



VILLAGE OF VALEMOUNT
WATER SUPPLY AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT (WATER METERING) BYLAW
No. 918, 2026

A bylaw to amend Village of Valemount Water Supply and Regulations Bylaw No. 709, 2014, to establish universal water metering and related provisions.

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Community Charter*, Council has authority to provide municipal services, including a water system, and to impose fees and charges in relation to those services;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Valemount, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

- 1.1 This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Water Supply and Regulations Bylaw No. 709, 2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 918, 2026”.

2. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAW No. 709, 2014:

- 2.1 Schedule ‘A’ (Definitions) of Water Supply and Regulations Bylaw No. 709, 2014 is amended by inserting the following definitions in alphabetical order:
- a. “Advanced Metering Infrastructure” or “AMI” means a system of Water Meters and communications devices that enables the remote, automated collection and transmission of consumption data to the Village.
 - b. “Automated Meter Reading” or “AMR” means technology that enables Water Meters to transmit consumption data by low-power radio frequency to portable or fixed receivers.
 - c. “Water Meter” means an apparatus or device used for measuring the volume of water passing through it, and includes any accessories such as a data transmitter or remote reader device and the connecting cable.
 - d. “Water Meter Pit” means an enclosure constructed underground typically at or near the property line of a parcel, which may be used to install a Water Meter.
- 2.2 Schedule ‘A’ (Definitions) of Water Supply and Regulations Bylaw No. 709, 2014 is further amended by deleting the definition of “Waterworks” and replacing it with the following:

- a. “Waterworks” means the entire Waterworks system of the Village of Valemount including the water source, storage, pumping and treatment facilities, distribution system, Water Meters, and the water in the entire system.
- 2.3 Water Supply and Regulations Bylaw No. 709, 2014, is further amended by adding the following sections after section 15.9:
- 15.10 No person shall use water from the Waterworks unless that usage is recorded by a properly functioning Water Meter that is installed and maintained in accordance with this bylaw.
 - 15.11 No person shall install any piping or other works designed or intended to allow water from the Waterworks to be used without that usage being recorded by a Water Meter.
 - 15.12 No person shall bypass, tamper with, break, cut, alter, deface, or in any way interfere with any Water Meter, nor install any device or connection that has the effect of preventing or reducing accurate measurement of water consumption.
 - 15.13 No person shall obstruct or refuse reasonable access by the Authorized Person or the Village’s agents or contractors for the installation, inspection, testing, reading, maintenance, or replacement of any Water Meter or related equipment or works.
- 2.4 Water Supply and Regulations Bylaw No. 709, 2014, is further amended by adding the following after Section 16:
- 17. Mandatory Metering**
- 17.1 Every parcel or premises connected to the Waterworks must be equipped with a Water Meter approved by the Village and installed in accordance with this Bylaw.
 - 17.2 Every Water Meter shall be installed by a qualified contractor at the direction of the Village, as approved by the Authorized Person.
 - 17.3 The Authorized Person may determine the location and configuration of a Water Meter, including whether installation shall be within a building or in a Water Meter Pit.
 - 17.4 The Authorized Person may require a parcel or premises to be equipped with more than one Water Meter where necessary to ensure that all water supplied by the Waterworks to the parcel or premises is captured.

- 17.5 The Owner must pay the Village the actual cost of the Village incurred for installation of a Water Meter.
- 17.6 Every Water Meter, whether located within a building, in a Water Meter Pit or elsewhere, remains the property of the Village.
- 17.7 Every Owner must protect Water Meters serving the Owner's property from damage, freezing, excess heat or interference.
- 17.8 The Village shall repair or replace a Water Meter when rendered unserviceable through reasonable wear and tear. Where replacement or repair of any Water Meter is rendered necessary by the act, neglect, or carelessness of the owner or occupant of any parcel, any expense incurred by the Village shall be charged against and collected from the Owner of the parcel.
- 17.9 The Owner or occupier of a parcel or premises must at all reasonable times provide safe and unobstructed access to the Authorized Person and the Village's agents and contractors to install, inspect, test, repair, or replace any Water Meter.
- 17.10 The Village may obtain consumption data from Water Meters by manual reading, AMR or AMI, as determined by the Authorized Person.
- 17.11 If a Water Meter fails to register, is inaccessible, or is suspected to be inaccurate, the Village may estimate consumption based on historical use, comparable premises, or any other reasonable method.
- 17.12 If the Village or a Consumer questions the accuracy of the record of a Water Meter, the Village shall designate a qualified person to remove and test the Water Meter.
- 17.13 If the test performed under section 17.12 discloses that the Water Meter meets the current applicable accuracy standard published by the American Water Works Association, then the person questioning the accuracy of the Water Meter shall pay the actual cost of the meter testing. If the test performed under section 17.12 discloses that the Water Meter does not meet the current applicable accuracy standard published by the American Water Works Association, then the cost of the test shall be borne by the Village.



- 17.14 The Village may notify an Owner of apparent leakage or abnormal consumption. A notice in writing may be given by the Authorized Person, requiring the person owning or using the premises to investigate and make or cause to be made all necessary repairs or alterations to the Water Service or any other privately owned pipes, connections, fixtures, taps, apparatus, or indicators to the satisfaction of the Authorized Person.
- 17.15 Consumers shall immediately notify the Village if a Water Meter stops working or if any leaks, breaks or other irregularities with the Water Meter are observed.
- 17.16 Where an Owner fails to make the necessary repairs within the time required in a notice from the Authorized Person under section 17.14, or where the condition of the Water Service or pipes, connections, fixtures, taps, and any other apparatus or indicators may cause a waste of water or damage to property, the Village may cause the service to be temporarily disconnected, by closing the shut-off valve or by detaching the service at the main.

Read a 1st Time this 10th day of March, 2026.
Read a 2nd Time this 10th day of March, 2026.
Read a 3rd Time this ____ day of ____, 2026.
Adopted this ____ day of ____, 2026.

Mayor,
Owen Torgerson

Corporate Officer,
Carleena Shepherd

Certified to be a true copy of the Bylaw No. 918, 2026, as adopted by Council Resolution
#____/26.

Corporate Officer,
Carleena Shepherd