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Version 1

Purpose

To clearly define the obligations of both property owners and the Town of Eston.

The Town of Eston is only responsible for the Town property which is outlined in the *Municipalities Act*.

Section 25 of *Municipalities Act* states:

Land adjacent to streets, roads and easements

25(1) If the main lines of the system or works of a public utility are located above, on or under a street, road or easement and the municipality provides the public utility service to a parcel of land adjacent to the street, road or easement, the municipality is responsible for the construction, maintenance, repair and replacement of the portion of the service connection from the main lines of the system or works to the boundary of the street, road or easement.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), as a term of supplying the public utility service to the parcel of land, the council may make the owner of the parcel of land responsible for the costs of the construction, maintenance, repair and replacement of the portion of the service connection from the main lines of the system or works to the boundary of the street, road or easement.

(3) If the council acts pursuant to subsection (2), the costs mentioned in that subsection are an amount owing to the municipality by the owner of the parcel of land.

New Construction

The Town of Eston will bring water and sewer to the property line at no cost in the Southwest and Southeast areas of town zoned Residential.

This location is south of Highway 44, west of Highway 30 to 5th Street SW Avenues 2nd to 9th including Larson Cr, Kay Lane and Guthrie Place. This also includes Gatenby in the northeast side of town.

In the Industrial area on the Northwest side of town the cost for water and sewer will be a 50/50 split between the Town and the property owner.

This location is north of Highway 44, A Avenue to C Avenue and Main Street to 3rd Street NW.

As per building code the sump pump cannot be tied into the sanitary sewer lines.

Maintenance, Repair and Replacement

Town Responsibilities

- All water lines from the source, up to and including the curb stop are the responsibility of the Town for maintenance, repair and / or replacement
- All water meters and end points remain the property of the Town. Repair, maintenance and / or replacement is the responsibility of the Town. Unless the meter freeze is due to homeowner negligence.
- Maintenance of sewer mains and manholes which are located on Town property or easements. Anything on resident's property is the responsibility of the owner.
- The Town of Eston is not responsible for any damage done to property by water line breaks, water service interruptions or faulty meters.

Property Owners Responsibilities

- All water lines after the curb stop to the building are the responsibility of the property owner.
- All water lines to and from water meters are the responsibility of the property owner.
- The property owner is responsible for all wastewater (Sewer) lines from the property line to the building and inside the building.

Compensation

The Town of Eston will compensate for roto rooting sewer lines, camera and after hours charges if the problem is on Town property.

Charges as of March 2025 from Eston Sheet Metal are as follows:

Main line 3"- 4" – Maximum up to 100 feet Reg/\$270.00. After hours/\$373.00
Main line 3" to 4" – 100 feet – 200 feet Reg/\$338.00 After hours/\$451.00
Run camera down mainline – Reg/\$203.00 After hours/\$248.00

Pricing does not include taxes.

This is subject to change.

Note: We ask that residents be mindful of issues and call as soon as problems arise.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer