

**TOWN OF NOBLEFORD
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

BYLAW NO. 718

BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF NOBLEFORD IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. FOR THE DELIVERY OF NATURAL GAS SERVICES

WHEREAS Pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26, as amended, a municipal council may grant a franchise for the provision of public utilities within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Nobleford deems it desirable to enter into a Franchise Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. for the delivery of natural gas services within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the proposed Franchise Agreement has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC);

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Nobleford, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Title

This Bylaw may be cited as the "ATCO Gas Franchise Bylaw."

2. Definitions

In this Bylaw:

- a) "ATCO" means ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
- b) "Franchise Agreement" means the agreement attached hereto as Schedule "A".
- c) "Town" means the Town of Nobleford.

3. Grant of Franchise

The Town hereby grants to ATCO the right and franchise to deliver natural gas services within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Nobleford, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Franchise Agreement attached as Schedule "A".

4. Approval of Franchise Agreement

The Franchise Agreement attached as Schedule "A" and forming part of this Bylaw is hereby approved.

5. Terms of Agreement

The terms of the Franchise Agreement shall be:

- An initial term of ten (10) years,
- With the option for two (2) additional five (5) year extensions,
- For a maximum potential term of twenty (20) years.

6. Franchise Fee

The Town authorizes ATCO to collect, on behalf of the Town, a franchise fee equal to 7.5% of ATCO's delivery revenue from customers within the Town, in accordance with the Franchise Agreement and subject to approval by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

7. Municipal Tax Collection

The Town shall continue to collect municipal property taxes on linear property through Rate Rider B, in accordance with applicable legislation and regulations.

8. Authorization

The Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer are hereby authorized to execute the Franchise Agreement on behalf of the Town.

9. Severability

If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

10. Effective Date

This Bylaw shall come into force upon:

Third and final reading by Council; and

Approval of the Franchise Agreement by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

Read **the first** time this 24th day of March 2026



Joan Boeder
Mayor



Steven Leusink
CAO

Read **a second** time this 24th day of March 2026



Joan Boeder
Mayor



Steven Leusink
CAO

Read **a third** time and finally PASSED this 24th day of March 2026



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