

Subject: Bylaw No. 20/009 - Rural Area Water and Wastewater Service Connection Bylaw**APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/009, being the Rural Area Water and Wastewater Service Connection Bylaw, be read a first time.

Summary:

The Rural Water and Sewer Servicing (RWSS) program is upgrading the water, sewer and road infrastructure in the communities of Anzac, Conklin, Draper, Gregoire Lake Estates, Janvier and Sapræ Creek Estates. The Residential Service Connection Plan, approved by Council on November 26, 2019, outlines how residential lot owners access municipal infrastructure. The purpose of the RWSS Residential Service Connection Bylaw is to administer the Residential Service Connection Plan.

Background:

The Rural Water and Sewer Servicing (RWSS) program is upgrading the water, sewer and road infrastructure in the communities of Anzac, Conklin, Draper, Gregoire Lake Estates, Janvier and Sapræ Creek Estates.

Construction began in 2017 to build the infrastructure needed to provide piped water and sewer servicing to these rural communities. Once municipal infrastructure is available, the next step is to connect infrastructure from lot lines to residential homes (service connections).

The RWSS Residential Service Connection Plan was approved by Council on November 26, 2019. It applies to existing residential lots only, not commercial lots, outlines how residential lot owners access municipal infrastructure and includes:

- Service connection design and required permits
- Connection from municipal infrastructure at the property line to the home

- Supply and installation of sewage tank, water cistern and pump, as required
- Installation of electrical line from existing electric source to the pump
- Restoration of private property impacted by construction activity

Upgrades to existing plumbing and electrical system are not included in the RWSS Residential Service Connection Plan. Lot owners will be responsible for installation of service connection at their lot. Design and installation of service connection must be signed-off by certified party on the current Alberta Municipal Affairs, Private Sewage Systems Installer Certification List.

Through the RWSS Residential Service Connection Plan, residential lot owners will be charged a Service Connection Fee to connect to municipal infrastructure. The Service Connection Fee is:

- \$10,000 per residential lot in Sapræe Creek Estates
- \$16,000 per residential lot in Anzac, Conklin, Draper, Gregoire Lake Estates, and Janvier

Service Connection Fees may be paid in one lump-sum payment at the time of installation, or added to utility bills and amortized over a period of twenty-five years.

The Residential Service Connection Plan will be in effect until 2028, or until 5 years after the date municipal infrastructure is available at the lot, whichever is earlier (the "End Date"). After the End Date lot owners will be responsible for the full cost of service connection. Municipal trucked water delivery and wastewater collection will discontinue following completion of the municipal service connection infrastructure or End Date, again which ever date occurs first.

The purpose of Bylaw No. 20/009, Rural Area Water and Wastewater Service Connection Bylaw, is to administer the RWSS Residential Service Connection Plan.

Strategic Priorities:

Regional Economic Development
Rural and Indigenous Communities and Partnerships

Attachments:

1. Bylaw No. 20/009 Rural Area Water and Wastewater Service Connection Bylaw