



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 2018

On December 20, 2017, Town Council approved the 2018 Interim Budget for the Town of Drayton Valley. Council is accelerating implementation of a full cost utility rate structure from ten years to three years. In doing so, long term capital replacement and rehabilitation needs will be met sooner while ensuring the continuance of this vital service for all utility customers. The objective of achieving a self-funded and financially sustainable utility that is fair and equitable across customer classes, considering all tax payers, helps to ensure fairness and equity.

Effective January 1, 2018, the commodity charge for water will be \$2.00 per cubic meter and the commodity charge for sewer will be \$2.45 per cubic meter as reflected in the Town of Drayton Valley's 2018 Interim Fee Schedule. The Fee Schedule can be viewed at www.draytonvalley.ca/fee-schedule/, and this document provides the public with detailed information on all fees for programming and services provided by the Town.

In addition, the rebate for large service and institutional water customers with lines greater than 20mm within Town boundaries will be 50% for 2018. This reduced rebate, which is applied to 6% of the customer base, is a deliberate approach in achieving equity, which ensures the utility is not subsidized through property taxes.

Moving toward a full cost utility in an accelerated manner ensures our assets and expenditures are managed to eliminate drastic volatility to your utility bills if a major asset needs repair or replacement. The reserves established will be used solely for rehabilitation and replacement costs of water, sewer, and related infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Doerksen', written over a horizontal line.

Michael Doerksen
Mayor