

BYLAW NO. 4689

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT to amend Bylaw No. 2489, the Gas Utility Bylaw.

WHEREAS Council considers it advisable to amend Bylaw No. 2489;

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Bylaw No. 2489 is amended as set out in this Bylaw.
2. Schedule "A" is repealed and replaced by the Schedule "A" attached to this Bylaw.
3. This Bylaw will come into force on January 1, 2022.

READ A FIRST TIME in open Council on November 15, 2021.

READ A SECOND TIME in open Council on _____.

READ A THIRD TIME in open Council on _____.

SIGNED AND PASSED on _____.

MAYOR: LINNSIE CLARK

CITY CLERK: ANGELA CRUICKSHANK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW 2489
AS AMENDED BY BYLAW NO. 4689 – DECEMBER 6, 2021
(Effective January 1, 2022)
GENERAL SERVICE NATURAL GAS RATES (ALL CLASSES)

1. RATE CLASSES

RATE CLASS A - General Service – Core market distribution Consumers using up to 5,000 Gigajoules in one year.

RATE CLASS B - Large Use General Service – Core market distribution Consumers using more than 5,000 Gigajoules in one year.

RATE CLASS C - High Pressure Service – Consumers or third parties who utilize the City's high pressure Gas Distribution System to transport natural gas to their premises.

RATE CLASS D - Wheeling High Pressure Service – Consumers or third parties who utilize the City's high pressure Gas Distribution System to transport natural gas to the Trans Canada Pipeline system.

2. RATES AND CHARGES

The rates and charges for services provided by the Gas Utility are as follows:

Rate Class	Administration Charge	Distribution Tariff		Commodity Charge	Environmental Conservation Charge	Municipal Consent & Access Fee (MCAF)
		Service Charge	Delivery Charge			
Rate Class A - Residential	\$0.0990 / day	\$0.7370 / day	\$1.351 / Gj	See Note (1)	\$0.90 / Gj - additional charge for gas in excess of 19 Gjs / Mth	See Note (2)
Rate Class A – Commercial, Industrial and other Non-Residential	\$0.0990 / day	\$0.7370 / day	\$1.351 / Gj	See Note (1)	-----	See Note (2)
Rate Class B –Commercial, Industrial and other Non-Residential	\$2.9020 / day	\$18.00 / day	\$0.618 / Gj	See Note (1)	-----	See Note (2)
Rate Class C –High Pressure Service	-----	\$50.43 / day	\$0.210 / Gj	-----	-----	See Note (2)
Rate Class D –Wheeling High Pressure Service	-----	-----	\$0.210 / Gj	-----	-----	See Note (2)

NOTES:

- (1) The Commodity Charge payable for the supply of natural gas shall be a per GJ charge, adjusted monthly, that is equal to the Market Reference Price, which is defined as the average of the monthly gas charges set by default supply providers, as defined in the *Gas Utilities Act*, RSA 2000, Chapter G-5. For purposes of determining the Market Reference Price:
- (a) The “monthly gas charges set by default supply providers” shall be the monthly gas charges set by default supply providers shown as Regulated Natural Gas Rates or otherwise on the official website of the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate (the “UCA Website”), provided such information is available on the UCA Website;
 - (b) If the information referred to in paragraph (a) is not available on the UCA Website for any reason, the Commodity Charge shall remain the same as the Commodity Charge for the last month when the information referred to in paragraph (a) was available on the UCA Website, unless adjusted by a resolution passed by Council pursuant to section 5 of this Schedule.
- (2) The MCAF is a franchise charge set by the City of Medicine Hat to access municipal land to construct, operate and maintain distribution systems serving City customers. The MCAF is 12.00% of the monthly Distribution Tariff Charge.
- (3) Multiple Unit Residential Development (e.g. fourplex, apartment building, condominium building) served by a single meter will be deemed to be Commercial for purposes of determining the applicable Rate Class.
- (4) Each year prior to December 31, the Gas Utility will determine the Rate Class that will be applicable for the following year. In the case of Rate Class A and Rate Class B, the determination will be based on the total volume of gas consumed by the Consumer from November 1 of the previous year to October 31 of the current year.
- In the case of
- (a) a new Consumer who has not consumed gas from the Gas Utility, or
 - (b) a Consumer who has consumed gas from the Gas Utility for a period of time less than November 1 of the previous year to October 31 of the current year,
- the Gas Utility will decide whether to apply Rate Class A or Rate Class B based on the Gas Utility’s estimate of the anticipated customer load.

3. CONTRACT OPTION

- 3.1 A Consumer who satisfies the requirements for application of Rate Class A or Rate Class B may elect the Fixed Price Gas (FP_G) contract option.

- 3.2 A Consumer's election of the FP_g contract option, and election to discontinue the FP_g contract option, must be made in accordance with procedures established by the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 3.3 Billing for natural gas consumption under the FP_g contract option will be effective the first day of the next billing period.
- 3.4 A Consumer who elects the FP_g contract option may subsequently elect to discontinue the FP_g contract option only after the Consumer is billed under the FP_g contract option for at least six consecutive billing periods. If a new FP_g contract rate has been established before the last of the six consecutive billing periods has ended, the rate will remain unchanged until the last of the six consecutive billing periods has ended. Thereafter the Consumer will be subject to the FP_g contract rate then in effect.
- 3.5 Billing for natural gas commodity consumption under the FP_g contract option will cease effective the first day of the next billing period on which a Consumer elects to discontinue the FP_g contract option provided the Consumer has been billed for six consecutive billing periods.
- 3.6 The City reserves the right to discontinue the FP_g contract option at any time by providing the Consumer with 30 days' notice.
- 3.7 A Consumer who elects the FP_g Option will:
 - (a) continue to be responsible to pay all rates and charges applicable to the Consumer's rate classification, with the exception of the Commodity Charge applicable to that rate classification; and
 - (b) pay a Commodity Charge for natural gas consumption of \$4.35 per gigajoule.

4. COUNCIL APPROVED RATE ADJUSTMENTS

- 4.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bylaw, Council may pass resolutions from time to time to adjust the rates and charges payable pursuant to Section 2 of this Schedule, in response to changing conditions in the natural gas market.
- 4.2 Without limiting the generality of Subsection 4.1, the requirements of Section 32 of this Bylaw shall not apply to resolutions passed pursuant to Subsection 4.1.

NOTE: WHEREVER APPLICABLE, THE GOODS AND SERVICES TAX SHALL BE ADDED TO THE FEES, RATES, CHARGES OR OTHER AMOUNTS PAYABLE TO THE CITY PURSUANT TO THIS BYLAW (SEE BYLAW NO. 2716).