

**BYLAW # 2494/06
OF THE
CITY OF CAMROSE
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF CAMROSE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO GOVERN WATER USE AND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES DURING EVENTS OF WATER SHORTAGE.

WHEREAS the Municipal Council for the City of Camrose deems it advisable and necessary to make provisions for the restriction of the use of water and for the protection of the supply of water;

AND WHEREAS the City of Camrose as outlined in the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26, and amendments made thereto, is authorized to pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting services provided by or on behalf of the municipality, as well as to enforce those bylaws;

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMROSE, DULY ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 - Definitions

- 1.0 This bylaw may be cited as the Water Conservation / Water Use Bylaw .
- 1.1 Violation Ticket means a ticket issued pursuant to Part 2 of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter P-34, and amendments made thereto, and any Regulations made there under.

Section 2 - Restricting Water Supplies

- 2.0 Where the City Manager or designate determines it necessary to impose restrictions on the amount of water used within the City of Camrose, the City Manager may declare a state of water shortage .
- 2.1 When the City Manager has declared a state of water shortage:
 - 2.1.1 The City Manager may impose a water conservation / water use stage as set out in the Water Conservation / Water Usage Policy (the Policy) .
 - 2.1.2 The City Manager shall not be required to impose levels of restriction in successive stages, but may proceed to impose any level of restriction the City Manager has determined is warranted due to the prevailing condition of the water supply.
- 2.2 When the City Manager has declared a state of water shortage, residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional water users may only use City-supplied water in a manner consistent with the Policy. This shall apply equally to all regional customers outside the City limits, unless alternative arrangements are made between the regional customer and the City.
- 2.3 The state of water shortage shall remain in effect until the City Manager declares that the risk to the overall water supply has dropped below an acceptable level, at the discretion of the City Manager.

Section 3 - Water Conservation Strategies

- 3.0 The City of Camrose presently provides water to all consumers through the City's distribution system for potable water or through a bulk water station.

Section 3 - Water Conservation Strategies (Continued)

- 3.1 At times when the overall water supply of the City is at risk, the City will undertake the following:
 - 3.1.1 Assist all consumers in conserving water by providing information that will encourage water conservation.
 - 3.1.2 Encourage commercial, industrial, and institutional consumers to implement water conservation technology.
 - 3.1.3 Manage the overall supply of water in the City in order to comply with the requirements of all water storage facilities and of all consumers in the region through regulation, restriction, and/or prohibiting the use of water, as set out in the Policy.

Section 4 - Contravention

- 4.0 Where the City has reasonable grounds to believe a contravention of this bylaw or the Policy has occurred or is occurring (an offence), the City through the Bylaw Officer or designate may:
 - 4.0.1 Issue a verbal and/or written warning to the Person violating this bylaw or the Policy; and/or
 - 4.0.2 Issue a Violation Ticket to the Person violating this bylaw or the Policy.
- 4.1 A Violation Ticket issued pursuant to this section shall be served by the following means:
 - 4.1.1 Delivery (by hand or by mail) of the Violation Ticket to the residence of the Person violating this bylaw or the Policy, and/or to the registered owner of the property which is in violation of this bylaw or the Policy, as applicable.
- 4.2 If a Violation Ticket is issued in respect of an offence, the Violation Ticket may:
 - 4.2.1 Specify the fine amount established by this bylaw for the offence; or
 - 4.2.2 Require a person to appear in court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment.
- 4.3 A person who commits an offence may make a voluntary payment equal to the specified fine, if:
 - 4.3.1 A Violation Ticket is issued in respect of the offence; and
 - 4.3.2 The Violation Ticket specifies the fine amount established by this policy for the offence.
- 4.4 For the purposes of this Bylaw, a subsequent conviction means a conviction for an offence for which the offence occurs after the date of conviction of an earlier offence under this Bylaw.

Section 5 - Penalties

- 5.0 A consumer or person committing a breach of any of the provisions of this Bylaw, upon conviction of breach thereof, may forfeit the right to be supplied with water, and shall be liable to penalty as outlined:
 - 5.0.1 In Table 1, in the case of a residential user; and
 - 5.0.2 In Table 2, in the case of a commercial, industrial, or institutional water user.

Section 5 - Penalties (Continued)

**Table 1
 Residential Premises Penalties**

	Description	1st Offense	Subsequent Offence
Stage 1		N/A	N/A
Stage 2	Outside watering, in contravention of an outside watering schedule implemented under the authority of this bylaw.	\$250	\$500
Stage 3	Outside water used when complete water ban is implemented under the authority of this bylaw.	\$500	\$1,000
Stage 4	Emergency measures that are in place are violated.	\$1,000	\$2,000

**Table 2
 Commercial, Industrial, or Institutional Premises Penalties**

	Description	1st Offense	Subsequent Offence
Stage 1		N/A	N/A
Stage 2	Outside watering, in contravention of an outside watering schedule implemented under the authority of this bylaw.	\$1,000	\$2,000
Stage 3	Outside water used when complete water ban is implemented under the authority of this bylaw.	\$5,000	\$10,000
Stage 4	Emergency measures that are in place are violated.	\$10,000	\$10,000

Section 6 - Enforcement

6.0 In addition to the fines, which may be issued under this Bylaw, the City may seek an Order of Court granting an injunction or any other order necessary to enforce compliance. The City may seek full recovery of such legal costs either through the court system or by placing the costs of such action to the customer's utility bill.

Section 7 - General

7.0 This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect on the date it is finally passed by Council.

READ a FIRST time in COUNCIL this 29th day of May, A.D. 2006.

MAYOR

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

READ a SECOND time in COUNCIL this 26th day of June, A.D. 2006.

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READ a THIRD time in COUNCIL this 26th day of June, A.D. 2006.

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