

**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
BYLAW NO. 2519, 2023**

A bylaw to establish sewage user rates for the Chilton, Harper  
Imperial and Friesen sewage service areas

WHEREAS, the *Local Government Act* authorizes the Regional District to establish and operate a service for the collection, conveyance, treatment, and disposal of sewer;

AND WHEREAS, the Peace River Regional District Board operates sewer collection services in Chilton Subdivision, Friesen Subdivision, and Harper Imperial Subdivision under the authority of the respective service establishment bylaws which authorize the Regional District to provide for the operation, maintenance and improvements of the sewer systems located within the Peace River Regional District and to recover the costs associated with the delivery of providing sewer services via parcel tax, user fees, or other revenues ;

AND WHEREAS, the Regional District sewage collection systems in the Chilton, Friesen, and Harper Imperial subdivisions are all connected to the City of Dawson Creek sewage collection system as authorized by formal agreement between the parties, and the Regional District pays the City of Dawson Creek user fees for the conveyance, treatment, and disposal of the sewage from within the Chilton Subdivision, Friesen Subdivision, and Harper Imperial Subdivisions;

AND WHEREAS, the Regional District wishes to transfer the user fees to the system users;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. This bylaw may be cited as “Dawson Creek Fringe Area Sewer Systems User Fees Bylaw No. 2519, 2023.”
2. This bylaw applies to all properties within the service areas defined in the following Peace River Regional District Service Establishment Bylaws as may be amended from time to time:
  - a) Chilton Subdivision Sewage Collection Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1328, 2000;
  - b) Friesen Subdivision and Area Sewage Collection Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1609, 2005; and
  - c) Harper Imperial Subdivision and Area Sewage Collection Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1878, 2010;
3. If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court, the invalid portion shall be severed, and the remainder of the bylaw is deemed valid.

4. The headings used in this bylaw are for convenience only, do not form part of this bylaw, and are not to be used in interpreting this bylaw.

#### **USER FEE and FIXED INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGE**

5. A sewer user fee and a fixed infrastructure charge is hereby imposed against the owner or occupier of land or real property that is within the service area boundaries for the Chilton, Friesen, and Harper Imperial Sewage Collection Service Areas as referenced in Section 2 above.
6. The user fee charged for each connection shall be in accordance with the rates specified in **Schedule A – Sewer System User Fees and Charges attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.**
7. The sewer user fee and fixed infrastructure charge is the same for all connections and connection types except as noted below.
8. Properties that are connected directly to the City of Dawson Creek water distribution network and receive potable water to their property via City of Dawson Creek infrastructure including a water meter, shall be exempt from the sewer user fees and fixed infrastructure charge specified in Schedule A hereto, and shall be billed directly by the City of Dawson Creek for both water usage and sewer disposal and treatment user fees in accordance with City of Dawson Creek User Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3392 as amended or replaced.
9. The Regional District consents to the City of Dawson Creek providing potable water within the service area boundaries specified in Section 2 above by way of direct connection to the City of Dawson Creek water distribution system, and acknowledges that should delivery of potable water via City of Dawson Creek infrastructure directly connected to properties in the service areas be provided, at the sole discretion of the City of Dawson Creek, that the municipal powers, duties and functions in relation to the provision of potable water via the water distribution network may be exercised in those areas, including imposition of fees and charges in accordance with City of Dawson Creek bylaws.
10. The monthly sewer user fee and fixed infrastructure charge shall be charged for each month or any part thereof that a property is connected to the sewage collection system and the fees and charges shall not be prorated for any portion of a month.
11. The definition of a connection is:
  - a. a single family dwelling;
  - b. suite or duplex – each unit;
  - c. commercial business premise;
  - d. commercial business premise living quarters attached, and
  - e. trailer or mobile manufactured home– per unit.
12. The Regional District shall invoice property owners or occupants quarterly.

13. Any fees or amounts invoiced under this bylaw that are unpaid as of December 31<sup>st</sup> are deemed to be taxes in arrears and shall be transferred to property taxes.

**REPEAL**

14. Chilton, Friesen, and Harper Imperial Subdivisions Sewer User Rate Bylaw No. 2500, 2023 is repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Leonard Hiebert  
Chair

(Corporate Seal has been affixed to the original bylaw)

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Tyra Henderson  
Corporate Officer

I certify this to be a true and correct copy of "Dawson Creek Fringe Area Sewer System User Fee Bylaw No. 2519, 2023", as adopted by the Peace River Regional District Board on April 20, 2023.

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Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

**SCHEDULE A – SEWER SYSTEM USER RATES**

<b>SEWER USER RATES</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Charge per sewer connection per month		\$21.14	\$21.56

<b>SEWER FIXED INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGE</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Charge per sewer connection per month		\$22.60	\$23.06