

**Village of Warburg
Bylaw # 104/10**

A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF WARBURG, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE PURPOSE TO AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TO REPLACE OR INSTALL WATER METERS FOR EACH WATER UTILITY ACCOUNT HOLDER.

WHEREAS under the provisions of Section 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, being Chapter M-26, S.A. 2000, and amendments thereto, the Council has been granted the authority to pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting public utilities and services provided by or on behalf of the municipality; and

WHEREAS the Village of Warburg provides a potable water supply distribution system, and a sewage collection and treatment system and deems it necessary to install meters for all current account holders to promote water conservation and collect accurate revenues; and

WHEREAS the Village of Warburg has contracted Neptune Technology Group as its contractor for the purchase of said equipment, to be known as the 2010 Water Metering Project;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Village of Warburg duly assembled ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

EACH property owner is responsible to have their property equipped with an operational, interior water shut-off valve, and must provide and maintain accessibility to the meter for representatives of the Village of Warburg or duly authorized agent. The Village will provide and install or replace a water meter and a radio frequency meter.

1. With regards to the one time meter replacement project by Village of Warburg:
 - a) Property owners **must** make an appointment by August 30, 2010 or be subject to a fine of \$250.00 for delay in conversion to the Neptune Water metering System. It is required that property owners are to allow the installation team access to their property in order to complete the installation. Installation is to commence August 1, 2010. Property Owners have three months to comply at their cost, date of compliance October 1, 2010.
 - b) Every meter shall be placed in such location as the Village or its duly authorized Agents shall direct. Where practical, the meter shall be installed in the basement of residential buildings, and shall be located immediately after the main shut-off valve on the owner's plumbing system so as to ensure that all water supplied to the building passes through the meter. In the event that a building has no basement, the water meter shall be installed in another location in the building or in a meter chamber as authorized by the Corporation.
 - c) All new or replacement meters installed to designated manufactured homes shall be situated inside the designated manufactured home where possible.
 - d) We the Village of Warburg accepts no financial responsibility or liability for damages incurred to private property while attempting to access the water meter for replacement.

- e) All users of water service must allow the Village to install or replace a water meter on the owner's premises and the Village or its' duly authorized agent shall have the right to enter upon the owner's premises at periodic interval to inspect the said meter.
 - f) Every owner and occupier shall, at reasonable times and on reasonable notice, permit the Village to have free, clear and unobstructed access to that person's property and to the location where a water meter is installed or is to be installed in or on that property or to permit the Village to test, read, repair, maintain, alter, disconnect, remove, replace or install a water meter or seal a water meter which has been installed.
 - g) The Village shall at all times be permitted to take photographs, including digital images, or any water meter, related items and equipment.
2. The water meters shall at all times remain the property of the Village of Warburg and shall not be tampered with or interfered with at any time by the user or those under his control.
 3. No person other than the Public Works Operators or their duly authorized agent shall turn off or turn on the water supply from the Village distribution system to the owner's premises or attempt to do so.
 4. As per section 42(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* the charges for a municipal utility service provided to a parcel of land are an amount owing to the municipality by the owner of the parcel. If non payment occurs the amount owing will be applied to the Tax Roll and collected as taxes.

Any person who violates a provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary of conviction to a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, unless another or different penalty is specifically provided for in this bylaw, exclusive of costs and in each and every case of default of payment, said person shall be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days unless the fines and costs be paid sooner.

This bylaw shall take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

Read a first time this 14th day June, A.D. 2010.

Read a second time this 14th day of June, A.D. 2010.

Read a third time with the unanimous consent of the Council Members present and finally passed this 14th day of June, A.D. 2010

Mayor Dawson Kohl

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Christine Pankewitz
Municipal Administrator