

NOVA SCOTIA REGULATORY AND APPEALS BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by the **TOWN OF MIDDLETON**, on behalf of **the Middleton Water Utility**, for approval of amendments to its Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Water Services and amendments to its Schedule of Rules and Regulations

BEFORE:

 Julia E. Clark, LL.B., Vice Chair

ORDER

The Town of Middleton, on behalf of the Middleton Water Utility, applied for approval of amendments to its Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Water Services and amendments to its Schedule of Rules and Regulations.

The Board issued its Decision on September 12, 2025.

The Board approves the Rates and Charges for Water and Water Services, effective October 1, 2025, April 1, 2026, and April 1, 2027, as shown in Schedules A, B, and C, as revised by the utility and filed in response to Undertaking U-1 (Exhibit M-5).

The Board approves the Schedule of Rules and Regulations filed in response to the undertakings, as Schedule D, with an effective date of October 1, 2025.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 12th day of September 2025.



Clerk of the Board

**SCHEDULES A, B, AND C
RATES AND CHARGES**



SCHEDULE "A"
MIDDLETON WATER UTILITY
SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR WATER AND WATER SERVICES

(Effective for water supplied on and after 1 October 2025)

RATES

The rates set out below are the rates approved by the Board for water and water services when payment is made within 30 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill.

When payment is made after 30 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill, the rates will include interest charges of 1.5 % per month, or part thereof.

Each bill shall show the amount payable within 30 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill.

In this Schedule, the word "Utility" means the Middleton Water Utility of the Town of Middleton.

1. **RATES:**

(a) **Base Charges**

Quarterly

Unmetered (based on 30 c.m. per quarter) 143.16

Size of Meter

5/8"	92.17
3/4"	134.50
1"	219.17
1.5"	430.84
2"	684.84
3"	1,362.17
4"	2,124.18
6"	4,240.85
8"	7,627.53

(b) **Consumption Rate (per cubic metre)**

Consumption Rate \$ 1.70 per cubic metre

(c) **Minimum Bill**

The minimum bill shall be the Base Charge

2. PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION RATE

The Town of Middleton and the County of Annapolis shall pay annually in proportion to the number of hydrants serving each municipality as of April 1, 2025 to the Utility for fire protection on or before September 30, 2025 the sum of \$287,032 based on 6 months at the 2023/24 rate (\$276,410) and 6 months at the proposed rate (\$297,654).

3. RATES FOR SPRINKLER SERVICE

Each building having a sprinkler system installed shall pay annually for the service as follows:

Each building serviced by a sprinkler service pipe of 6" or less in diameter	\$250.00
Each building serviced by a sprinkler service pipe of 8" or more in diameter	\$300.00

4. WATER FOR BUILDINGS OR WORKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Utility may furnish water to any person requiring a supply thereof for the construction of a building or other works. This person shall deposit with the Utility such sum as may be determined by the Utility as is sufficient to defray the cost of making the necessary connection to any water service or main together with the cost of the meter to be installed to measure the water consumed. Upon completion of the work and the return of the meter to the Utility, a refund will be made after deducting the cost, if any, of repairing the water service box, the meter and of testing the same and payment of the base and connection charges and the consumption rates in respect to such installation.

5. PRIVATE HYDRANT CONNECTION RATES

Per hydrant per year \$250.00.

6. RATES FOR WATER SUPPLIED FROM FIRE HYDRANTS

Whenever the use of any fire hydrant is desired for supplying water for any purpose, excepting those of the Fire Department for fire use, the Utility may grant a permit containing such terms and conditions as it may provide, including arrangements regarding supervision of the opening and closing of the hydrant, and a service charge for commercial consumers of \$60.00 for connection and disconnection and a consumption charge for the amount of water used, as estimated by the water Utility, at meter consumption rates.

7. CHARGES FOR RE-ESTABLISHING WATER SERVICE

When water service has been suspended for any violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Utility, such water service shall not be re-established until a reconnection charge of \$50.00 has been paid to the Utility. If reconnection is outside of regular working hours, the charge is \$200.00.

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8. CONNECTION FEE

The Utility shall charge a \$50.00 fee for the creation of a water account, notwithstanding the fact that no physical disconnection of the system may have occurred.

9. DISCONNECTION FEE

Whenever a customer requests the water be turned off from any premises for an extended period of time, a charge of \$50.00 shall be made for turning off the water, and no additional charge shall be made for turning it on again when this is requested unless such request is after regular working hours of the Utility when a fee of \$200.00 shall apply.

10. SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE:

A special service charge of \$50.00 (\$200.00 if such work is performed after regular working hours) shall be made to each customer receiving a necessary or requested service, such as the shutting off or turning on of water service or other special services not provided for elsewhere in the schedules or the rules and regulations except for water service repairs requested by the Utility. In the case where the shutting off is requested because there is no operable shut off valve serving the dwelling, an isolation valve must be installed.

11. DISHONOURED PAYMENTS

The Utility shall charge a \$25.00 administration fee plus any additional bank charges for cheques or pre-authorized payments that have been dishonoured by the Customer's bank or other financial institution.

12. CHARGE FOR MISSED APPOINTMENT BY CUSTOMERS

Where an appointment has been made by a customer to have a water service hooked up or a meter inspected, or water turned on to a property, or other visits to the property for the inception or maintenance of water service to the property, and the customer fails to keep the appointment or the plumbing is not completed to allow for installation of a water meter and the Utility's staff have to return to the property, there may be a charge of \$25.00 for each visit if, in the judgment of the Utility, it is required.



SCHEDULE "B"
MIDDLETON WATER UTILITY
SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR WATER AND WATER SERVICES

(Effective for water supplied on and after 1 April 2026)

RATES

The rates set out below are the rates approved by the Board for water and water services when payment is made within 30 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill.

When payment is made after 30 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill, the rates will include interest charges of 1.5 % per month, or part thereof.

Each bill shall show the amount payable within 30 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill.

In this Schedule, the word "Utility" means the Middleton Water Utility of the Town of Middleton.

1. **RATES:**

(a) **Base Charges**

Quarterly

Unmetered (based on 30 c.m. per quarter) 152.42

Size of Meter

5/8"	93.64
3/4"	136.60
1"	222.52
1.5"	437.31
2"	695.05
3"	1,382.38
4"	2,155.63
6"	4,303.53
8"	7,740.17

(b)

Consumption Rate (per cubic metre)

Consumption Rate \$ 1.96 per cubic metre

(c) **Minimum Bill**

The minimum bill shall be the Base Charge.

2. PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION RATE

The Town of Middleton and the County of Annapolis shall pay annually in proportion to the number of hydrants serving each municipality as of April 1, 2026 to the water Utility for fire protection on or before September 30, 2026 the sum of \$340,530.

3. RATES FOR SPRINKLER SERVICE

Each building having a sprinkler system installed shall pay annually for the service as follows:

Each building serviced by a sprinkler service pipe of 6" or less in diameter	\$250.00
Each building serviced by a sprinkler service pipe of 8" or more in diameter	\$300.00

4. WATER FOR BUILDINGS OR WORKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Utility may furnish water to any person requiring a supply thereof for the construction of a building or other works. This person shall deposit with the Utility such sum as may be determined by the Utility as is sufficient to defray the cost of making the necessary connection to any water service or main together with the cost of the meter to be installed to measure the water consumed. Upon completion of the work and the return of the meter to the Utility, a refund will be made after deducting the cost, if any, of repairing the water service box, the meter and of testing the same and payment of the base and connection charges and the consumption rates in respect to such installation.

5. PRIVATE CONNECTION HYDRANT RATES

Per hydrant per year \$250.00.

6. RATES FOR WATER SUPPLIED FROM FIRE HYDRANTS

Whenever the use of any fire hydrant is desired for supplying water for any purpose, excepting those of the Fire Department for fire use, the Utility may grant a permit containing such terms and conditions as it may provide, including arrangements regarding supervision of the opening and closing of the hydrant, and a service charge for commercial consumers of \$60.00 for connection and disconnection and a consumption charge for the amount of water used, as estimated by the water Utility, at meter consumption rates.

7. CHARGES FOR RE-ESTABLISHING WATER SERVICE

When water service has been suspended for any violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Utility, such water service shall not be re-established until a reconnection charge of \$50.00 has been paid to the Utility. If reconnection is outside of regular working hours, the charge is \$200.00.

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8. CONNECTION FEE

The Utility shall charge a \$50.00 fee for the creation of a water account, notwithstanding the fact that no physical disconnection of the system may have occurred.

9. DISCONNECTION FEE

Whenever a customer, requests for the water be turned off from any premises for an extended period of time, a charge of \$50.00 shall be made for turning off the water, and no additional charge shall be made for turning it on again when this is requested unless such request is after regular working hours of the Utility when a fee of \$200.00 shall apply.

10. SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE:

A special service charge of \$50.00 (\$200.00 if such work is performed after regular working hours) shall be made to each customer receiving a necessary or requested service, such as the shutting off or turning on of water service or other special services not provided for elsewhere in the schedules or the rules and regulations except for water service repairs requested by the Utility. In the case where the shutting off is requested because there is no operable shut off valve serving the dwelling, an isolation valve must be installed.

11. DISHONoured PAYMENTS

The Utility shall charge a \$25.00 administration fee plus any additional bank charges for cheques or pre-authorized payments that have been dishonoured by the Customer's bank or other financial institution.

12. CHARGE FOR MISSED APPOINTMENT BY CUSTOMERS

Where an appointment has been made by a customer to have a water service hooked up or a meter inspected, or water turned on to a property, or other visits to the property for the inception or maintenance of water service to the property, and the customer fails to keep the appointment or the plumbing is not completed to allow for installation of a water meter and the Utility's staff have to return to the property, there may be a charge of \$35.00 for each visit if, in the judgment of the Utility, it is required.



SCHEDULE "C"
MIDDLETON WATER UTILITY
SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR WATER AND WATER SERVICES

(Effective for water supplied on and after 1 April 2027)

RATES

The rates set out below are the rates approved by the Board for water and water services when payment is made within 30 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill.

When payment is made after 30 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill, the rates will include interest charges of 1.5 % per month, or part thereof.

Each bill shall show the amount payable within 30 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill.

In this Schedule, the word "Utility" means the Middleton Water Utility of the Town of Middleton.

1. RATES:

(a) Base Charges

Quarterly

Unmetered (based on 30 c.m. per quarter) 164.13

Size of Meter

5/8"	100.81
3/4"	147.24
1"	240.09
1.5"	472.23
2"	750.80
3"	1,493.64
4"	2,329.33
6"	4,650.70
8"	8,364.89

(b)

Consumption Rate (per cubic metre)

Consumption Rate \$ 2.11 per cubic metre

(c) Minimum Bill

The minimum bill shall be the Base Charge.

2. PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION RATE

The Town of Middleton and the County of Annapolis shall pay annually in proportion to the number of hydrants serving each municipality as of April 1, 2027 to the water Utility for fire protection on or before September 30, 2027 the sum of \$400,407.

For subsequent years, the annual public fire protection rate shall be based on the above or:

- (a) (a) the sum of 45.7% of Transmission and Distribution, Taxes and Depreciation expenses of the Utility, and 45.7% of the sum of the (Non-Operating Expenditures less the Non-Operating Revenue less Other Operating Revenue of the immediately preceding year), plus
- (b) 10 % of all other expenses,

whichever is the greater.

In subsequent years the Town of Middleton and the Municipality of the County of Annapolis shall pay in proportion to the number of hydrants serving each Municipality as of April 1 of that year.

3. RATES FOR SPRINKLER SERVICE

Each building having a sprinkler system installed shall pay annually for the service as follows:

Each building serviced by a sprinkler service pipe of 6" or less in diameter	\$250.00
Each building serviced by a sprinkler service pipe of 8" or more in diameter	\$300.00

4. WATER FOR BUILDINGS OR WORKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Utility may furnish water to any person requiring a supply thereof for the construction of a building or other works. This person shall deposit with the Utility such sum as may be determined by the Utility as is sufficient to defray the cost of making the necessary connection to any water service or main together with the cost of the meter to be installed to measure the water consumed. Upon completion of the work and the return of the meter to the Utility, a refund will be made after deducting the cost, if any, of repairing the water service box, the meter and of testing the same and payment of the base and connection charges and the consumption rates in respect to such installation.

5. PRIVATE CONNECTION HYDRANT RATES

Per hydrant per year \$250.00

6. RATES FOR WATER SUPPLIED FROM FIRE HYDRANTS

Whenever the use of any fire hydrant is desired for supplying water for any purpose, excepting those of the Fire Department for fire use, the Utility may grant a permit

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containing such terms and conditions as it may provide, including arrangements regarding supervision of the opening and closing of the hydrant, and a service charge for commercial consumers of \$60.00 for connection and disconnection and a consumption charge for the amount of water used, as estimated by the water Utility, at meter consumption rates.

7. CHARGES FOR RE-ESTABLISHING WATER SERVICE

When water service has been suspended for any violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Utility, such water service shall not be re-established until a reconnection charge of \$50.00 has been paid to the Utility. If reconnection is outside of regular working hours, the charge is \$200.00.

8. CONNECTION FEE

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A special service charge of \$50.00 (\$200.00 if such work is performed after regular working hours) shall be made to each customer receiving a necessary or requested service, such as the shutting off or turning on of water service or other special services not provided for elsewhere in the schedules or the rules and regulations except for water service repairs requested by the Utility. In the case where the shutting off is requested because there is no operable shut off valve serving the dwelling, an isolation valve must be installed.

11. DISHONoured PAYMENTS

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12. CHARGE FOR MISSED APPOINTMENT BY CUSTOMERS

Where an appointment has been made by a customer to have a water service hooked up or a meter inspected, or water turned on to a property, or other visits to the property for the inception or maintenance of water service to the property, and the customer fails to keep the appointment or the plumbing is not completed to allow for installation of a water meter and the Utility's staff have to return to the property, there may be a charge of \$50.00 for each visit if, in the judgment of the Utility, it is required.

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SCHEDULE D
RULES AND REGULATIONS



MIDDLETON WATER UTILITY

SCHEDULE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SUPPLY OF WATER AND WATER SERVICES (Effective 1 October 2025)

1. In these Rules and regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:

“Town” means the Town of Middleton

“Utility” means the Middleton Water Utility.

“Customer” means a person, a property owner, firm or corporation who, or which, contracts to be supplied with water at a specific location or locations.

“Domestic Service” means that type of service supplied to the owner or his authorized agent or to the occupant or tenant of any space or area occupied for the distinct purpose of a dwelling house, rooming house, apartment, flat, etc.

“Unmetered Rate Service” means that type of flat rate service charged for by unmetered rates.

“Metered Rate Service” means that type of service charged for at metered rates and is supplied to customers other than those supplied by fixture and flat rate service. Metered rate service is required for all new services except mini homes.

2. **LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT OF WATER BILL:** An agreement is deemed to exist between a customer and the Utility for the supply of water service at such rates and in accordance with these Regulations by virtue of:

- a) the customer applying for and receiving approval for water service;
- b) the customer consuming or paying for water service from the date that the customer who is a party to an agreement pursuant to clause (a) (the customer of record) moves out of the premises, in which case the customer of record shall remain jointly and severally liable for the water service account up to the date the Utility is notified that the customer of record wishes to terminate the supply of water service.

At the discretion of the Utility, a property owner who rents or leases a property or self contained unit to a tenant or lessee may be required to open an account for the provision of water at the property rented or leased.

- c) Any person, business or corporation that receives water service without the consent of the Utility, shall be liable for the cost of such water service which cost shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Utility based upon its reasonable estimate of the amount of water utilized.
- d) Where service is supplied to a condominium unit, the Condominium Corporation

in which the unit is situated shall be deemed to be the customer of record and shall be liable for payment of the service bill for the condominium unit.

3. **DEPOSITS:** When required, an applicant for service shall deposit with the Utility a sum equal to the previous year's average bill for the meter size for such service for a period of three months, or such lesser amount as the Utility may demand (a minimum of \$50.00). This deposit shall be held by the Utility as collateral security for the payment of the customer's bills, but is not to be considered as a payment on account thereof. When the customer ceases to use the service and discharges all their liability to the Utility in respect of such service, the deposit shall be returned to him with interest based on 2% per annum, not compounded.
4. **REFUSAL OF SERVICE:** Service may be refused or suspended to any customer who has failed to discharge all of his liabilities to the Utility.
5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Bills shall be rendered to each customer at intervals of approximately three months (quarterly) and shall be payable within thirty days after the date rendered. Bills are due on the billing date and bills not paid within thirty days after the billing date shall be subject to the interest charge as set out in the Schedule of Rates and Charges.
6. **BILLING:** If a contract is entered into or terminated at any time other than a regular billing date, the amount to be charged to the customer shall be the pro rata proportion to the next billing date, of the regular service charge for the billing period, plus the consumption charge, if any.

The Utility charges the base rate for the entire year for seasonal customers. The quarterly base rate charge will apply for each quarter regardless of water turn-offs.

7. **ADJUSTMENT OF BILLS:**
 - (a) Where meters exist - If the seal of a meter is broken or if a meter does not register correctly, the bill for that water service shall be estimated in accordance with the best data available. Any customer desiring to question a water bill must do so in writing within 30 days of the bill being rendered.
 - (b) Customers Under billed - Should it be necessary for the Utility to make a billing adjustment as a result of a customer being under billed for any reason, such adjustment shall be retroactive for a maximum of four billing periods or one year, whichever is the longest. Notwithstanding the above, in the event that a billing adjustment is the result of the customer's illegal connection to the water system or willful interference or damage of metering equipment (where they exist), the billing adjustment in such circumstances will not be limited to one year or four billing periods, but rather the customer shall be responsible for all payments of such accounts from the date such illegal connection or interference to meter equipment took place

- (c) Customer Over billed - In the event a customer has been billed in error for a Service they did not receive, the Utility will reimburse such customer the amount billed to and paid by the customer, together with interest calculated as simple interest paid on savings accounts by the Utility's bank, respecting the period during which the customer was incorrectly billed by the Utility, such period not to exceed five years.
8. **METER READING:** In the case of Metered Service Customers who are billed quarterly, meters shall be read in at least two of the four quarters, normally, the second and fourth, and, subject to Regulation 9, each billing for these quarters shall be based upon the meter reading with adjustment for any earlier estimated reading. The Utility may, at its option, estimate the readings in the alternate quarters based on the actual consumption from the previous quarter.
9. **ESTIMATED READINGS FOR BILLING PURPOSES - METERED CUSTOMERS:** If the Utility is unable to obtain a meter reading for billing purposes, after exercising due diligence in the usual practice of meter reading, the bill for that service shall be estimated in accordance with the best data available, subject, however, to the provision that in no circumstance will an estimated reading be used for more than two (2) consecutive billing periods. If an estimated bill is rendered for two (2) consecutive billing periods, the Utility shall notify the customer by regular mail that arrangements must be made for the Utility to obtain a reading and failing such arrangements, the Utility may suspend service until such arrangements are made. When such meter reading has been obtained the previous estimated bill or bills shall be adjusted accordingly.
10. **SUSPENSION OF SERVICE FOR NON PAYMENT BILLS:** The Utility shall have the right to enter onto customers' premises within reasonable hours to suspend service to customers whose bills remain unpaid for more than forty calendar days after the date rendered. The customer shall pay the reconnection fee as set out in the Charges for Re-establishing Water Service in the Schedule of Rates and Charges after each suspension. Service suspension can be delayed if approved payment arrangements have been made and the customer is in compliance with arrangements.
11. **WATER TO BE SUPPLIED BY METER:** Except where water is used for construction purposes from a hydrant under the supervision of the Utility and except as in these regulations otherwise provided, all services other than those used exclusively for fire protection shall be metered. The Utility shall determine the size and type of meter to be installed in each case. All meters shall be the property of the Utility.
12. **INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL OF METERS:** Meters shall be installed and removed only by employees or duly authorized representatives of the Utility and no other person shall install, alter, change or remove a meter without the written permission of the Utility. The plumbing and connections shall be properly prepared to receive the installation of such meters to the approval of and without expense to the Utility.
13. **METER READERS:** Each meter reader shall be provided with an official identification, which he/she shall exhibit on request.

14. **ACCESS TO CUSTOMER'S PREMISES:** Representatives of the Utility shall have right of access to all parts of a customer's property or premises at all reasonable hours for the purpose of inspecting any water pipes or fittings, or appliances, or discontinuing service, or for the purpose of installing, removing, repairing, reading or inspecting meters. The Utility shall have the right to suspend service to any customer who refuses such access.
15. **LOCATION OF METERS:** The Utility shall have the right to refuse service to, or suspend the service of, any customer who does not provide a place which, in the opinion of the Utility, is suitable for the meter. It should be in the building served, at or near the point of entry of the service pipe, in a place where it can be easily read and exchanged and where it will not be exposed to freezing temperatures.

Where the premises of a customer are of such a nature that a meter cannot be properly installed in a building or if the building is not sufficiently frost-proof as to guarantee the safety of the meter, the Utility may order the construction of a suitable frost-proof box in which the meter can be installed. Service to such premises may be refused or suspended until such a frost-proof box approved by the Utility is installed.

16. **DAMAGE TO WATER METERS:** Each customer shall be responsible for the meter installed on his service and shall protect it. He shall be liable for any damage to the meter resulting from carelessness, hot water or steam, or the action of frost or from any other cause not the fault of the Utility or its employees. The cost to the Utility occasioned by such damage to the meter shall be paid by the customer. If after the rendering of a bill by the Utility to the customer for such cost the same is not paid within 40 days from the date rendered, the supply of water to the customer concerned may be suspended until all charges are paid.
17. **METER TESTING.** On the request to have their meter tested, the Utility may charge the sum of \$100.00 to defray, in part, the cost of making the test for meters up to 1 ½ inch in size. In the case of meters 1-1/2 inches and larger, the actual cost of the test will be paid by the customer. If the test shows that the meter is over registering by more than one and one half percent (1 ½%) for positive displacement meters and three percent (3%) for turbine or compound meters, the sum so deposited will be refunded to the customer.
18. **PLUMBING TO BE SATISFACTORY:** All plumbing, pipes and fittings, fixtures, and other devices for conveying, distributing, controlling, or utilizing water which are used by a customer and are not the property of the Utility, shall be installed in the manner provided by the Regulations of and be approved by the proper official of the Town/Municipality and/or the operators of the Utility. The water shall not be turned on (except for construction or testing purposes) until the applicant for service has satisfied the Utility that these requirements have been met. The supply of water may be discontinued to any customer at any time if, in the opinion of the proper official of the Town/ Municipality and/or the operator of the Utility, the plumbing, pipes, fittings, fixtures, or other devices as hereinbefore mentioned, or any of them, fail to comply with the above requirements, or if any part of the water system of such customer or the meter is in any unsuitable, dirty,

unsanitary or inaccessible place. Service shall not be re-established until such condition is corrected to the satisfaction of the Utility.

19. **REMOTE REGISTERING WATER METERS:** When a remote registering water meter is installed on a customer's premises under a general outside register installation program of the Utility, then the cost of the meter and its installation shall be paid by the Utility. The meter shall become the property of the Utility which shall become responsible for its operation, maintenance and replacement. Any damage to the meter caused by the negligence or wrongful acts or omissions by the customer, his agents or members of his family, shall be paid for by the customer, and the failure by the customer to make the payment shall entitle the Utility, after making a forty day written demand for the payment, to disconnect the water service to the customer.

20. **CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL & BACKFLOW PREVENTION:**

(a) No owner, consumer, customer or other person hereinafter collectively referred to in this rule and regulation as "person" shall connect, cause to be connected, or allow to remain connected to the water system, or plumbing installation, without the express written consent of the Utility, any piping fixtures, fittings container or appliance in a manner which, under any circumstances, may allow water, wastewater, or any other liquid, chemical or substance, to ingress or egress the water system.

(b) Where, in the opinion of the Utility, there may be a risk of contamination to the potable water system, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (a), the Utility may require the customer, at the customers sole cost and expense, to install at any point on the customers water service connection or water service pipe, one or more backflow prevention (BFP) devices, which devices shall be of a quality and type approved by the Utility.

(c) All BFP devices shall be maintained in good working order. Such devices must be inspected and tested by a certified tester, approved by the Utility, at the expense of the customer. Such inspections shall take place upon installation, and thereafter annually, or more often if required by the Utility. The customer shall submit a report in a form approved by the Utility on any or all tests performed on a BFP device within 30 days of a test. A record card shall be displayed on or adjacent to the BFP device on which the tester shall record the name and address of the owner of the device; the location, type, manufacturer, serial number and size of the device; and the test date, the tester's initials, the tester's name, the name of his employer, and the tester's license number.

(d) Installation, maintenance, field-testing and selection of all BFP devices shall fully conform to the latest revision of CSA B64.10 and CSA B64 series.

(e) In the event of any breach, contravention or non-compliance by a person of any of the provision and regulations in a sub-paragraphs (a),(b),(c) or (d) the Utility may:

- (i) suspend water service to such person, or

(ii) give notice to the person to correct the breach, contravention or non-compliance within 96 hours, or a specified lesser period. If the person fails to comply with such notice, the Utility may immediately thereafter suspend water service to such person.

21. **ALTERNATE WATER SUPPLY PROHIBITED:** Connection of any customer's installation served by the Utility to any other source of water supply is prohibited. Failure to comply with this regulation shall entitle the Utility to suspend the service.
22. **DANGEROUS CONNECTIONS:** No connection shall be permitted to any installation; equipment or source in such a manner as may allow any contamination to pass from such installation, equipment or source into the Utility's water supply system. If any such connection exists the Utility may discontinue the supply of water to such customer.
23. **PROHIBITED DEVICES:** Service may be refused or suspended by the Utility to any customer who installs or uses any device or appurtenance, as, for example, booster pumps, quick-opening or quick-closing valves, flushometers, water operated pumps or siphons, standpipes, etc. which may occasion sudden large demands of short or long duration, thereby requiring oversize meters and pipe lines, or affect the stability or regulation of water pressure in the Utility's system. Permission to install or use any such device or appurtenance must be obtained from the Utility, which permission shall specify what special arrangements, such as elevated storage tanks, surge tanks or equalizing tanks, etc., must be provided by the customer.
24. **IMPROPER USE OR WASTE OF WATER:** No customer shall permit the improper use or waste of water, such as providing water to more than one single family dwelling and /or apartment building from a single service, nor shall he sell or give water to any person except upon such conditions and for such purposes as may be approved in writing by the Utility.
25. **SERVICE PIPES:** Upon receipt of an application for service to any premises located on any portion of a street through which portion a main water pipe is laid and which premises are not already provided with water service, the Utility shall install a service pipe which it considers to be of suitable size and capacity from the water main to the street line. No pipe smaller than 3/4" in (19 mm) diameter shall be laid for any service.

The customer is responsible for the entire cost of supplying and laying the service pipe and fittings including the necessary excavation for the laying of the service pipe, backfilling, and replacement of the street and sidewalk surfaces including landscaping from the water main in the street to the customer's premises shall be done by the Utility or a contractor approved by the Utility.

In the case of a new sub-division, the sub-divider shall provide the service line from the main in the street to the property line at no cost to the Utility.

Should any person make application for more than one service to his premises, the decision as to the necessity of the additional service shall be made by the Utility, and if the additional service is installed, the total cost thereof from the main to the customer's premises shall be paid by such applicant.

All services must be installed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Town of Middleton infrastructure standards and to the satisfaction of the Utility.

When a service has been installed without objection from the customer as to the location of the same, any subsequent removal of or alteration to the position of the pipe shall be made except at the expense of the customer requesting such removal or alteration.

Each customer desiring the Utility to install a new service shall deposit with the Utility a sum equal to the estimated cost of the work.

26. **REPAIRS TO SERVICES:** If a leak or other trouble occurs it shall be repaired as soon as possible. If the leak or trouble occurs in a service line providing non-fire protection water supplies between the main and the street line it shall be repaired by the Utility at its expense. If the leak or trouble occurs elsewhere in a service line providing non-fire protection water supplies, it shall be repaired by the customer at their expense.

If the leak or trouble occurs in a service line which provides private fire protection services (sprinkler or hydrant) it shall be repaired by the customer at his expense.

The Utility may make such repairs for any customer provided the customer agrees to pay the cost of same. When required, each customer desiring the Utility to do such work shall deposit with the Utility a sum equal to the estimated cost of the work.

If a leak occurs on the customer's portion of their service pipe and, after being notified of same, they refuse or unduly delay to have repairs made, the Utility 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. The Utility shall notify the customer affected of its intention to discontinue such supply.

27. **DEPOSITS IN ADVANCE:** Whenever a customer requests the Utility to do work for which he/she is required to pay and the Utility agrees to do the work, he/she shall deposit with the Utility, before the work is started, a sum of money equal to the Utility's estimate of the probable cost of said work or execute an agreement to pay the actual cost. When the actual cost is determined, an adjustment in the payment shall be made. Regular service shall not be established by the Utility until all charges are paid in full. Installations shall be made in accordance with the Middleton Water Utility specifications and be subject to inspection by the Utility's Engineer or Utility's Employees prior to water service being made available.

28. **UNAUTHORIZED EXTENSIONS, ADDITIONS OR CONNECTIONS:** No person shall, without the written consent of the Utility, make or cause to be made any connections to

any pipe or main or any part of the water system or in any way obtain or use water therefrom in any manner other than as set out in these Regulations. Any unauthorized connection shall be subject to removal by the Utility. The cost of the removal including labour and materials and an estimate of the water used together with a \$200 service charge shall be paid by those who made the unauthorized connection.

29. **SEASON FOR LAYING PIPES:** The Utility shall not be required to lay any pipe at any season of the year or at any time which, in its opinion, is not suitable.
30. **PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION:** Fire protection lines within buildings shall be installed so that all pipes will be open and readily accessible for inspection at any time, and no connection for any purpose other than fire protection shall be made thereto. Unless approved by the Utility in writing, no fire protection line shall be connected in any way to a metered service.
31. **LIABILITY OF UTILITY:** The Utility shall not be deemed to guarantee an uninterrupted supply or a sufficient or uniform pressure and shall not be liable for any damage or injury caused or done by reason of the interruption of supply, variation of pressure or on account of the turning off or turning on of the water for any purpose.
32. **INTERFERENCE WITH UTILITY PROPERTY:** No person, unless authorized by the Utility in writing, shall draw water from, open, close, cut, break, or in any way injure or interfere with any fire hydrant, water main, water pipe, or any property of the Utility or obstruct the free access to any hydrant, stop cock, meter, building, etc., provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph contained shall be deemed to prevent an officer or member of the Fire Department engaged in the work of such Department, from using any hydrant or other source of water supply designated by the Utility for fire protection purposes.
33. **SUSPENDING SERVICE FOR VIOLATION:** Whenever, in the opinion of the Utility, violation of any of these Rules and Regulations is existing or has occurred, the Utility may cause the water service to be suspended from the premises where such violation has occurred or is existing and may keep the same so suspended until satisfied that the cause for such action has been removed.
34. **RESUMPTION OF SERVICE:** In all cases where water service has been suspended for violation of any of these rules, service shall not be restored until the cause for violation has been removed.
35. **SPRINKLER SERVICE MAINS AND HYDRANT SYSTEM:** The customer shall be responsible for the cost of installing and maintaining a sprinkler service pipe from the main in the street to the building. It shall include a proper size control valve so that the service may be shut off if necessary. If requested by the applicant, a domestic service pipe may be connected to the sprinkler service pipe, but only if it is connected outside the building foundation wall and is provided with an approved shutoff valve located outside the building to permit control of the domestic service pipe without the necessity to enter the building.

Before any domestic service pipe is connected to a sprinkler service pipe, the applicant must obtain approval from the appropriate authority and provide the Utility with a certified copy of such approval. The Utility shall supervise the installation of same. When the private fire protection system includes private hydrants, these hydrants must be flushed during the Utility's regular flushing periods, under the supervision of the Utility's personnel. These hydrants shall be maintained in a manner, or on a regular basis as approved by the Utility. Fire protection lines within buildings shall be so installed that all pipes will be open and readily accessible for inspection at any time and no connection other than for fire protection shall be made thereto.

The location and spacing of hydrants in new construction shall be installed in accordance with the Middleton Water Utility specifications.

36. **PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES:** Where, in the opinion of the Utility, it is necessary for proper water service, a customer shall install on the service pipe, between the meter and the shut off valve on the customer's side of the meter, a pressure reducing valve of a type satisfactory to the Utility. The customer shall be responsible for the cost of installing and maintaining the pressure reducing valve at all time.
37. **PRESSURE RELIEF VALVES:** Whenever a pressure reducing valve has been installed by a customer in accordance with Regulation 36, the customer shall, for his own safety and protection, install on his hot water boiler and any other hot water heating device connected to the building's plumbing system, a pressure relief valve of an approved type, as well as an approved temperature limiting device. It shall be the customer's responsibility to maintain and keep in service the pressure relief valve at all times.
38. **EXTENSIONS:** Any owner of property situated on a street or highway in which no water main has been laid (or where the main has been laid, but has not been extended to the point opposite the owner's property), may make application to the Utility requesting permission to have such a servicing extension carried out. The Utility would review the application and either give approval in principle for the extension, or advise the property owner that the extension is not feasible, and will provide the owner with the reason for refusing permission.

After approval in principle has been granted, the owner may sign a contract with the Utility requesting that the Utility install the water extension at his expense, or the owner may have the water line extended by a private contractor approved by the Utility. Where the latter is done, the extension must be designed and the construction supervised by a registered professional engineer with the design being approved by the Utility.

In any event, the cost of the extension shall be paid fully by the owner and the ownership of the water line turned over to the Utility before any water services are connected to the extended line.

After the water line has been turned over to the Utility, it shall become a part of the Town water utility and all of these regulations affecting the operation of the Utility shall apply.

39. **RESELLING OF WATER:** The Utility shall supply water only to customers for which there exists a contract. Water resold to others without the expressed written consent of the Utility, is prohibited. In the event that a customer is reselling water to others without prior approval by the Utility, the Utility may suspend service to the premises until such time as the activity ceases or approval to resell water is granted.

40. **CURB STOP/CONTROL VALVE SERVICE BOX:** The curb stop/control valve service box housing the customers control valve shall be exposed for access by the Utility at all times. The Utility requires all curb stop/control valve service boxes and/or valves to be fully exposed and adjusted to final landscape grade before the installation of a customer's water meter. Any adjustment of the service box or valve box is the responsibility of the customer.

The customer shall ensure the curb stop/control valve service box and/or the valve box is exposed at all times. In the event that the curb stop/control valve service box is buried, paved over, back-filled or damaged as a result of carelessness, willful obstruction or any other occurrence that, in the opinion of the Utility, results in the requirement for the Utility to expose, re-expose, adjust or repair the curb stop /control valve service box, it shall be at the customer's expense. The Utility may undertake such activities as it deems necessary to gain access to the premises curb stop/control valve service box without expense to the Utility. When such action is undertaken, the reinstatement of the road, right-of-way, driveway, sidewalk, curb or landscape will be charged back to the customer if such activity is undertaken by the Utility.

41. **WATER CONSERVATION DIRECTIVES:** The Utility may issue conservation of water directives to its customers, if in the opinion of the Utility, such directives are required to permit the Utility to provide reliable continuous water service to all customers served by the Utility. During such times as these directives are in force, customers who do not comply with the directives may have their water service suspended until such time as they agree to comply with the directive or upon suspension of the water conservation directive, whichever occurs first. Such customers shall be required to pay the Charge for Re-establishing Water Service as laid out in the approved Schedule of Rates for the Utility.

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND

AS AT MARCH 31, 2025
(UNAUDITED)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
ASSETS		
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 647,758	\$ 1,255,873
Rates receivable (net of asset valuation of \$NIL (2024-\$NIL))	197,258	225,106
Prepaid expenses	-	4,401
Harmonized sales tax	132,384	29,270
Due from general operating fund	-	267,795
Due from water capital fund	201,184	-
	<u>1,178,584</u>	<u>1,782,445</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	158,864	35,964
Due to general operating fund	84,627	-
Due to water capital fund	-	1,003,978
	<u>243,491</u>	<u>1,039,942</u>
SURPLUS	<u>\$ 935,093</u>	<u>\$ 742,503</u>

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

NON-CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025
(UNAUDITED)

	2025		2024
	Budget (Note 17)	Actual	Actual
OPERATING REVENUE			
Metered sales	\$ 608,714	\$ 624,365	\$ 621,346
Flat rate sales	900	1,039	953
Public fire protection	276,410	294,250	278,602
Sprinkler service	-	3,050	3,350
Other operational revenue	6,720	4,703	18,416
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	892,745	927,407	922,667
OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
Source of supply	53,573	1,056	57,013
Power and pumping	79,876	56,548	53,720
Water treatment	45,317	52,421	45,123
Transmission and distribution	275,633	243,161	175,733
Administration and general	261,971	223,664	250,369
Depreciation	80,883	88,398	80,883
Taxes	45,576	45,421	44,809
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	842,829	710,669	707,650
NET OPERATING REVENUE	49,916	216,738	215,017
Non-operating revenue			
Other	1,010	65,800	76,855
Non-operating expenditures			
Transfer to Reservoir Reserve Fund	89,948	89,948	89,948
	89,948	89,948	89,948
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ (39,022)	192,590	201,924
SURPLUS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		742,503	540,579
SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR		\$ 935,093	\$ 742,503

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

SCHEDULE TO NON-CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025
(UNAUDITED)

	2025		2024	
	Budget (Note 17)	Actual	Actual	
SOURCE OF SUPPLY				
Supplies and expenses	\$ 53,203	\$ 180	\$ 56,899	
Maintenance of plant	370	876	114	
	53,573	1,056	57,013	
POWER AND PUMPING				
Power	34,907	12,511	10,450	
Maintenance	44,968	44,037	43,270	
	79,876	56,548	53,720	
WATER TREATMENT				
Labour	6,802	-	920	
Supplies and expenses	35,979	51,049	43,596	
Maintenance of structures and improvements	2,538	1,372	607	
	45,317	52,421	45,123	
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION				
Maintenance of mains	148,998	165,373	129,323	
Maintenance of other distribution plant	82,221	38,304	13,452	
Transportation expenses	26,887	32,179	28,069	
Shop expenses	17,527	7,305	4,889	
	275,633	243,161	175,733	
ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL				
Supervision	168,243	95,556	164,036	
Consumer billing and accounting	7,536	9,195	3,936	
Uncollectible accounts	116	253	-	
Employee benefits	12,073	12,073	11,802	
General office expenses	47,836	67,469	42,696	
Audit	8,871	17,071	7,390	
Other professional fees	-	3,711	-	
Regulatory expense	2,086	1,740	1,690	
Maintenance of general property	2,175	2,720	12,426	
Miscellaneous general expenses	13,036	13,876	6,393	
	\$ 261,971	\$ 223,664	\$ 250,369	

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE WATER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND

**AS AT MARCH 31, 2025
(UNAUDITED)**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
ASSETS		
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash - depreciation reserve	\$ 225,834	\$ 203,432
Cash - special reserve	3,252,400	3,816,816
Due from town general fund	17,127	-
Due from water operating fund	(201,182)	1,003,978
	<u>3,294,179</u>	<u>5,024,226</u>
LIABILITIES		
Due to town general fund	-	995,530
Holdbacks payable	88,555	-
Deferred grant revenue	2,824,357	3,465,052
	<u>2,912,912</u>	<u>4,460,582</u>
NET DEBT	<u>381,267</u>	<u>563,644</u>
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Work in progress	1,486,462	418,538
Capital assets (Note 6)	4,467,958	4,414,029
Accumulated allowance for amortization (Note 6)	(2,050,185)	(1,961,786)
	<u>3,904,235</u>	<u>2,870,781</u>
	<u>\$ 4,285,502</u>	<u>\$ 3,434,425</u>
INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	3,705,585	2,758,367
DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND	275,895	234,346
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND	304,022	441,712
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 4,285,502</u>	<u>\$ 3,434,425</u>

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

NON-CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE WATER UTILITY INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS

**YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025
(UNAUDITED)**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 2,758,367	\$ 2,729,281
Add:		
Transfer from Depreciation Reserve for Capital Asset purchases	55,362	49,969
Transfer from Reservoir Reserve for Capital Asset purchases	1,012,366	-
Transfer from Town general capital reserve, capital expenditures	-	60,000
	1,067,728	109,969
Deduct:		
Depreciation of capital assets	88,398	80,883
Write-down of capital assets		-
	120,510	80,883
Change in Investment in Capital Assets	947,218	29,086
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 3,705,585	\$ 2,758,367

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

NON-CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE WATER UTILITY DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025
(UNAUDITED)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 234,346	\$ 196,396
Add:		
Depreciation	88,398	80,883
Interest earned	8,513	7,036
	96,911	87,919
Deduct:		
Use of Depreciation Reserve for capital expenditures	55,362	49,969
	41,549	37,950
 BALANCE, END OF YEAR	 \$ 275,895	 \$ 234,346
 Composed of:		
Cash in bank	\$ 225,834	\$ 203,432
Due from Water Operating Fund	50,061	30,914
	\$ 275,895	\$ 234,346

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

NON-CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE WATER UTILITY SPECIAL RESERVOIR RESERVE FUND

**YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025
(UNAUDITED)**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 441,712	\$ 351,418
Add:		
Interest earned	144,033	346
Transfer to Reservoir Reserve	89,948	89,948
Grant revenue	640,695	-
	<u>874,676</u>	<u>90,294</u>
Less:		
Use of Reservoir Reserve for capital expenditures	1,012,366	-
	<u>1,012,366</u>	<u>-</u>
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 304,022	\$ 441,712
Composed of:		
Cash in bank	\$ 3,252,400	\$ 3,816,816
Due (to)/from water operating fund	(35,466)	89,948
Holdbacks payable	(88,555)	-
Deferred grant revenue	(2,824,357)	(3,465,052)
	<u>\$ 304,022</u>	<u>\$ 441,712</u>