

2024 ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION

Waterworks Rate Policy

The potable water source for the Northern Village of Air Ronge is through the Lac La Ronge Regional Water Corporation (LLRRWC) in which the Northern Village of Air Ronge, the Town of La Ronge and the Lac La Ronge Indian Band have a cost sharing agreement to fund the utility. Operational costs are evaluated each year.

The objective of the Waterworks Rate Policy as set through Bylaw 2024-09 is to provide safe reliable drinking water to the residents at a reasonable cost, to maintain waterworks that are self-financing and to set aside funds for future capital expenditures. A review of utility expenses in 2024 identified a need to address shortfalls in operating revenue, and as such, rates have been set and approved by the SMB to increase in 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Waterworks Capital Investment Strategy

The objective of the capital investment strategy is to work towards waterworks that are as close to self-financing as possible, where users are current with their utility payments for their services. The water treatment plant has been recently replaced however; it is noted that the distribution lines in the municipality are starting to age. In addition to setting aside funds for future infrastructure replacement, the Northern Village of Air Ronge will need to strategically plan for any required replacement.

Annual Waterworks Financial Overview

Total Waterworks Revenues: \$223,855.50

Total Waterworks Expenses: \$373,333.29

Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenses, expressed as a ratio:

Revenue: \$223,855.50

Expenses: \$373,333.29 = 0.60

The amount of waterworks revenues covered 60% of the expenses for 2024.

Reserves: In 2024 funds in the amount of \$1,964,000 were transferred from the general reserve fund for capital expenditures to the water & sewer reserves fund. In accordance with Bylaw 2024-09, a Bylaw for the Fixing of Water Rates, Sewer Service Charges and Utility Infrastructure Fees, and in preparation for the sewage lagoon expansion project, infrastructure levy fees in the amount of \$10,088 were also transferred to the water & sewer reserves fund. The water and sewer reserves fund balance as of December 31, 2024 is \$2,010,088.

Additional Information is available at the Village of Air Ronge Municipal Office (or www.airronge.ca):

- Current Certified Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the Distribution of Drinking Water and Collection of Wastewater agreement with SaskWater.
- Drinking Water Supply agreement with the LLRRWC.
- Bylaw 2024-09 – Water, Sewer, and Infrastructure Levy Fees Bylaw
- Bylaw 2024-10 – Water & Sewer Management Bylaw