

COMOX VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 661

A bylaw to enable quarterly billing for users of the Union Bay water service

WHEREAS the Union Bay Improvement District adopted "Bylaw No. 278 Water Tolls and Other Charges, 2020" on October 17, 2019;

AND WHEREAS Order in Council No. 221 was issued by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on April 6, 2021 ordering the transfer of obligations from the Union Bay Improvement District to the Comox Valley Regional District and the Union Bay Improvement District water service was established as a Comox Valley Regional District service by the conversion effective July 1, 2021;

AND WHEREAS the Comox Valley Regional District Board wishes to amend Bylaw No. 278 to enable quarterly billing for users of the Union Bay water service;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Comox Valley Regional District in open meeting assembled hereby enacts as follows:

Amendment

1) Bylaw No. 278 being "Bylaw No. 278 Water Tolls and Other Charges, 2020" is hereby amended as follows:

(a) Deleting Section 3(a) "Interpretation" which reads as follows:

- a. "Billing Date" means the date a bill is prepared by the District, identified as "Date" on the bill provided by the District to a Property owner.

and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly.

(b) Replacing the table under Section 6 "Metered Rates" which reads as follows:

| Residential Rates | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Base Rate | Up to 20m ³ | \$108 - Bi - Monthly |
| Excess Rate 1 | 21m ³ - 50m ³ | \$1.40/m ³ |
| Excess Rate 2 | 51m ³ - 75m ³ | \$1.90/m ³ |
| Excess Rate 3 | 76m ³ - 100m ³ | \$2.50/m ³ |
| Excess Rate Over 3 | 101m ³ + | \$3.75/m ³ |
| Commercial Rates | | |
| Base Rate - no water | | \$108 -Bi - Monthly |
| Water Usage Rate | | \$1.60/m ³ |

with the following table:

| Residential Rates | | |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Base Rate | Up to 10m ³ | \$54 flat fee per month |
| Excess Rate 1 | Over 10m ³ and up to 25m ³ | \$1.40/m ³ |
| Excess Rate 2 | Over 25m ³ and up to 37.5m ³ | \$1.90/m ³ |
| Excess Rate 3 | Over 37.5m ³ and up to 50m ³ | \$2.50/m ³ |
| Excess Rate Over 3 | Over 50m ³ | \$3.75/m ³ |
| Commercial Rates | | |
| Base Rate - no water | | \$54 flat fee per month |
| Water Usage Rate | | \$1.60/m ³ |

(c) Deleting Section 7 “Metered Rates” which reads as follows:

7. Meters will be read on the last working days of the month or the first days of the following month depending on work schedules.

(d) Deleting Section 9 “Time of Payment” which reads as follows:

Time of Payment

9. Billing occurs bi-monthly with all tolls and charges due and payable within 15 business days of the Billing Date or on the Due Date stated on the water toll invoice for the period for which the tolls and charges were levied.

(e) Deleting Sections 10 and 11 “Water Shut Off for Non-Payment” which read as follows:

Water Shut Off for Non-Payment

10. The Trustees may, by resolution, order that the water be shut off to any Property where any toll or other charge remains owing 90 days after the Billing Date.
11. Where water has been shut off pursuant to section 11, an additional charge of \$75.00 shall apply at the time the water is shut off. A further charge of \$75.00 shall apply at the time the water is turned back on.

(f) Deleting Section 17 under “Additional Charges” which reads as follows:

17. A \$35.00 charge shall apply for each returned cheque or automatic direct payment withdrawal due to non-sufficient funds (NSF).

(g) Deleting Section 19 under “Additional Charges” which reads as follows:

19. All accounts in which water tolls remain outstanding after the due date of each bi-monthly billing period will be charged a late payment penalty equivalent to 10% of the total arrears reported in the account.

(h) Renumbering sections accordingly.

