

**PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY**

The following regulations have been made by the Town Council of Bonavista under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1972, and were approved by me on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. , 1979.

**H. Neil Windsor, P. ENG.**

**Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

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**WATER AND SEWER REGULATIONS**

1. **Interpretations:** In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires:-
  - a. "Act" means the Local Government Act, 1972.
  - b. "Town" means the Town of Bonavista as defined by paragraph or Order-in-Council dated 24<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D., 1964, and any amendments thereto, and made under the provisions of local Government Act.
  - c. "Council" means the Town Council of the Town of Bonavista.
  - d. "System" means the public water supply and sewerage system of the Town Council of Bonavista as the owner and operator of plant and equipment for the production, transmission, delivery or furnishing of water to or for the public, and for the conveyance and disposal of sewage.
  - e. "Customer" means any person, firm or corporation who or which contracts to be supplied with water of the disposal of sewage from the system.
  - f. "Domestic Service" means the type of service supplied to the owner or his authorized agent or the occupant of tenant of any space or area occupied for the distant purpose of a dwelling house, rooming house, apartment or flat.
  - g. "Industrial Service" means any supplied to the owner of operator, or his authorized agent, or the occupant of any space or area occupied for the distinct purpose of a processing plant.
  - h. "Commercial Service" means any service other than domestic service or industrial service herein defined.

2. **Contracts:** No water or sewerage shall be provided by the system until a regular application from therefore has been by the prospective customer.
3. **Life of Contract:** Standard contracts shall be for a period of one year and therefore shall be self-renewing from month to month expiring on one months notice in writing of wither party.
4. **New Installations:**
  - a. The customer shall pay to Council, in advance; at least one half of the cost of the service at a rate to be set by Council and the balance shall be paid within six (6) months from the date the service is completed.
  - b. No prospective customer shall have his home connected to the system unless such customer is not in arrears to taxes.
  - c. No commercial establishment or enterprise shall be connected to the system unless such establishment or enterprise is not in arrears of taxes.
5. **Reconnections:**
  - a. Any householder who asks to be disconnected from the system shall not be reconnected until any arrears of water or sewage rated be paid and upon payment of a reconnection charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or payment of the monthly water and sewage rate from the date it was disconnected to the date it is reconnected, whichever amount is the lesser.
  - b. Any commercial establishment or enterprise which requests disconnection from the system not be reconnected until any arrears of water or sewerage rated be paid and upon payment of a reconnection charge or twenty five (\$25.00) dollars or payment of the monthly water and sewerage rate from the date it was disconnected to the date it is reconnected, whichever amount is the lesser.
6. **Payment of Bills:** Bills for water rates and sewerage rates shall be rendered to customers every two months and shall be payable within thirty days of the date rendered which date shall be shown on the bill.
7. **Discontinuance of Service for Non-payment of Taxes:** Council may discontinue service from the system to any occupier of a building or premises or part thereof who fails to pay on the due date, any rates or taxes payable by him under the Act.

8. Access to Customers Premises: Representatives of the Council shall have the right of access to all parts of a customer property or premises at all reasonable hours for the purpose of inspecting any water and sewer pipes or fitting or appliances, and the Council shall have the right to suspend service to any customer who refuses such access.
9. Improper Use or Waste of Water: No customer shall permit the improper use of water nor shall he sell or give water to any person under conditions and for such purpose as may be approved by the Council in writing.
10. Repairs to Service: If a leak or other trouble occurs in a service pipe, it shall be repaired as soon as possible. If the leak or trouble occurs between the main and within 1.5 m of a dwelling or building, it shall be repaired by Council at its expense. If the leak or trouble occurs elsewhere in the service pipe, it shall be repaired at the customer's expense. If a leak occurs in the customer's portion of the service pipe, Council may discontinue the supply of water to such service pipe, if, in its opinion, such action is necessary in order to prevent wastage of water. Council shall notify the customer affected of its intention to discontinue the supply of water.
11. Thawing of Service Pipes: If freezing occurs in a service pipe, it shall be thawed as soon as possible. If freezing occurs between the main and the shut-off valve, it shall be thawed by the Council at its expense. If freezing occurs elsewhere in the service pipe (i.e. from the shut-off valve to the dwelling or building) it shall be thawed at the expense of the customer.
12. Interference with the System: No person, unless authorized by Council, shall draw water from, open, close, cut, break, obstruct from, free access to, or in any way injure or interfere with any hydrant, water main, curb stop, water pipe, or any other part of the system provided, however, that nothing contained in these regulations shall be deemed to prevent an officer or member of the Fire Department when engaged in the work of such department, from using any hydrant or other part of the system.
13. Any person who neglects or fails to comply with or acts in contravention of any of the provisions of these regulations shall be an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) , or in default of payment thereof to imprisonment for a period not exceeding ninety days or both fine and such imprisonment.
14. Prosecution under these regulations may be taken summarily by Council or any Police Constable.

15. These regulations shall come into effect on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December A.D., 1979, and may be cited as the Town of Bonavista (Water and Sewer) Regulations, 1979.