Policy: **Water/Sewer Line Connection, Maintenance & Repair**		Resolution: Effective: March 21, 2023
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To provide a guideline for staff regarding water and sewer line connection and repairs and are subject to any other agreement or resolution of Council.

That Section 25(2) of *The Municipalities Act* provides the following:

> "…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 from the main lines of the system or works to the boundary of the street, road or easement."

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

> "If the council acts to 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."

And Section 24(1) of *The Municipalities Act* provides for agreements with other Municipalities:

> "If authorized by the bylaws of the municipality, a council may exercise the same powers respecting public utility services within the municipality or within any other municipality as it may pursuant to this Act on its own behalf, on any terms that may be agreed on between the municipality and any other municipality."

1. Requests for new service connections to properties that have not had services prior, shall complete an application, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
2. The Town or the Rural Municipality may refuse applications for services located outside the Town of Shaunavon limits.
3. For all new service connections, it is the responsibility of the property owner to return the surface and sub-surface back to its original state before construction, for all Town-owned property.
4. The property owner shall pay for the costs of returning the surface and sub-surface back to its original state before construction for all Town-owned property, for all service connections.
5. It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the water/sewer line to the water/sewer main.
6. It is the responsibility of the property owner to contact a Plumber and the Town of Shaunavon's Operations department to ensure both are present at the time of repair to ensure the location of the blockage or break is clearly defined.
7. The property owner shall hire a contractor to complete the work. The Director of Public Works or delegated authority must inspect the line before the trench is backfilled to ensure the work meets Town specifications.
8. The Town shall pay the costs of cleaning the sewer main line.
9. The property owner shall pay for the costs of cleaning or unplugging the sewer connection to the sewer main.
10. The property owner shall pay for all the costs of having a functioning water meter replaced, including the costs of the replacement water meter. (Example: service upgrade, etc.)
11. For new service connections outside the Town of Shaunavon limits, the property owner shall pay for the cost of the water meter.