25,000 gallons per 3-month cycle) and see a rate increase of \$4/1,000 gallons used. Rates for tier two (greater than 25,000 gallons) will increase by \$6/1,000 gallons.

Commercial/industrial users will be charged on a 5-tier system:

- Tier 1: 0-50,000 gallons
- Tier 2: 50,001-200,000 gallons
- Tier 3: 200,001-500,000 gallons
- Tier 4: 500,001-1,000,000 gallons
- Tier 5: >1,000,000 gallons

Additionally, a new sewer usage fee will be charged as per the new water rate bylaw. This fee will represent an additional 25% of the total water consumption value.

The Town will spend \$781,298 in debt repayment in 2014 for loans related to the Water West regional water line expansion and construction of the new water tower, which was completed in 2009.

Kindersley's new water rates will be in effect on January 1, 2015 if approval from the Saskatchewan Municipal Board is granted as expected within the last quarter of 2014.

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