



TOWN OF SEDGEWICK

WATER RATE RELIEF POLICY

POLICY # 22-21

APPROVAL DATE: *April 21, 2022*
RESOLUTION NUMBER: *2022-91*

1. Policy Statement

Achieving cost recovery on utilities that are delivered to citizens is important to the sustainability of those systems. Equally important is providing relief when it makes sense to do so to those that are underprivileged or on fixed incomes.

2. Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines that provide support to low-income households towards the water portion of their utility bills.

3. Definitions

- 3.1. "Combined Household Income" means the amount calculated by adding the total incomes (Line 15000) of the current year's Notice(s) of Assessment (NOA) for all individuals residing in the household over the age of 18.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. You may qualify for the rebate if you receive a Town of Sedgewick utility bill, are responsible for payment of the basic water consumption charge, and:
 - 4.1.1. Are the homeowner or renter;
 - 4.1.2. Are either 65 years of age or over at any time during the calendar year in which the charge is imposed, OR receive financial assistance through a recognised government program.
 - 4.1.3. Are living on the property and consider it to be your principal residence;
 - 4.1.4. Do not own any other property; and
 - 4.1.5. The property does not contain a suite.

And if one of the following applies:

- 4.1.6. You are a recipient of Government of Alberta Income Support or Learner's Income Support;
- 4.1.7. You receive the Canada Pension Plan - Disability Benefit;
- 4.1.8. You are at least 18 years of age and are an AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) recipient;

- 4.1.9. You are 65 years of age or over and your previous year's annual Combined Household Income is equal to or below the amounts listed below:

Single Senior	\$29,285*
Senior Couple	\$47,545*

*These annual gross household income levels shall be the same as the income thresholds set by the Alberta Senior Benefits Special Needs Assistance each year

- 4.1.10. You are 65 years of age or over and your previous year's annual Combined Household Income is equal to or below 70% of the Town of Sedgewick's median household income as determined by Stats Canada.

5. Rebate

- 5.1. Applicants that meet all criteria listed in 4.1, 4.1.1., 4.1.2, 4.1.3., 4.1.4., and 4.1.5. and meet any one of the criteria listed in 4.1.6., 4.1.7., 4.1.8., and 4.1.9. are eligible to receive a twenty-dollar (\$20) discount applied each month to the water charges on their Town of Sedgewick utility bill.
- 5.2. Applicants that meet all criteria listed in 4.1, 4.1.1., 4.1.2, 4.1.3., 4.1.4., and 4.1.5. and meet the criteria listed in 4.1.10. are eligible to receive a ten-dollar (\$10) discount applied each month to the water charges on their Town of Sedgewick utility bill.

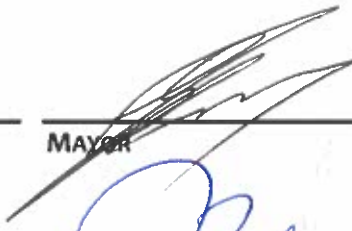
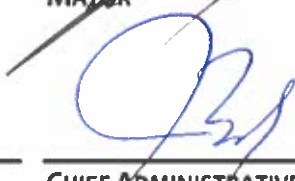
6. Criteria

- 6.1. Applications must be completed each year.
- 6.2. Applications must include a copy of one of the following:
- 6.2.1. The current year's Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (The previous year will be accepted until May 31st)
 - 6.2.2. Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) Paper Health Benefits Statement (found on the monthly Direct Deposit statement) dated within the last 3 months
 - 6.2.3. The previous year's Canada Pension Plan T4A(P) form showing credits for the Disability Benefit
 - 6.2.4. Income Support Health Benefits Card - MUST include budget information (found on the monthly Direct Deposit statement) dated within the last 3 months
 - 6.2.5. Learner's Income Support Funding Decision Letter

- 6.3. The credit shall only be allowed from after the date that the citizen makes application for this credit and is approved for this credit. The Town shall not be liable for the failure of any qualified person to make application for the credit and there shall be no entitlement to such credit in the absence of an application therefore.
- 6.4. If you have misplaced your Notice of Assessment, you may request a copy by calling Canada Revenue Agency at 1-800-959-8281, pressing the star key (*) and providing your Social Insurance Number.

7. Revision/Review History

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<u>April 21, 2022</u> DATE	<u></u> MAYOR
<u>April 21, 2022</u> DATE	<u></u> CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER