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| January 2026 | Gas Rate \$ 3.42/GJ |
| February 2026 | Gas Rate \$ 2.62/GJ |

BOARD – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OPENS FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Meota will be holding their 2026 AGM on Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Formal Notice along with the meeting material package for the 2026 AGM will be sent to those members interested (by request) via electronic means (email) or via Canada Post (if requested) in early April.

Nominations for election to the Board of Directors will open on **Wednesday, February 18, 2026**, in accordance with the requirements set forth in the By-Laws. Also accordingly, nominations close at 4:00 pm on **Friday, March 20, 2026**.

METER CHANGES

Meota staff will begin our annual meter change program in February. In accordance with Measurement Canada and as mandated in the Electricity and Gas Inspection Act, Meota is required to change out gas meters from time to time. This reverification ensures that your gas meter is tested for accuracy in measurement which ensures you are being billed accurately for your gas consumption.

BTU LOADS

Understanding your **total BTU load** ensures we have the appropriately sized meter on your property. Having the wrong sized meter (in particular an undersized meter) can result in a variety of issues. Gas meters are rated by their capacity to deliver gas in cubic feet per hour or BTU/hour (British Thermal Units/hour). When total appliance demand exceeds this capacity, the system fails to operate as designed.

UNDERSIZED METER CONSEQUENCES:

-Appliance ‘Starvation’ and Failure - when major appliances (furnace, hot water heater, tankless units, etc.) run simultaneously, an undersized meter cannot supply enough gas. This can cause appliances to underperform, produce weak flames, or shut down entirely.

-Safety Hazard & Carbon Monoxide - Incomplete combustion can occur when appliances do not receive enough fuel which can produce carbon monoxide (CO) into your home.

- Damage and Soot Build-up - Inconsistent gas pressure and incomplete combustion can cause soot to build up in burners, causing inefficient heating and potentially damaging expensive equipment.

-System Noise – An undersized meter or regulator may cause whistling or knocking noise in the gas lines.

-Failed Inspections – new installations or upgrades (like a new furnace/boiler, fireplace or pool heater) that exceed the meter’s capacity will fail safety inspections.

OVERSIZED METER CONSEQUENCES:

-Increased Fees - A meter that is significantly larger than necessary may lead to higher fixed standing charges.

-Reduced Accuracy at Low Flow: A meter that is too large, may not register low consumption efficiently.

TOTAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE:

Maintaining a current BTU load on each property, provides Meota staff with a total gas demand for each area supplied by a specific ‘Tap’. Understanding the total load demand is critical in ensuring that our entire system operates efficiently and provides dependable gas pressures and demands on the coldest of days. Should demand exceed available pressure and supply, a number of customers could lose gas service on the days they need it most.

Engineering analysis is completed regularly to ensure that we understand total ‘Tap’ demands. Knowing total BTU requirements is critical in identifying any need for system upgrade planning such as line size upgrades and replacement of old piping when required.

If we are requesting a current BTU load on your property, please provide us the details on your appliances to ensure you are being billed accurately! If you need some assistance in this exercise, please contact us, we would be glad to help!

If your meter is due for exchange this year, we will contact you to set up an appointment for change out. The exchange means that gas service will be interrupted at your home. Once the meter is changed out, we will relight any of your natural gas appliances as needed and will need access to these appliances.

If your current meter set up has a by-pass bar installed, we will not need to interrupt the gas pressure and flow to your home and can change out these gas meters in a much shorter timeframe and do not require you to be home.

2026 RATE NOTICE

Effective January 1, 2026, rate increases were put into effect. Please visit our website for details or refer to your January newsletter for specific details.

Bill Towsley - Chair, Meota Board of Directors

If you smell gas inside or outside, or hit a gas line, contact us immediately.

DEFINITIONS

Fixed Charge – The monthly flat rate charged to recover a portion of the total operating costs.

Cost of Gas – The cost of natural gas charged to Meota Gas Co-op from its wholesaler, GasAlberta. Meota does not benefit from any increase or decrease in the rate charged per gigajoule (GJ) of natural gas. Meota operates as a not-for-profit cooperative.

Delivery Charge – This charge is generated to cover the costs of delivering natural gas to Meota's customers/members and the costs for operating the cooperative. This fee is charged on the number of GJ's consumed.

Gas Loss Charge – This is a 'shrinkage' charge that is due to the loss, consumption or unaccounted-for volume of gas within the distribution system. Shrinkage is encountered through unavoidable leakage, metering errors or unidentified theft. Minor variances occur due to the application of regulations for calculating the thermal energy of gas delivered.

Monthly Fixed Charge – This is the monthly flat rate charged to recover a portion of the total operating costs.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cheque – by mail or deliver to office. An after-hours mailbox is available.

On Line – Find Meota Gas Co-op as a payee. When referencing your account number, your financial institution may require more than your 4-digit account number. If so, please add zeros before or after your account number. (ie. 0004567 or 45670000)

E-Transfer – payments may be e-transferred to admin@meotagas.com. Please reference your account number in the notes. *Note: Meota Gas is set up for auto-deposit for e-transfers.

Auto Debit – Auto Debit payments are Meota's preferred method. Payments will be processed on the billing due date. If you wish to sign up for Auto Debit, kindly contact our office.

At your Bank – most financial institutions can process in-person payments.

Payment Terms - A late payment of 2% will apply on amounts outstanding after the due date. An NSF Charge will be assessed for dishonored payments.



Alberta One Call is now called Utility Safety Partners

Any ground disturbance on your property requires locates booked through Utility Safety Partners. Landscaping, new fencing or decks, or even planting a garden is ground disturbance and can cause damage to a buried utility. Some utilities are buried only centimeters below the surface.

The results of a contact with a buried utility can be loss of an essential service for you or your neighbours, costly repairs, and most importantly serious injury or death.