



Water Supply Policy for Water UtilityAgriculture

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Outline

- ▶ Rationale for Water Supply Policy
- ▶ Policy Principles
- ▶ Policy Statement Development



Rationale

- ▶ Significant changes to bylaw
 - ▶ 2 water systems; Potable, Non-potable
 - ▶ Inequitable access
 - ▶ Water rates

Principles

- ▶ Set priorities, directions, limitations
 - ▶ To ensure fairness and responsible management of the resource across all customer classes and support other city policies and initiatives
- ▶ Help direct bylaw development
- ▶ Long term servicing and planning
- ▶ Water Shortage Response Plan

Policy Statement - 1

City has two systems and will ensure an adequate supply of clean, safe potable water to all utility customers to maintain health and safety. The City will provide adequate water for other uses (e.g. firefighting, commercial, industrial) when available.

Policy Statement - 2

Water for irrigation may be sourced from either potable or non-potable supply.

The City will determine the extent of the non-potable water system as well as the properties served by the system based on best overall value to the utility and consistent with the priorities outlined in the Policy

Policy Statement - 3

The non-potable water system will be maintained and operated to meet the Canadian Irrigation Water Quality Guidelines during the irrigation season



Policy Statement - 4

The City supports Agriculture within our utility service area.

Pricing of water for agricultural purposes will reflect our community's support and will be set within a competitive range of agricultural water rates in the Okanagan valley.

Properties eligible for agricultural water rates will be classified as Farm under the Assessment Act.

Policy Statement - 5

To encourage the use of the lower cost, non-potable water to the extent that it is available, pricing for non-potable water for irrigation purposes will be lower than the pricing for potable water for the same customer class.

Policy Statement - 6

Water will be provided based on the following priorities (ranked from highest to lowest):

1. Safe water for human health and sanitation (e.g. drinking, bathing, cooking, etc.);
2. Fire suppression and emergency response
3. Irrigation for safety;
4. Commercial and agricultural uses to support local business and the Kelowna economy;
5. Irrigation for aesthetics;.





Questions?

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