



Agricultural Water Rate Design Community Engagement Process

October 2017

Background

Recently endorsed Agriculture Plan identified two actions for ongoing and long-term implementation:

- Evaluate and monitor City of Kelowna water pricing with a goal of sustaining agriculture and;
- Continue to work towards ensuring sustainable, redundant and secure water for all agriculture

Rate Design

- ▶ City agricultural customers pay per cubic metre for all water consumed on property
 - ▶ Pay per use
- ▶ South East Kelowna Irrigation District customers pay a fixed fee per acre of land to an allocated volume. Pay per use if allocation exceeded
 - ▶ Pay per designated volume, pay per use if excessive
- ▶ SOMID customers pay a fixed fee per acre of land
 - ▶ Pay per acre, regardless of use

Community Consultation

- ▶ To inform with balanced and objective information
- ▶ To engage in the rate design process
- ▶ To create opportunities for input on rate design, billing cycle preferences and agricultural customer classifications
- ▶ To create understanding of the value of the water utility and investment of customers in water resource stewardship
- ▶ To create understanding of the value of water use efficiency and water conservation

Stakeholders

Direct Interest

- ▶ SEKID Board of Trustees
- ▶ Agricultural Advisory Committee
- ▶ SEKID Agricultural customers
- ▶ Current City Agricultural customers
- ▶ SOMID Agricultural customers

Indirect Interest

- ▶ Industry Groups
- ▶ Other Water Improvement Districts/Communities
- ▶ Summerland Research and Development Centre
- ▶ RDCO
- ▶ First Nations

Timelines



Next Steps

- ▶ Council consideration of engagement process
- ▶ Information, background and process outline on project webpage – Kelowna.ca/water
- ▶ Engagement summary and Council feedback on rate design in 2018
- ▶ Changes to Water Regulation Bylaw No 10550 proposed in 2019
- ▶ Agriculture customers transition to City utility and new rate design implemented 2020



Questions?

For more information, visit kelowna.ca.