

# 2026 Water & Sewer Operations



As our municipal infrastructure continues to age, particularly our water and sewer systems, the Town is preparing for significant investments in the years ahead. Council has remained committed to setting aside available funds in reserve to help pay for both planned infrastructure replacements and unexpected emergency repairs. As of today, the Utility Reserve balance is \$748,614.31.

While this is an important financial reserve, major water and sewer infrastructure projects can quickly consume these funds. Maintaining reliable services requires long-term planning and continued investment.

To help offset these costs, the Town submitted a major funding application in December 2025 through the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund program. We are currently awaiting the outcome of that application. If approved, the proposed \$9.7 million project would include:

- Relining aging sewer mains;
- Upgrading the sewer force main from the lift station to the lagoon;
- Upsizing two sections of sewer main; and
- Increasing the pumping capacity at the lift station.

Don't Forget!

Utility Bills are due within 30 days

The total estimated project cost is \$9,724,741. Through the grant program, the Town could receive up to \$7,131,152 in funding, reducing the Town's share to approximately \$2.6 million.

To help ensure the long-term sustainability of our utility system, water and sewer rates increased effective April 1, 2026. For a household using the minimum monthly billing amount, this represents an increase of \$76.80 per year.

These adjustments follow many years without rate changes. The last increases occurred in 2008 for sewer rates, 2015 for water rates, and 2016 for the infrastructure fee.

The new water & sewer rate bylaws, along with all Town bylaws and policies, are available on the Town of Davidson website under Town → Bylaws & Policies.

## Water & Sewer Operating & Capital Budget:

### Revenues:

- Water fees – \$359,600
- Sewer fees – \$103,900
- Infrastructure fees – \$63,500

### Expenses:

- Water expenses (wages, training, SaskPower, SaskEnergy, lab testing, water meters, chemicals, training, contracted repairs – tower, wells, water plant, water lines, etc.) – \$257,650
- Sewer expenses (wages, SaskPower, SaskEnergy, lab testing, chemicals, lift station monitor, pivot repairs, sewer main flushing & videoing, contracted repairs – lift station, sewer main lining/repair, lagoon) – \$489,520

Projected Revenues total \$527,000 and expenses \$747,170 resulting in a deficit of \$220,170 which is covered by property taxes

## HOW YOUR WATER & SEWER COSTS ARE COVERED

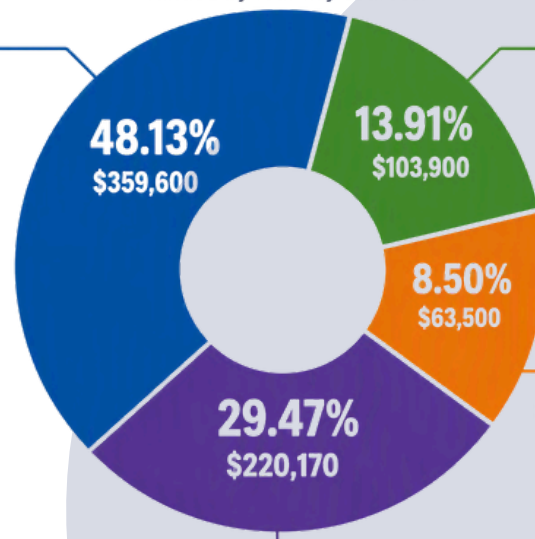
Our water & sewer operational and capital costs are funded by four key sources.

**WATER FEES**  
**\$359,600**

Paid by water customers for the use and delivery of water.

**SEWER FEES**  
**\$103,900**

Paid by sewer customers for the collection and treatment of wastewater.



**INFRASTRUCTURE FEES**  
**\$63,500**

Fees set aside to invest in future water & sewer infrastructure and capacity.

**TOWN TAXES**  
**\$220,170**

Property tax dollars that support water & sewer operations, maintenance and capital needs.