

TOWN OF WADENA

POLICY TITLE WATER AND SEWER LINE REPAIR POLICY		ADOPTED BY TOWN COUNCIL	POLICY NO. <i>P2010-002</i>
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WATER AND SEWER LINE REPAIR POLICY

That water and sewer line repair policy as appended hereto and forming part of these minutes be approved replacing Sewer Line Blockage Policy, being Resolution No. 69-04, dated June 21, 2004, Policy No. 4-2009, dated April 20, 2009, and Water and Sewer Service Policy, being Resolution No. 228-07, dated September 17, 2007.

MOTION CARRIED

**Approved by Council
December 21, 2010**

That Water and Sewer Line Repair Policy be set as follows:

Section 25(2) of *The Municipalities Act* provides as follows:

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 line of the system or works to the boundary of the street, road or easement.

And Section 25(3) *The Municipalities Act* provides as follows:

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.

1. It is the responsibility of the property owner to install and maintain the water and sewer service from the sewer and water mains in the streets to the building on the property, except for the curb stops, and that for water and sewer service line repair, the Town will cost share, with the property owner 50% of the cost for the portion of the repair located from the property line to the water and sewer mains in the street.
2. It is the responsibility of the property owner to contact the Plumber and the Director of Public Works and Utilities to ensure both are present at the time of the repair to ensure location of the blockage or break is clearly defined.
3. The property owner shall hire a contractor to complete the work on his/her property. The Public Works Manager will inspect the line before the trench is backfilled to ensure the work meets Town specifications.
4. Replacement or repair of curb stops shall be done by the Town at no cost to the property owner.
5. The Town shall pay the costs of cleaning the sewer main line.
6. The property owner shall pay the costs of cleaning or unplugging the building sewer connection.
7. If the same blockage occurs three (3) times, the sewer camera will be used to determine the extent of the blockage. If the blockage is located on the property owner's side of the property line, the property owner shall be responsible for 100% of the cost of the line cleaning and the camera. If the

blockage is located between the property line and the sewer main, the town shall pay 50% of the cost of the line cleaning and the camera.

8. If the property owner requests a camera be used on his line, the cost of cleaning the line and the camera shall be the responsibility of the property owner if a problem is encountered in the portion of the service line located between the property line and the service or if no problem is encountered. If the problem is encountered between the property line and the main, the town will pay 50% of the cost of cleaning the line and the camera.
9. If the town decides to camera a line, the cost of cleaning the line and the camera shall be the responsibility of the town if a problem is encountered between the property line and the main or if no problem is encountered. If a problem is encountered on the property owner's side of the property line, the property owner shall be responsible for 100% of the cost of cleaning the line and the camera.
10. The Town of Wadena may complete sewer cleaning work at a minimum fee of \$150.00, plus applicable Goods and Services Tax, on Monday through Friday, during regular working hours. The individual shall be advised of this fee prior to the Town completing the work. The Director of Public Works and Utilities has the discretion to refuse to enter a property to complete water and/or sewer line work.
11. In the event that a water or sewer line problem is encountered on a weekend, the on-call utilities town employee shall attend to the problem in place of the Director of Public Works and Utilities. The Town may do sewer cleaning work at hours other than regular hours of work at the discretion of the Director of Public Works and Utilities at a minimum fee of \$225.00.