

**DISTRICT OF INVERMERE
BYLAW NO. 1690**

A bylaw to amend user rates for water.

WHEREAS the *Community Charter* authorizes Council to impose a fee payable in respect of all or part of a service of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Invermere, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as "Water Utility User Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1690, 2026".
2. Schedule "A" of Bylaw No. 1652 being "Water Utility User Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1652, 2023" is hereby repealed and the attached is substituted as Schedule "A" to "Water Utility Bylaw No. 1198, 2003."

Read a First Time this 24th day of February, 2026.

Read a Second Time this 24th day of February, 2026.

Read a Third Time this 24th day of February, 2026.

ADOPTED this 10th day of March, 2026.

signed "Al Miller"

MAYOR

signed "Dean McKinley"

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 1690, 2026
this ____ day of _____, _____.

Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE "A" – Water User Rates

1. Residential Metered Users:

- (a) Each single-family residence, each strata unit, each apartment, and each unit in any multi-unit dwelling or complex shall pay a bi-annual flat fee as follows:

Type of Meter	Flat Rate
Standard $\frac{5}{8}$ " x $\frac{3}{4}$ ", $\frac{3}{4}$ ", $\frac{3}{4}$ " T10, $\frac{5}{8}$ " T10	\$160.41 – bi-annually
1", 1½"	\$205.20 – bi-annually
2", 2" Truflo	\$314.74 – bi-annually
3" Truflo, 3" TT (Turbine)	\$421.73 – bi-annually
4" Truflo	\$528.75 – bi-annually
6"(Turbine)	\$635.76 – bi-annually

- (b) Bi-annual consumption charges: In addition to the bi-annual flat rate stipulated in 1 (a), a bi-annual consumption rate shall be charged as:

First 150 m³ - **\$1.16/m³**
Next 50 m³ - **\$1.25/m³**
Balance of m³ - **\$1.41/m³**

- (c) Single meter – combined residential/commercial: In addition to the bi-annual flat rate stipulated in 1 (a), a bi-annual consumption rate of **\$1.15/m³** shall be charged.
- (d) Strata/multi-unit complex with shared meter: In addition to the bi-annual flat rate stipulated in 1 (a), a bi-annual consumption rate of **\$1.23/m³** shall be charged.

2. Agricultural Users (irrigation only - ALR):

- (a) Flat Fee: **\$182.26** annually (any meter size) plus a consumption rate
- (b) Irrigation consumption: **\$0.41/m³**
- (c) Domestic use: charged under section 1 (Residential Metered Users)

3. Commercial Metered Users:

- (a) Bi-annual flat fee (by Meter size): same as section 1.(a).
- (b) In addition to the bi-annual flat rate stipulated in 3 (a), a bi-annual consumption rate of **\$1.11/m³** shall be charged for all commercial users.
- (c) In addition to the bi-annual flat rate stipulated in 3 (a), a bi-annual consumption rate of **\$1.15/m³** shall be charged for single-meter users that have a combined residential and commercial use.

4. Non-Metered Users:

Reason	Rate
No meter	\$4,120.00 annually
Non-metered irrigation line	\$694.38 annually
ALR - Non-metered water line/non-metered irrigation line	\$157.38 annually

Suites: where a non-metered private residence has 1-2 suites, the applicable non-metered rate applies per suite.

Optional metering: if the user requests metering and the District deems installation uneconomic, the user may install a meter at their cost.

5. Water Resale (Bulk Water Purchase):

- (a) Definitions:

In this section, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings:

“Person” means any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, group or municipality;

“Water Vendor” means a person that purchases water from the District of Invermere with the intention of reselling the water to another person.

“Domestic Bulk Water” means potable water purchased from the District of Invermere by a Water Vendor with the intent to resell the water for normal household purposes, such as drinking, food preparation, bathing, washing clothes and dishes, flushing toilets and watering lawns and gardens;

“Non-Domestic Bulk Water” means potable water purchased from the District of Invermere by a Water Vendor with the intent to resell the water for purposes other than normal household purposes;

“Unprocessed Bulk Water” means raw water purchased from the District of Invermere by a Water Vendor with the intent to resell.

(b) Regulations:

- (i) No person may resell water obtained from the District, except as may be expressly permitted by way of an authorized Water Vendor Contract between the District and the Vendor.
- (ii) Each authorized Water Vendor shall pay the Water User Rates as follows:

Reason	Rate
Domestic Bulk Water Rate	\$6.24/m³
Non-Domestic Bulk Water Rate	\$6.24/m³
Unprocessed Bulk Water Rate	\$5.40/m³
Non-Domestic Use Surcharge	\$4.67/m³

- (iii) The purchase of Non-Domestic Bulk Water shall be subject to a Non-Domestic Use Surcharge as indicated in 5 (b) (ii).
- (iv) Every person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of an offence against this Bylaw and liable to the penalties hereby imposed. Each day that a violation continues to exist shall constitute a spate offence.
- (v) The District may order the termination of the water supply to any water service connection on seven (7) days written notice for violation of any of the provisions of this section.
- (vi) Every person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding the sum of five thousand (**\$5,000**) dollars plus the cost of prosecution for each offence.

6. Turn-on/Turn-off:

- (a) Residential/commercial/institutional/industrial: **\$51.50** per turn-on or turn-off.

- (b) Irrigation: **no charge** for first turn-on and turn-off each year; subsequent turn on or turn off **\$51.50** each.

7. Leak Adjustment:

- (a) All properties connected to the municipal water system are eligible for a one-time water leak adjustment, providing they meet the criteria set out in this Bylaw. Property owners can apply for a billing adjustment due to a water leak on the property or significant abnormalities in water consumption.
- (b) The customer is responsible for monitoring higher than expected usage. Customers must investigate higher than expected usage to determine if the usage was caused by a property side leak. Customers should promptly repair leaks.
- (c) The Director of Finance, or other person delegated by the Director of Finance, may adjust water billings when **ALL** the following requirements are met:
 - (i) An adjustment may occur only after all leaks have been repaired and verified with an actual water meter read. Obtaining an actual meter reading may be necessary, within a minimum of two weeks, to verify whether leaks have been repaired and usage has returned to normal.
 - (ii) Reasonable efforts (including hiring a plumber) to locate the leak and initiate repairs may be taken by or on behalf of the customer within 14 calendar days after the initial notification of increased water usage was provided to the customer. Tangible proof of the leak repair is to be provided (i.e. plumber's invoice or receipt from the hardware store) and must be to the satisfaction of District staff.
 - (iii) The customer must complete in full the *Water Leak Adjustment Form* and provide documentation of repairs made prior to being approved for an adjustment within 14 calendar days after the date of final repair(s).
- (d) There is no extension of the due date or the time for paying water bills because of a pending adjustment request. Customers are advised to pay the entire amount due within the normal payment period or enter into payment arrangements for the excessive amount in order to remain in good standing on all current billings. Reimbursements will only occur when an adjustment request is granted.
- (e) The property side billing adjustment shall be limited to one billing period.

- (f) The District will not process leak adjustments where the adjustment amount is calculated to be less than **\$50.00**.
- (g) Adjustments are limited to the water consumption portion of the bill only.
- (h) The amount of the excess usage shall be determined by the District. Normal consumption shall be determined and is defined as the corresponding billing periods from the previous calendar year, where available. If this is not available, normal water consumption, based on the usage, will be based on the best estimate from information available. Once the normal water consumption is calculated, it is subtracted from the current meter reading and any actual consumption in excess of the estimated amount shall be billed at the leakage rate as follows:

Reason	Rate
Residential Metered	\$0.57/m³
Strata or multi-unit complex	\$0.49/m³
Commercial Metered	\$0.43/m³
Combined residential and commercial	\$0.46/m³

8. Late Payment Fee:

A **5%** late payment fee shall be added to unpaid rates after the due date.