



DATE: March 4, 2021

TO: Chair and Directors

Comox Valley Water Committee

FROM: Russell Dyson

Chief Administrative Officer

Supported by Russell Dyson

FILE: 5600-01/CVWS

Chief Administrative Officer

R. Dyson

RE: Comox Valley Water System – Amendment to Bulk Water Rate Bylaw as per

COVID-19 Response and Renewal Plan

Purpose

To amend the bulk water rate bylaw to reflect the updated rates previously approved as part of the COVID-19 response and renewal plan for the Comox Valley Water System (CVWS).

Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer:

THAT the amendment to Bylaw No.190 being the "Comox Valley Water Supply System Bulk Water Rates Bylaw No.190, 2011" attached as Appendix A to the staff report dated March 4, 2021 be considered for first, second and third readings at the March 9, 2021 board meeting.

Executive Summary

The CVWS is funded through a bulk water rate, which is charged to users on a per cubic meter basis for the amount of water consumed. In May 2020, the Comox Valley Regional District Board adopted a COVID-19 renewal plan for the review of service levels and all necessary, critical and functional projects slated for the next five years. At the July 2020 Comox Valley Water Committee meeting the following recommended actions were approved:

- Reduce increases to the service revenue requirements over the next two years by reducing operational expenses, as detailed within the July 9, 2020 staff report and within the financial plan.
- Decreases to the bulk water rate for 2021 and 2022 to \$0.80 per cubic meter, and return to the previously scheduled increase to \$0.96 per cubic meter in 2023.

An amendment to the bulk water rate bylaw is needed to decrease the rate to \$0.80/m³ for 2021 and 2022 and to increase the rate to \$0.96/m³ for 2023, to match the bulk water rate schedule as detailed in Table No.1 below and reflected within the current financial plan. In addition the "other than local government" rate has also been adjusted to decrease and increase proportionally.

Table No.1: Bulk Water Rates as per the 2021-2025 financial plan

Year	Rate (\$/m ³)	Other than Local Government Rate (\$/m³)
2021	0.80	3.77
2022	0.80	3.77
2023	0.96	4.52
2024	0.96	4.52
2025	0.96	4.52

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Attachments: Appendix A – "Bylaw No. 644 being "Comox Valley Water Supply System Bulk Water Rates Bylaw No. 190, 2011, Amendment No. 6""

Corporate Legislative Officer

COMOX VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 644

A bylaw to amend Comox Valley Water Supply System Bulk Water Rates Bylaw No. 190, 2011 to amend the bulk water rates

WHEREAS Bylaw No. 190 being "Comox Valley Water Supply System Bulk Water Rates Bylaw No. 190, 2011" is a bylaw of the Comox Valley Regional District and was adopted on October 25, 2011;

AND WHEREAS the board wishes to amend the bylaw to increase the bulk water rates to reflect the COVID-19 response and renewal plan for the Comox Valley Water System;

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

Amendment

- Bylaw No. 190 being "Comox Valley Water Supply System Bulk Water Rates Bylaw No. 190, 2011" is hereby amended by:
 - (a) Replacing Schedule A "Comox Valley Water Supply System Bulk Water Rates" with the attached Schedule A.

Citation

This Bylaw No. 644 may be cited as "Comox Valley Water Supply System Bulk Water Rates Bylaw No. 190, 2011, Amendment No. 6".

Read a first and second time this	day of March	2021.
Read a third time this	day of March	2021.
Adopted this	day of March	2021.
Chair	Corporate Legislative Officer	
I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Water Supply System Bulk Water Rates Bylaw No. 190, 2011 board of the Comox Valley Regional District on the day of	-	

Schedule A Comox Valley Water Supply System Bulk Water Rates

The following bulk water rates are effective as of the date shown

Member	For each cubic meter of water supplied		
Municipality	Effective April 1, 2021	Effective January 1, 2022	Effective January 1, 2023
Town of Comox	\$0.80	\$0.80	\$0.96
City of Courtenay	\$0.80	\$0.80	\$0.96

Water Service Area	For each cubic meter of water supplied		
	Effective April 1, 2021	Effective January 1, 2022	Effective January 1, 2023
Comox Valley	\$0.80	\$0.80	\$0.96
K'ómoks First Nation (by agreement)	\$0.80	\$0.80	\$0.96

Hoor	For each cubic meter of water supplied		
User	Effective April 1, 2021	Effective January 1, 2022	Effective January 1, 2023
Local government	\$0.80	\$0.80	\$0.96

	For each cubic meter of water supplied		
User	Effective April 1, 2021	Effective April 1, 2022	Effective January 1, 2023
Other than local government	\$3.77	\$3.77	\$4.52