

Town of Dundurn Wastewater

Wastewater services play a crucial role in protecting public health and the environment by effectively managing the collection, transportation, treatment and disposal of wastewater. The primary goal is to ensure that human and industrial waste is treated safely before being released into natural bodies of water or aquifers.

The establishment of the Dundurn and Area Wastewater Utility (DAWWU) reflects a collaborative effort to manage wastewater services effectively in the Town of Dundurn and neighbouring communities RM of Dundurn, RV of Shields and RV of Thode. This utility plays a vital role in protecting public health and the environment by ensuring that wastewater is properly collected, treated and disposed of.

The cost for the Town's connection to the DAWWU was \$560,000.00. Every property was given the option to pay their allocated portion of the costs as a one-time payment of \$1,755.00 or \$2,401.20 payable over 180 monthly installments of \$13.34 per existing connection from September 1, 2011, to August 31, 2026.

The Town's Sewer Utility owns and operates the sewage collection system within the boundaries of the Town, including the Lift Station that pumps it to the community lagoon. This includes responsibilities for taking custody of the sewage at the property line and transmitting it through the Town's wastewater system, which includes 73 sewer manholes and 7110 meters of sewer mains. The sewage enters the wet well at the lift station and is pumped 2350 meters to the community lagoon.

The Town paid an annual operating levy to the DAWWU of \$36,000 in 2024. The levy rate is reviewed annually to reflect the actual costs of operation of the community lagoon.

Services provided by the Town's Wastewater Personnel:

- 24-hour response to sewer backup
- Scheduled residential sewer maintenance and inspections
- Response to sewer smell complaints
- Addressing concerns related to sewer manholes, along with sewer rehabilitation and replacement.

This framework ensures that the community has reliable wastewater services while maintaining the health and safety of residents and the environment.