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**Kelowna**

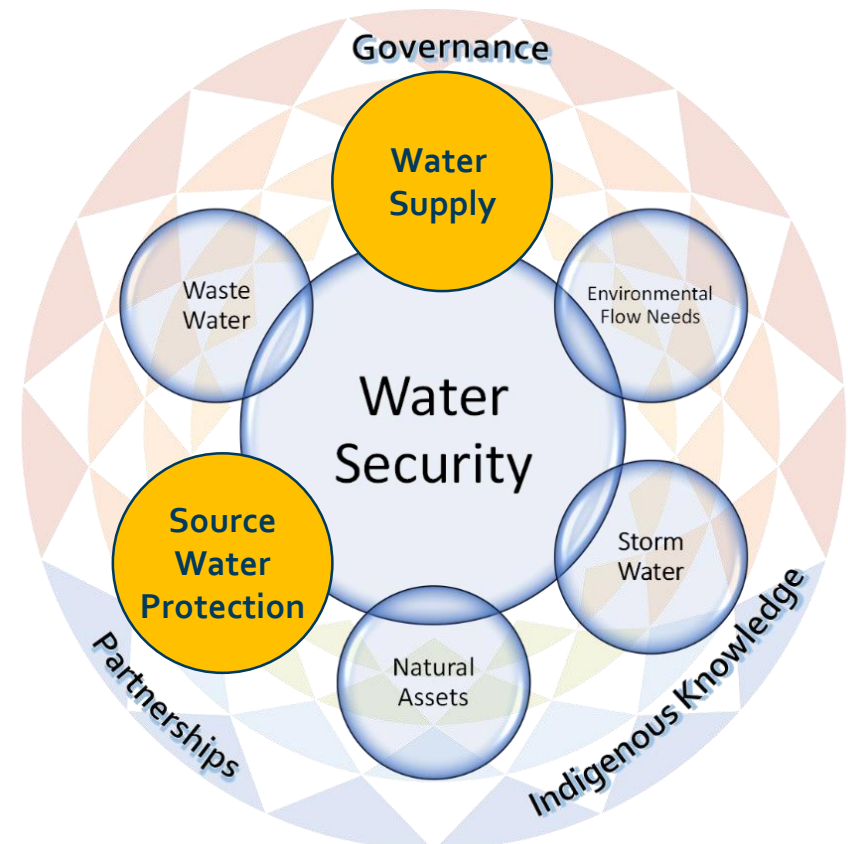
# Water Rates 2024 2025

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# Water Security

## Principles

1. All residents and water users in the City must have a safe, affordable, resilient and sustainable supply of high quality drinking water and a reliable supply of water for agriculture
5. Okanagan Lake and upland watersheds remain a source of high-quality drinking water
9. The City works in partnership with other water providers and government agencies to ensure water security



*The six water sectors outlined in the City's Water Security Planning Process*

# Cost Pressures

- ▶ Asset age and required renewal rates
  - ▶ Non-Potable system > 50 years old
- ▶ Rising operating costs
  - ▶ System aging
  - ▶ High inflation impacts
- ▶ Construction inflation
  - ▶ Renewal component of growth

# Rate Impact – Renewal funding

- ▶ Since 2009 would fund capital plan on “pay as you go” basis. Use reserves to average peaks and valleys.
- ▶ Used debt for large, infrastructure *improvement* projects
- ▶ Would drive >10% increases for 2024 and 2025
- ▶ Allow some internal debt to smooth rate adjustments

# Rate Adjustments

- ▶ 6% increase for Water rates in 2024
- ▶ 6% increase for Water Quality Enhancement Fee.
- ▶ Rates take effect March 1, 2024.
  
- ▶ Represents a cost increase of \$2.98 per month for a single-family dwelling unit (SFD) based on 40 m<sup>3</sup> of consumption.
- ▶ Kelowna SFD water rates remain reasonable and comparable to other water providers.

# 2023 Single Family Monthly Water Rates (based on 40 m<sup>3</sup> of usage)

■ 2023 Cost    ■ 2024 Increase



# Non-Potable Water Rates

## 2024 recommended rates

- ▶ Agricultural customers pay \$142.92 per acre of allotment (6% increase over 2023).
- ▶ Non-Farm Status pay \$0.36 per cubic metre.
- ▶ Golf Course Irrigation using the non-potable water source will pay \$0.20 per cubic metre.

# Other changes of note

- ▶ Beaver Lake Industrial Area customers.
  - ▶ rates are equal to City Utility customers in 2024.
- ▶ Other Administrative Changes in Bylaw
  - ▶ 2.10.2 Clarify that if a property owner or their agent damages utility infrastructure in an easement, then repairs are their responsibility.
  - ▶ 5.5.2. Add possibility of giving 5 days notice to address properties that are not motivated to repair onsite leaks.





*Questions?*

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