

BYLAW NO. 4723

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT to amend Bylaw No. 2244, the Electric Utility Bylaw.

WHEREAS Council considers it advisable to amend Bylaw No. 2244;

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

- 1) Bylaw No. 2244 is amended as set out in this Bylaw.
- 2) In Schedule A for Consumer Classes E.1.1, E.2.1, E.3.3, E.6.1, and E.7 and in Schedule B for Consumer Classes N.1.1, N.2.1, N.3.1, N.3.3, N.6.1, and N.7, the Contract Option section is repealed and replaced with the following:

“A Consumer who satisfies the requirements for application of this Rate Classification may elect to sign up for a competitive contract option that is listed below.

A Consumer’s election of the contract option must be made in accordance with procedures established by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Billing for electrical energy consumption under the contract options will be effective the first day of the next billing period.

A Consumer who elects a contract option will discontinue the contract option only after the consumer is billed under the contract option for at least twelve consecutive billing periods. After the twelve-month contract has ended, the Consumer will default back to the Market Reference Price option unless the Consumer has signed up for a new contract offering for the next 12-month period.

Billing for electrical energy consumption under the contract option will cease effective the first day of the next new billing period after the Consumer has been on the contract option for twelve consecutive billing periods.

There are two contract options for this rate class, the ESPf (firm) and Variable contract offerings. The City reserves the right to discontinue these contract option offerings at any time. For clarity, existing contracts will be honoured through their remaining terms.

A Consumer who elects the ESPf (firm) contract 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 Energy Charge applicable to that rate classification; and
- (b) pay an Energy Charge for electrical energy consumption at the price (\$/kWh) then in effect as stated on the City’s website on the date the Consumer signs up for the ESPf (firm) option, and the Consumer shall continue to pay an Energy Charge for electric energy consumption at that same price for a period of twelve consecutive billing months. The price will be updated quarterly on the City’s website. All Consumers are bound by the price in effect as of the date of sign up for this contract option.

A Consumer who elects the Variable contract 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 Energy Charge applicable to that rate classification; and
- (b) the Energy Charge shall be a per kWh charge, adjusted monthly, that is equal to the monthly average Alberta Power Pool price as established and published by the Alberta Electrical System Operator (AESO) plus \$0.020 per kWh for the applicable billing period. This Energy Charge under this contract option will be applicable for twelve consecutive billing periods."

3) In Schedule A for Consumer Classes E.4.1, E.5.1, and E.8 and in Schedule B for Consumer Classes N.4.1, N.5.1, and N.8, the Energy Charge section is repealed and replaced with the following:

"The Energy Charge shall be a per kWh charge, adjusted monthly, that is equal to the Market Reference Price. Market Reference Price is defined as the average of the rates for owners whose regulated rate tariffs are approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission under section 103(2) of the *Electric Utilities Act* for that calendar month as posted by the Alberta Utilities Commission on its website page under *Regulated Rate Option Regulation*.

If the information is not available on the Alberta Utilities Commission website for any reason, the Energy Charge shall remain the same as the Energy Charge for the last month when the information was available on the Alberta Utilities Commission website, unless adjusted by a resolution passed by Council pursuant to section 34(2)."

4) This Bylaw shall come into force on January 1, 2023.

READ A FIRST TIME in open Council on November 7, 2022.

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: Arlene Karbashewski