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DATE: November 27, 2024

File No.

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: John Kurvink, Chief Financial Officer

RE: 2025 Water Rates

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**RATIONALE:**

To provide Council with the 2025 Water Rate Bylaws for review.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Council may wish to support the staff recommendation
2. Council may wish to not support the staff recommendation
3. Council may wish to refer back to staff for additional information

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council direct staff to increase water rates, parcel taxes and irrigation rates by 4% in 2025.

That Council give first, second and third reading to Water Regulation Amendment Bylaw 1351.14.

That Council give first, second and third reading to Water Supply Service Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw 1414.02.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the November 25, 2024 Special Open Meeting Council directed staff to bring forward two scenarios and updates to the respective bylaws to increase the residential water rates, parcel taxes and irrigation rates by either 3% or 4% in 2025.

The following two water bylaws are being brought forward for consideration of first, second and third reading:

Water Regulation Amendment Bylaw 1351.14

The amendment to this bylaw will see an update to Schedule 'A' to set new Water Rates for 2024 with either a 3% or 4% increase that was directed by Council.

Water Supply Service Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw 1414.02

The amendment to this bylaw will see the water supply parcel tax increase by either 3% or 4% for each parcel for In-Town Water.

*General:*

*Organizational:*

*Financial:* Increase on residential water rates, parcel taxes and irrigation rates for 2024 by 4%.

*Legal/Statutory Authority:*

***Strategic Plan:*** Good Governance

**REFERRALS:**

**PUBLIC PROCESS:**

**COUNCIL REPORT/RESOLUTION HISTORY:**

SO-17/2024

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That Council direct staff to bring forward a proposed budget that increases domestic and irrigation water rates by 3% and 4% in 2025; and

That Council direct staff to bring forward a proposed budget that increases sewer rates by 2%, 3%, and 5% in 2025.

CARRIED

**CAO COMMENTS:**

**Report Approval Details**

Document Title:	2025 Water Utility Rates.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1351.14 Water Regulation Amendment 3.docx</li><li>- 1351.14 Water Regulation Amendment 4.docx</li><li>- 1414.02 Water Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw 3.docx</li><li>- 1414.02 Water Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw 4.docx</li><li>- 2025 Proposed Utility Rate Scenarios (1).pdf</li></ul>
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Rochelle Lougheed - Nov 28, 2024 - 12:13 AM**

**Wayne Anderson - Nov 28, 2024 - 1:35 PM**