

Report to Council



Date: October 28, 2019
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Water Supply Policy
Department: Civic Operations

Recommendation:

THAT Council adopts Council Policy No. 383 being the Water Supply Policy as outlined in the Report from the City Manager dated October 28, 2019.

Purpose:

To consider a Water Supply Policy for Kelowna Water Utility Customers.

Background:

On October 7, 2019 Council passed the following resolutions:

"THAT Council direct staff to proceed with developing a policy regarding water supply for customers of the Kelowna Water Utility consistent with the recommendations outlined in this report

AND THAT staff be directed to bring forward a draft Policy on Water Supply for customers of the Kelowna Water Utility at a future PM meeting of Council".

Based on the information in the October 7, 2019 report to council and the ensuing Council discussion, staff has drafted a Policy on Water Supply using the City's policy template for Council's consideration.

Discussion:

The Water Supply Policy will guide staff in finalizing an agricultural water rate structure, updates to the Water Regulation Bylaw, the development of a Water Shortage Plan that includes drought management, and for long term water supply planning.

Staff expect to complete consultation regarding an agricultural water rate structure with the agricultural community and our customers of the former South East Kelowna Irrigation District (SEKID) in November. A revised Water Regulation Bylaw that incorporates both the potable and non-potable water systems is scheduled to be considered by Council in the spring of 2020. It will be in the spring of 2020 that Council will set all water rates, including agricultural rates, for 2021. Properties in the former SEKID area will continue to pay the 2018 SEKID rates through 2020.

Conclusion:

The Water Supply Policy provides clear direction to staff regarding priorities for water supply in the future and provides clarity for the agricultural community as to the long-term operation of the non-potable water system.

Internal Circulation:

Division Director, Infrastructure
Utility Planning Manager
Water Operations Manager
Controller
Revenue Supervisor
Communications Consultant

Considerations applicable to this report:**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

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