**Highway 41 Water Utility**

**Minutes of the Meeting held July 7, 2022**

**In Office Meeting with SaskWater**

**Attendance:**

Mark Schaffel

Blaine Tomolak

Christine Meachem

Dale Cousin

Graham White

Martin Bettker

Wayne Mason

Greg Poehler, SaskWater

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Greg Poehler introduced himself to the group and explained the minimum purchase requirements.

SaskWater buys the water from the city of Saskatoon and then sells to us.  Implementation of the minimum purchase requirements.  2016 - any new clients would pay a minimum purchase.

Now that there is new water supply agreement and new connection levies.  Graham White asked, why new levees?  full utilisation of the system so to keep it a level playing field.  With a higher allocation that isn’t being used then it is not available to other utilities.

Mark Schaffel asked about the connection levies, the growth of new infrastructure needed, new water treatment plant, maintaining current infrastructure.

Minimum purchase requirement – based on a year basis, customer size, volume used, and average peak daily flow.  

If lower allocation – continue to keep on eye on future developments.  Large cost to keep the current allocation.

Pipeline built for maximum volume which is summer – peak month –

SaskWater took peak day to figure out the average of 278 gallons/minute

Based on current allocations – minimum monthly charge 11264cuM/month.

Want to reduce our monthly minimum allocation/charge.

But don’t want to minimize too much that there is no room for future growth.

The allocation is open to variable rates based on growth of the pipeline. 4766 – allocation based on peak use.

Contract is over 20 years. We could consider Increasing reservoir capacity in order to maximize the use of the pipeline and not use up our allocation.

Can there be a 90-day clause that our utility could be notified if allocation was going to another customer, therefore, we could have a chance to increase our allocation.

Allocation is set on flow rate.

Dale Cousin asked who else is on our side of the river vying for future allocation.

Promises to customers (unused curbstops), yearly growth, dry years, and future developments should be considered when choosing our new allocation.

Connection fees, subject to change, standby charges, etc implemented in new contracts.

Dale Cousin asked about other utilities and what they have signed. Most utilities have had a minimum usage charge from the start.

October 31st SaskWater will need current inventories from H41 Water Utility.

Blaine asked about levy charges to new customers, however, we have not signed a contract yet. The levees are to pay for infrastructure with the city of Saskatoon – they should be charged as we will have to pay

SaskWater left

What is the cost of relocating a curbstop within a couple hundred feet – approx. $2000

*Next board meeting put to official vote that a customer can not move their own curbstop.*

Ask Greg Poehler if he can send us that spreadsheet at 35%