

Water Regulation Bylaw Amendment – Water Allotment Rate

Utilities Services Manager

April 28, 2025



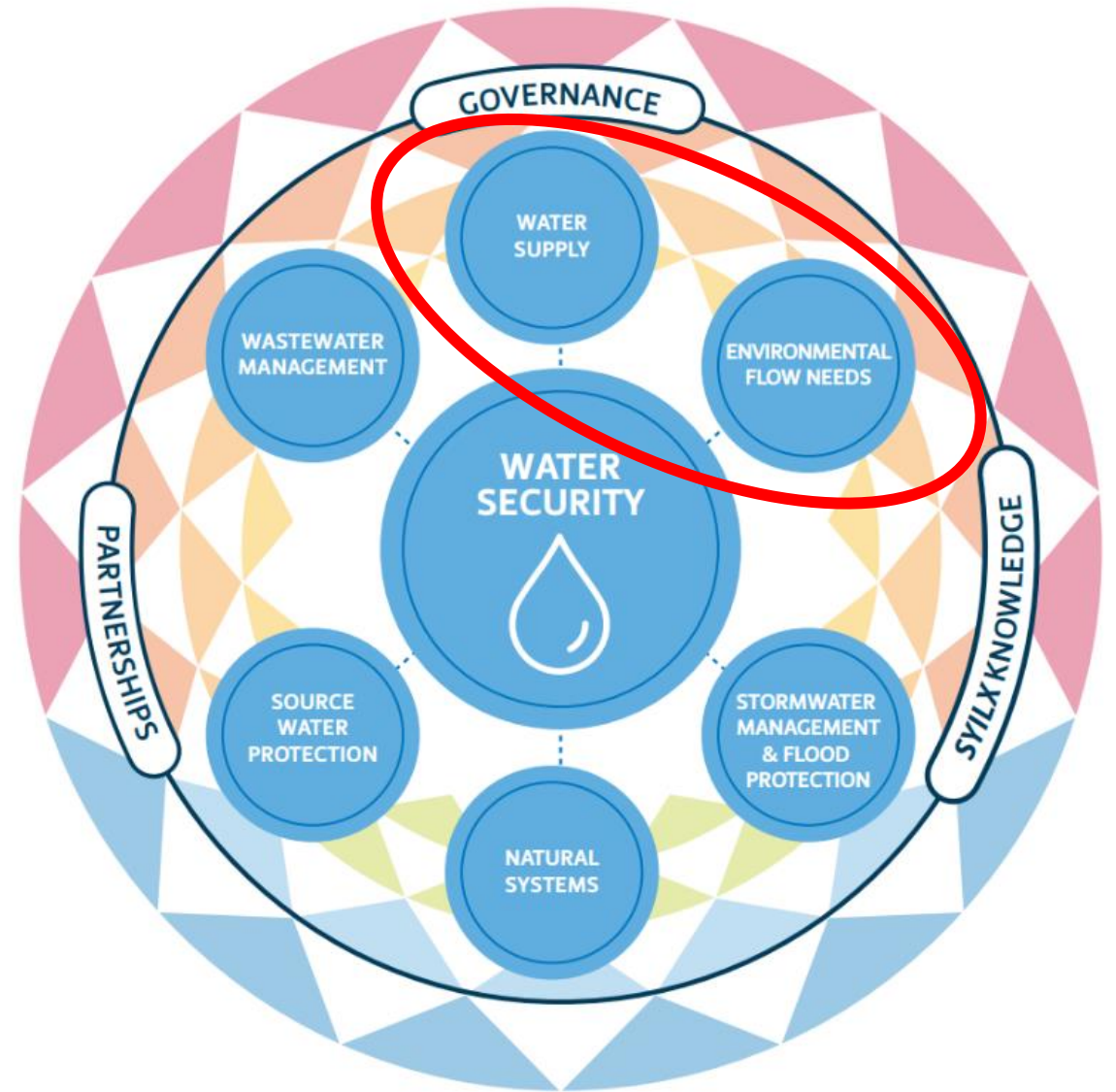
Presentation outline

- Background on Allotments
- Proposed Bylaw and Policy changes
- Agriculture Advisory Committee Resolution

Water Security Plan

Principle 1: “All residents and water users in the City have a safe, affordable, resilient and sustainable supply of high-quality water and a reliable supply of water from agriculture.”

Principle 7: “Assure that the quality and quantity of water is available to support a healthy aquatic ecosystem”



The six water sectors outlined in the City's Water Security Plan

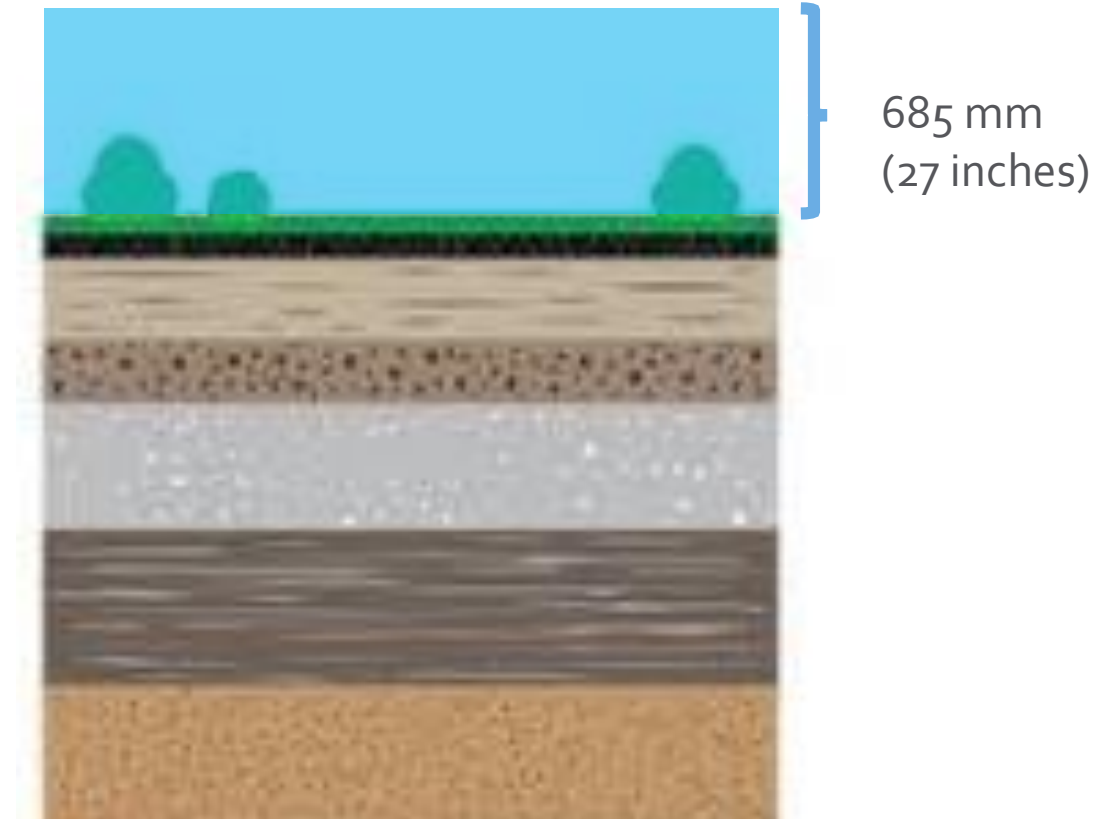
What is an Allotment?

A volume of water available to a property at the Agricultural rate.

Area of land x 685 mm depth of water

Commitment that under normal conditions a property can plan for this water being available to them

- Does not include accounting for system losses due to evaporation, leakage, water system maintenance and other unaccounted for elements.
- Does not include Environmental Flow Need commitments for Mission Creek during critical flow periods.



Policy 383 – Water Supply Level of Service

- Proposed Amendments
 - Revise system capacity on the non-potable system to 1,900 hectares (from 1,925),
 - Currently committed to 1,814 hectares, allows up to 86 hectares of Allotment to be added via purchase,
 - Staff will track the volume of Allotments within the total volume of water available to ensure that the City does not overcommit available water,
 - Staff will maintain a list of Customers that want additional water and that offers for sale will be made based on the timing of request,
 - Staff will only sell a total volume of Allotment to a parcel that can be practically farmed.

Bylaw 12762

Amendment 19 to Water Regulation Bylaw

- Set 2025 rate for new Allotment to \$13,600 per hectare (\$5,504 / acre).

AAC – April 10, 2025

Resolution passed:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee supports in principle the proposed changes to both the Council Policy No. 383 Water Supply, and the Water Regulation Bylaw No. 10480 as discussed in the report from the Utilities Services Department dated April 10, 2025;

AND THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee strongly advises Council to work towards ensuring that the agricultural water supply continues to be protected, both for existing users and for new farmlands that may be developed in the future.



Thank you....Questions?