



## JUAN DE FUCA WATER DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION

Notice of Meeting on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 12 p.m.**

Goldstream Room, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

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G. Logan (Chair)  
J. Rogers (V. Chair)  
G. Baird  
M. Hicks

K. Kahakauwila  
E. Logins  
L. Szpak  
R. Wade

### AGENDA

Lunch will be available

*For those Commissioners who confirm in-person attendance*

#### 1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES .....3

*Recommendation: That the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting be adopted.*

#### 4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

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##### 5.1. PRESENTATIONS

##### 5.2. DELEGATIONS

- 5.2.1.** Delegation – Raymond Mew; Representing Mew's Farms: RE: Agenda Item 6.1 Water Servicing of Finney Road and Cogan Road

*To ensure a quorum, advise Denise at 250.360.3087 if you or your alternate cannot attend.*

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**6. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**6.1. Water Servicing of Finney Road and Cogan Road .....8**

***Recommendation:** That the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission:*

*Deny the request from the property owner for the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service to provide funding for a new water main and service connections to service the properties fronting Finney Road and/or Sooke Road and/or Cogan Road described in Options 1, 2 and 3, but approve water service extensions to any or all of the properties with the most suitable servicing option at the applicant's expense, in accordance with CRD Bylaw No. 3889.*

**6.2. Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions .....66**

***Recommendation:** That the Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions be received for information.*

**6.3. Water Watch Report .....67**

***Recommendation:** That the February 22, 2021 Water Watch report be received for information.*

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**7.1. Mr. Mew – Water Servicing of Finney Road .....73**

***Recommendation:** That the correspondence be received for information.*

**8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021



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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE JUAN DE FUCA WATER DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION,  
Held Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 12 p.m., Goldstream Conference Room, 479 Island  
Highway, Victoria, BC**

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**PRESENT: Commissioners:** G. Logan

**By WebEx:** G. Baird; M. Hicks; K. Kahakauwila (12:45); J. Rogers; L. Szpak;  
R. Wade (12:12)

**Staff:** T. Robbins, General Manager; I. Jesney, Senior Manager, Infrastructure  
Engineering; J. Marr, Manager, Water Distribution & Planning; D. Dionne  
(Recorder)

**REGRETS:** E. Logins

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

T. Robbins called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

**2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

T. Robbins provided the Territorial Acknowledgement

**3. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

The General Manager called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Szpak nominated Commissioner Logan. Commissioner Logan accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called for nominations a second time.

The General Manager called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, the General Manager declared Commissioner Logan Chair of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022 by acclamation.

**4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Chair Logan called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Baird nominated Commissioner Rogers. Commissioner Rogers accepted the nomination.

Chair Logan called for nominations a second time.

Chair Logan called for nominations a third and final time.

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Hearing no further nominations, Chair Logan declared Commissioner Rogers Vice Chair of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022 by acclamation.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*R. Wade joined the meeting.*

**MOVED** by Commissioner Rogers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,  
That the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**

**6. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR 2021**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,  
That the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission adopt the resolution as presented.

1. That this resolution applies to the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission for the meetings being held between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.
2. That the attendance of the public at the place of the meeting cannot be accommodated in accordance with the applicable requirements or recommendations under the Public Health Act, despite the best efforts of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission, because:
  - a. The available meeting facilities cannot accommodate more than (8) people in person, including members of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission and staff, and
  - b. There are no other facilities presently available that will allow physical attendance of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission and the public in sufficient numbers; and
3. That the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission is ensuring openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability in respect of the open meeting by the following means:
  - a. By allowing the public to hear or participate via teleconference or electronic meeting software,
  - b. By providing notice of the meeting in newspaper or local notice Board, including the methods for providing written or electronic submissions,
  - c. By making the meeting agenda, as well as the other relevant documents, available on the CRD website, and directing interested persons to the website by means of the notices provided in respect of the meeting,
  - d. By strongly encouraging the provision of, and subsequently receiving and distributing to members, written correspondence from the public in advance of the meeting, and
  - e. By making the minutes of the meeting available on the CRD website following the meeting.

**CARRIED**

**7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Rogers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak,  
That the minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 8. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Logan thanked the Commission for supporting him in the role of Chair of the Commission for another term. He acknowledged the dedication of the Commission members to their communities and stated his appreciation for the support and hard work of staff over the past couple of years.

## 9. PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATIONS

### 9.1. PRESENTATIONS

No one registered to present.

### 9.2. DELEGATIONS

#### 9.2.1. Delegation – Raymond Mew; Representing Mews Farms: RE: Agenda Item 11.1 Correspondence - Water Service on Finney Road (January 26, 2021)

Mr. Mew was joined by Mr. Mar. The delegation spoke to the proposal for having a water line extended down Finney Road in Langford, to provide water service to the farm lands along that road. They stated their concerns regarding:

- Lack of irrigation
- The need for food sustainability/security
- The long term development of the lands into sustainable farms
- The difficulty in having something in place for the 2021 farming season

The delegation responded to questions from the Commission regarding:

- Agricultural Land Commission documentation
- The length of the requested water line extension
- Consideration of well water for irrigation

## 10. COMMISSION BUSINESS

### 10.1. Major Capital Projects Update

I. Jesney spoke to the report providing an update on three major projects. He highlighted any changes in scope, budget, schedule and community impacts for each project.

Staff responded to questions from the commission regarding:

- The Goldstream Asbestos Cement pipe replacement, Project 20-07 and the proposed Main No. 4 replacement noting that they are similar in scope, however the two projects are being completed separately and are funded through two different services.
- The Strathmore Road main that failed in 2019 is not part of the Goldstream main, however it has similar age pipes and similar risks.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Rogers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird

The Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission receives this report for information.

**CARRIED**

## 10.2. Appointment of Representative to the Water Advisory Committee for 2021

**MOVED** by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak  
That the Vice Chair of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission be appointed as representative to the Water Advisory Committee for 2021.

**CARRIED**

## 10.3. Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions

The Commission congratulated Commissioner Szpak on her election to Chair of the Regional Water Supply Commission.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Rogers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Szpak  
That the Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions be received for information.

**CARRIED**

## 10.4. Water Watch Report

**MOVED** by Commissioner Baird, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers  
That the January 25, 2020 Water Watch report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE

### 11.1. Water Service on Finney Road (January 26, 2021)

#### *K. Kahakauwila joined the meeting*

Discussion ensued regarding:

- The Commission's support of food security and agriculture
- The agricultural water rate
- Supply of agricultural needs by way of existing policies
- The value of local farmers
- Cost responsibility of an extension

**MOVED** by Commissioner Szpak, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wade  
That the correspondence be received for information.

**CARRIED**

### MOTION ARISING:

**MOVED** by Commissioner Rogers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baird,  
The Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission directs staff to prepare a staff report providing an assessment of feasibility and costs to extend a water line along Finney Road.

**CARRIED**

## 12. NOTICE OF MOTION

There was none.

## 13. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED** by Commissioner Kahakauwila, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rogers,  
That the February 2, 2021 Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission meeting be  
adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY



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## REPORT TO JUAN DE FUCA WATER DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION MEETING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

### **SUBJECT**      **Water Servicing of Finney Road and Cogan Road**

### **ISSUE SUMMARY**

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has received a request to extend a water main to service properties on Finney Road and Cogan Road. As directed by the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission (the Commission), this report provides an assessment of feasibility and costs to undertake the extension.

### **BACKGROUND**

At its meeting of February 2, 2021 a delegation, led by the property owner, presented a request for the CRD to install a new water main along Finney Road to service properties on Finney Road, Cogan Road and Sooke Road (2953 Sooke Road, 1242, 1222, 1202, 1221, 1201 Cogan Road, and 1131 Finney Road) to provide water for proposed farming activities. The Commission requested CRD staff bring a staff report to its next meeting summarizing the request and outlining a servicing recommendation based on CRD bylaws.

The City of Langford is proposing to construct a new road (Finney Road) from Sooke Road to Luxton Road. There are three existing lots (1110, 1119, and 1131 Finney Road) currently serviced with three separate water service connections from an existing Juan de Fuca Water System main on Luxton Road. The water service connections were installed prior to any of the recent City of Langford subdivisions or road dedication. The existing service connection water meters are installed at what will be the intersection of Finney Road and Luxton Road where the old property line/Luxton road Right of Way was. Now that Finney Road is a road Right of Way, the existing privately owned water services are within a public road allowance. The CRD's ownership and responsibility ends at the current water meter locations.

In regard to obtaining service connections, the noted properties can receive water from the Juan de Fuca water system, as they are within the service area, however they are required to meet *CRD Bylaw No. 3889 – Capital Regional District Water Distribution Local Service Conditions, Fees and Charges Bylaw No.1, 2013*. The relevant sections of the bylaw state:

#### **7.      *Approval of Service Connection Applications***

- 7.1      *The General Manager is authorized to approve an application for a new Service Connection if all requirements of this Bylaw are met.*

#### **8.      *Where a Service Connection May Be Established***

- 8.1      *A Service Connection shall be made only to a Property fronting on a Highway in which:*

- (a)      *Waterworks are in place across the entire frontage of that Property; and*
- (b)      *the pressures available are sufficient to provide a minimum water pressure of*



*approximately two hundred seventy-five (275) kilopascals at the Property line at peak hour demand in accordance with Provincial guidelines, and approximately one hundred thirty-eight (138) kilopascals under the specified Fire Flow.*

#### **17. Service Connection Necessitating a Waterworks Extension**

- 17.1 *Where an Applicant requests a Service Connection and there is no Distribution Water Main fronting the Applicant's Property, the Applicant shall pay the costs associated with the extension of the Waterworks to the Applicant's Property, as set out in this Bylaw.*

#### **44. Rules for Waterworks Extensions**

- 44.1 *The General Manager may approve a Waterworks Extension where the General Manager considers that the construction and maintenance of such extension:*
- (a) *shall not necessitate a substantial increase in Water Charges;*
  - (b) *shall not diminish the level or quality of service provided by CRD Integrated Water Services elsewhere in the Water Distribution Local Service Area;*
  - (b) *shall service Property that is Capable of Connection to the Waterworks; and*
  - (c) *meets all requirements of this Bylaw.*
- 44.2 *Where a Waterworks Extension will also serve lands beyond those to be served by the Waterworks Extension, the Applicant shall be required to pay all costs to supply and install Waterworks of the size and material determined by the General Manager.*
- 44.3 *In its consideration of a Waterworks Extension application involving connection of the Waterworks to Private Waterworks, CRD Integrated Water Services shall require water samples from the Waterworks Extension for water quality testing by the CRD, and CRD Integrated Water Services shall refuse a Waterworks Extension if such water quality testing does not meet requirements of the Drinking Water Protection Act, S.B.C. 2001, c. 9, and any applicable Drinking Water Protection Regulations.*
- 44.4 *Should the Applicant disagree with the decision of the General Manager to refuse a Waterworks Extension, the Applicant may appeal the decision, in writing, to the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission. The General Manager shall notify the Applicant of the date, time and location of the meeting at which the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission shall consider the appeal, where applicable.*

#### **Servicing Options – reference Appendix A**

Some of the properties associated with this request for service are within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). Since single family residential construction is allowed on ALR land there are a variety of options to consider depending on whether a residential connection is required or if the connection is just for agricultural purposes. In accordance with above section 17.1, none of the following options would be funded by the CRD.

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Option 1

Residential/Agricultural service to all six properties would require 790 metres of water main along Finney Road, 220 metres along Gittens Road, 250 metres along Cogan Road and 330 metres along Sooke Road. The estimated cost of water main installation, assuming a 200 millimeter diameter pipe is approximately \$1.5 million plus the cost of drivable access to maintain CRD infrastructure for up to 470 metres of Gittens Road and Cogan Road where access does not currently exist.

Option 2

Residential/Agricultural service to the three properties (1242, 1222 and 1202 Cogan Road) would require 790 metres of water main along Finney Road at an estimated cost of approximately \$800,000 with agricultural service to 2953 Sooke Road and 1221 and 1201 Cogan Road to be provided by private connection from one or more of the residential/agricultural system connections at 1242, 1222 or 1202 Cogan Road. The cost of these agricultural connections is unknown and would require permission from the City of Langford to construct private infrastructure in their road Rights of Way. There would be no need for drivable access on either Gittens Road or Cogan Road as there would be no CRD infrastructure to maintain.

Option 3

Using the existing meter location at Luxton Road that services 1131 Finney Road, upsize the service connection and/or meter to meet the agricultural flow requirements and then provide privately owned piping to provide agricultural service to up to the six lots referenced. There would be no residential service to any of the lots referenced. The cost of this option is unknown as the flow rates and pipe sizes are yet to be determined and would require permission from the City of Langford to construct private infrastructure in their road Rights of Way.

**ALTERNATIVES**

*Alternative 1*

That the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission :

Deny the request from the property owner for the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service to provide funding for a new water main and service connections to service the properties fronting Finney Road and/or Sooke Road and/or Cogan Road described in Options 1, 2 and 3, but approve water service extensions to any or all of the properties with the most suitable servicing option at the applicant's expense, in accordance with CRD Bylaw No. 3889.

*Alternative 2*

That the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission :

1. Accept the request from the property owner for the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service to provide funding for a new water main to service the properties fronting Finney Road and/or Sooke Road and/or Cogan Road described in Options 1, 2 and 3.
2. Direct staff to proceed with bylaw amendments to allow funding for Item 1.

*Alternative 3*

That this report be referred back to staff for additional information.

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## **IMPLICATIONS**

### *Alternative 1*

The provisions under CRD Bylaw No. 3889 would allow the properties to be serviced but at the expense of the applicant. Depending on which properties are to be serviced, staff would work with the applicant's engineering consultant to determine the most suitable servicing design to meet water flow and pressure requirements and future service extension alignments.

### *Alternative 2*

Accepting the property owner's request for the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Service to provide funding for a new water main to service the properties fronting Finney Road, Sooke Road and/or Cogan Road, would be inconsistent with CRD Bylaw No. 3889.

## **CONCLUSION**

Under CRD Bylaw No. 3889, property owner(s) are required to pay for a water main across the full frontage of any property requesting water service at the cost of the property owner. This request for service can be considered further once Commission direction is provided as a result of this report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission :

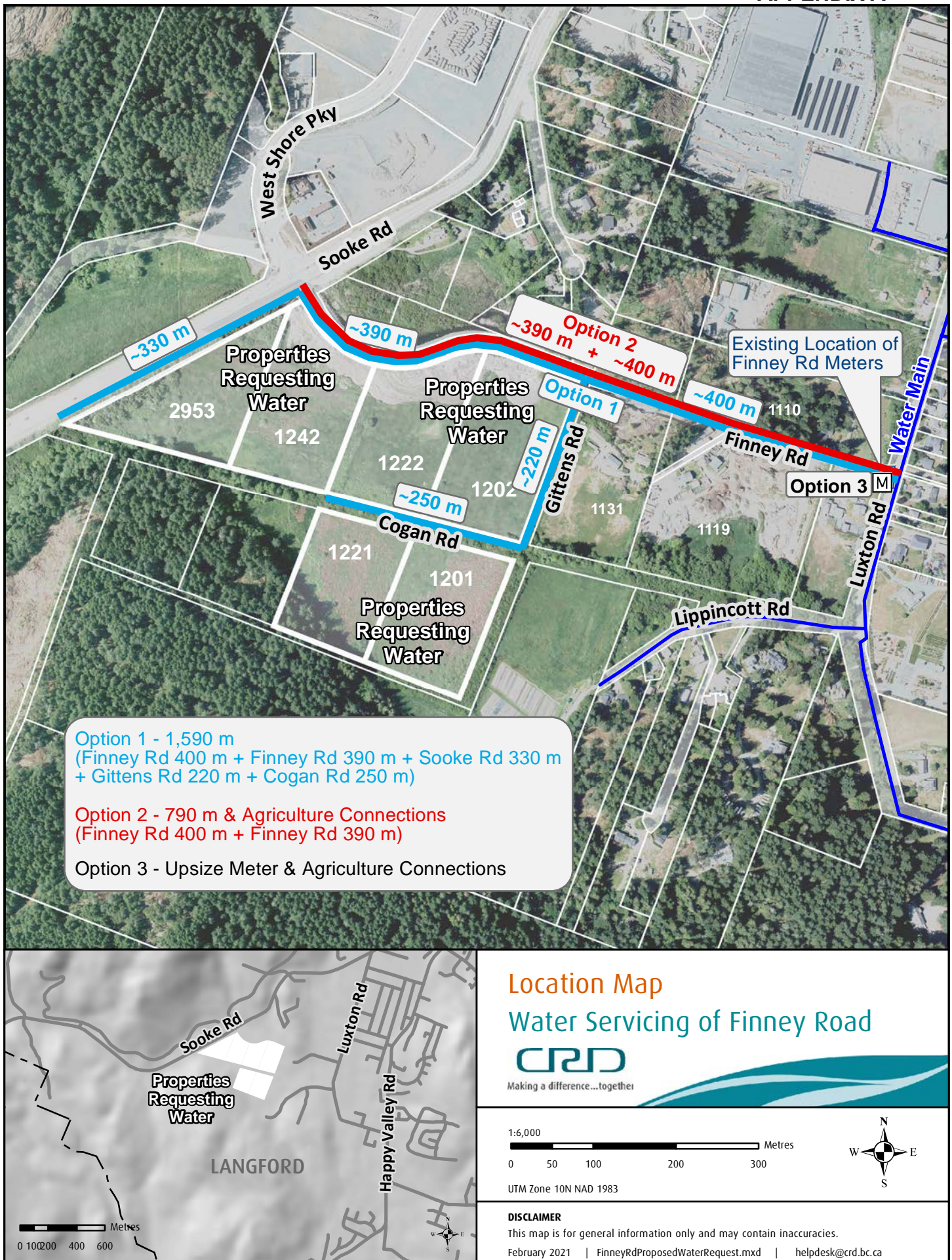
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Submitted by:	Joseph Marr, P.Eng., Manager, Water Distribution Engineering & Planning
Concurrence:	Ian Jesney, P.Eng., Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering
Concurrence:	Ted Robbins, B. Sc., C. Tech., General Manager, Integrated Water Services
Concurrence:	Robert Lapham, MCIP, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A: Location Map  
Appendix B: CRD Bylaw No. 3889







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## ***Bylaw No. 3889, Capital Regional District Water Distribution Local Service Conditions, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2013***

**A bylaw to establish conditions for service and impose fees and other charges within the Water Distribution Local Service in the Western Communities of the Capital Regional District**

(Consolidated for Convenience with Bylaws 3921, 3988, 4004 & 4040 January 2016)

**Also attached are:**

- 1. Amendment Bylaw No. 4387 with the most current "Schedule C - Water Rates", effective January 1, 2021**
- 2. Amendment Bylaw No. 4190, with the most current "Schedule A – Service Connections and Charges" and "Schedule B – Miscellaneous Fees and Service Charges"**

For questions related to this bylaw,  
please contact CRD Integrated Water Services,  
479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC, V9B 1H7

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## CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

## BYLAW NO. 3889

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**A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH CONDITIONS FOR SERVICE AND TO IMPOSE FEES AND OTHER CHARGES  
WITHIN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION LOCAL SERVICE IN THE WESTERN COMMUNITIES  
OF THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT**

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**WHEREAS:**

- A. Under Water Distribution Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1997 ("Bylaw No. 2538"), the Capital Regional District established a local service to supply water in participating areas in the Local Service Area.
- B. Bylaw No. 2538 authorized the annual costs for the water supply, net of grants and other revenues, to be recovered by one or more of the following:
  - (a) the requisition of money under section 823(1) [now sections 805 and 806] of the *Local Government Act* to be collected by a Property value tax to be levied and collected under section 825(1) [now sections 805.1(1)(a) and 806.1(1)(a)] of the *Local Government Act*; or
  - (b) the imposition of a parcel tax under section 825(2) [now sections 805.1(1)(b) and 806.1(1)(b)] of the *Local Government Act*; and
  - (c) the imposition of fees and other charges that may be fixed by separate bylaw [currently authorized under section 363 of the *Local Government Act*].
- C. The Board wishes to impose fees and other charges consistent with the *Local Government Act* requirements.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**ADMINISTRATION****1. Definitions**

In this Bylaw:

**"Abnormal Water Consumption"** means water use in the current billing period which exceeds water use in the same billing period in the previous year.

**"Applicant"** means a person who is the owner or lessee of Property and who has requested or applied for water service or for any other matter or thing under this Bylaw from CRD Integrated Water Services.

**"Approving Authority/Officer"** means a public body or officer with powers to enforce statutes, regulations, codes and bylaws and to issue consents, approvals, licenses and permits.

**"Aqualoader"** means a bulk water station using smart cards to track consumption for billing purposes.

**"Board"** means the Capital Regional District Board.

**"Capable of Connection"** in the context of a Property, means a Property that meets the requirements of section 8.

**"Community Allotment Garden"** means Property used exclusively as a not-for-profit garden in which allotments or

shared plots are available to members of the public for a fee, and which supports demonstration gardening, instructional programming, and the production of produce for the personal use of the members or for community aid.

**“Complex”** means a structure or collection of structures containing more than one Unit which receives service from a connection to the Waterworks, including Private Waterworks and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, includes apartments, condominiums, townhouses, mobile home parks, campgrounds, recreation centres, golf courses, cemeteries, hospitals, farms, hotels/motels, shopping centres, or commercial development.

**“Connection Charge”** means the charges prescribed in Schedule A for connection to the Waterworks.

**“CRD”** or **“CRD Integrated Water Services”** means the Capital Regional District.

**“Customer”** means a person whose application for Service Connection has been accepted by CRD Integrated Water Services and includes a person who has been or is the recipient of Service Connection supplied by CRD Integrated Water Services.

**“Distribution Water Main”** means a water main that is part of the Waterworks.

**“Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings”** means the document provided by CRD Integrated Water Services containing the engineering requirements for the design and installation of CRD Integrated Water Services physical plant or Waterworks.

**“Engineering Technologist”** means a graduate from an Engineering Technology program, who is certified or qualified to apply for certification by the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC.

**“Fire Connection”** means a Service Connection which is not serviced by a water meter and which is designed to supply water to a building exclusively for fire protection purposes.

**“Fire Flow”** means the amount and rate of water application required, as specified by the Approving Officer, to confine and control fires in a building or group of buildings which comprise essentially the fire area by virtue of immediate exposure.

**“FUS”** means the Fire Underwriters Survey.

**“General Manager”** means the individual appointed by the Board as General Manager of CRD Integrated Water Services, or any agent or employee of the CRD who has been authorized to act on behalf of the General Manager.

**“Highway”** means a street, road or lane open to public use and maintained by the authority having jurisdiction and a common Property access road within a strata plan, over which a statutory right of way is registered in favour of the CRD for purposes of operation of the Waterworks, but does not include a private right of way on private Property.

**“Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission”** means the standing committee of CRD Regional Board established pursuant to the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission Bylaw No. 1, 1997.

**“Potable Water”** means water which meets the requirements of the Province of British Columbia and is safe to drink and fit for domestic purposes without further treatment.

**“Private Waterworks”** means a water supply system connected to the Waterworks that is owned by a strata corporation, the land owner or that is otherwise not owned by CRD.

**“Professional Engineer”** means an Engineer licensed by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC).

**“Property”** has the same meaning as “Real Property” in the *Community Charter*, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26.

**“Service Area”** means the parts of the Water Distribution Local Service Area within which CRD Integrated Water Services provides service.

**“Service Connection”** includes, both the supply of water delivered in any manner to a Property, and the physical plant, equipment, apparatuses, appliances, Property, and facilities employed by or used in connection with the provision of the supply of water by CRD Integrated Water Services up to and including the water meter and meter box.

**“Service Line”** means the water supply pipeline from the boundary of the Property to the primary building or structure on the Property of a Customer.

**“Temporary Service Applicant”** means a person who requires a temporary Service Connection for the purposes of construction or expansion of a development, or for another reason approved by CRD Integrated Water Services.

**“Unit”** means a Unit of accommodation or occupation, occupied or designed to be occupied separately by a Customer, which either separately or jointly with other Units receives service from a connection to the Waterworks and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, includes strata lots, Units in rental apartment buildings, duplexes, multi-family dwellings, mobile home parks, campgrounds, commercial Property, churches, lodges, community centres, industrial structures, and farms.

**“Unit of Water”** means a unit of measurement, the equivalent of one (1) cubic metre, or one thousand (1,000) litres of water.

**“VIHA”** means Vancouver Island Health Authority.

**“Water Charge”** means the price to be paid by a Customer per Unit of Water supplied to the Customer, or for any other service provided to the Customer by CRD Integrated Water Services for any period of time.

**“Water Distribution Local Service”** means the Water Distribution Local Service established by Bylaw No. 2538, cited as “Water Distribution Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1997”.

**“Water Distribution Local Service Area”** means the Water Distribution Local Service Area established in Bylaw No. 2538, cited as “Water Distribution Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1997”.

**“Waterworks”** means the physical plant of CRD Integrated Water Services, and includes all the equipment, apparatuses, appliances, Property, pipes, Distribution Water Mains, reservoirs, pumping stations, appurtenances, and facilities, up to and including the water meter and meter box, owned and employed by or used in connection with the Water Distribution Local Service Area in providing the supply of water.

**“Waterworks Extension”** means the construction of any extension to the existing Waterworks.

**“Wild Animal Rehabilitation Facility”** means a registered Canadian charity having the purpose of providing care for wildlife as defined in the *Wildlife Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 488, and which possesses a permit under section 2(t) of the *Wildlife Act Permit Regulation*, B.C. Reg 123/2010.

## 2. Schedules

- 2.1 A reference to a schedule or a section in this Bylaw is a reference to a schedule attached to this Bylaw or a section contained in this Bylaw unless the contrary is expressed.
- 2.2 A schedule attached to this Bylaw forms a part of this Bylaw and is enforceable in the same manner and to the same extent as this Bylaw is enforceable.

### 3. Jurisdiction

- 3.1 This Bylaw applies and is in force within the Water Distribution Local Service Area.

### 4. Inspections

- 4.1 The General Manager and CRD bylaw enforcement officers are authorized to enter, at all reasonable times, upon any Property to which this Bylaw applies in accordance with applicable provisions authorizing entry in the *Local Government Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 323, and the *Community Charter* for the purposes of inspecting to determine whether all regulations, prohibitions and requirements of this Bylaw are being met.

### 5. Offence and Penalty

- 5.1 A person who contravenes, violates or fails to comply with any provision of this Bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or violation of this Bylaw, or who fails to do anything required by this Bylaw, commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine of not more than \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars) and not less than \$200.00 (Two Hundred Dollars), the cost of prosecution and any other penalty or order imposed pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 323 or the *Offence Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 338. Each day that an offence against the Bylaw continues or exists shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offence.

## SERVICE CONNECTIONS

### 6. Application for New Service Connections

- 6.1 An application for a new Service Connection shall be made at the office of CRD Integrated Water Services by the Applicant or the Applicant's duly authorized agent.
- 6.2 In an application for a new Service Connection, each Applicant shall complete and sign those forms required by CRD Integrated Water Services, and shall provide:
- (a) the full name(s) of the Applicant or Applicants;
  - (b) the legal location of the Property for which the Service Connection is requested;
  - (c) the number of individual Units on the Property to be supplied;
  - (d) a copy of the relevant Building Permit(s) issued by the Municipality or Regional District having jurisdiction in respect of the Property.
- 6.3 The Applicant must pay, at the time of application, the new water Service Connection application charge prescribed in Schedule B.
- 6.4 No person shall connect a Service Connection to the Waterworks unless an application has been made under this section and approval has been obtained under section 7.
- 6.5 No person other than CRD Integrated Water Services personnel or other persons specifically authorized by CRD Integrated Water Services shall make connections to the Waterworks.

### 7. Approval of Service Connection Applications

- 7.1 The General Manager is authorized to approve an application for a new Service Connection if all

requirements of this Bylaw are met.

## **8. Where a Service Connection May Be Established**

8.1 A Service Connection shall be made only to a Property fronting on a Highway in which:

- (a) Waterworks are in place across the entire frontage of that Property; and
- (b) the pressures available are sufficient to provide a minimum water pressure of approximately two hundred seventy-five (275) kilopascals at the Property line at peak hour demand in accordance with Provincial guidelines, and approximately one hundred thirty-eight (138) kilopascals under the specified Fire Flow.

8.2 Where the General Manager determines it is not practical to provide a Service Connection to a Property at a Highway frontage because of the site conditions such as, but not limited to the steepness of the slope between the building and the Highway, the General Manager may approve a Service Connection to be provided:

- (a) through a registered easement over adjoining land specified for the provision of a Service Line, a copy of which easement showing particulars of registration shall be deposited with CRD Integrated Water Services prior to the installation of the water Service Connection; or
- (b) through or across a public trail or transportation corridor owned by the British Columbia Transportation Financing Authority, including the Galloping Goose trail, by way of a license of occupation, provided the Customer enters into an agreement to indemnify the CRD against any liability resulting from interruption or termination of the Service Connection due to the termination of the license of occupation.

8.3 A determination by the General Manager to accept or approve a Service Connection within a registered easement does not constitute approval of the terms, sufficiency or enforceability of the easement nor a warranty or representation that the easement is sufficient to provide the owner of the dominant tenement with an adequate, perpetual right to maintain a Service Line in the easement or elsewhere to serve the Property.

8.4 Despite section 8.1, the General Manager may approve a Service Connection to a Property located at an elevation which requires a home booster pump in order to achieve a minimum water pressure of two hundred seventy-five (275) kilopascals at peak hour demand at the Property line.

8.5 Installation of any home booster pump under section 8.4 shall require prior written approval of the General Manager.

## **9. Determining the Highway Used For Service Connections**

9.1 If a Property abuts on two separate Highways, the Service Connection shall be made from the Highway that a building on the Property faces or will face when constructed, or from the Highway from which the building takes its address.

9.2 If an address has not been established and no building exists on a Property, the Service Connection shall be provided on or to the Property boundary having the shortest distance to a Highway.

## **10. Customer's Service Line**

10.1 All Service Line materials on the Property to be serviced shall be installed by and at the cost of the Customer and shall comply with the British Columbia Plumbing Code and CRD Integrated Water Services specifications where applicable.

- 10.2 If a Property is subdivided, the owner shall, at the owner's sole cost, upgrade any non-conforming Service Line to meet the requirements of this Bylaw.
- 10.3 The minimum size of a Service Line serving any one Property shall be nineteen (19) millimetres in diameter.
- 10.4 The Service Line within the boundaries of a Property shall be situated below the maximum depth of frost penetration, and in any event, below ground surface at a minimum depth of sixty (60) centimetres.
- 10.5 A Service Line shall not be covered until it has been inspected by the municipal plumbing or building inspector, or another designated authority.
- 10.6 The Customer owns and is responsible for the Service Line on the Customer's Property.

## **11. Installation of Pressure Regulating Devices**

- 11.1 At the expense of the Customer, pressure regulating devices shall be installed by the Customer pursuant to the British Columbia Plumbing Code.
- 11.2 CRD Integrated Water Services shall not be responsible for any damage which may occur as a result of water pressures supplied by CRD Integrated Water Services.

## **12. Provision of Vacuum Relief for Fragile Equipment**

- 12.1 The Customer shall supply each domestic hot water tank or tank installed on a Property receiving a Service Connection, at the Customer's own expense, with an automatic vacuum relief to protect against collapse in the event of excessive inward pressure on the tank.
- 12.2 The Customer shall ensure that any equipment installed under this section complies with the requirements of the British Columbia Plumbing Code.

## **13. Size of New Waterworks**

- 13.1 The minimum diameter of all new Distribution Water Mains shall be one hundred fifty (150) millimetres, except in the following circumstances;
  - (a) within a cul-de-sac or other dead end termination where future extensions are precluded, a one hundred (100) millimetres diameter Distribution Water Main may be approved by the General Manager;
  - (b) where the General Manager approves a new Service Connection to an existing Distribution Water Main of less than one hundred fifty (150) millimetres, the General Manager may approve a Distribution Water Mains of less than one hundred fifty (150) millimetres in diameter;
  - (c) within a multi-family, commercial, institutional or industrial development, the Distribution Water Main shall be two hundred (200) millimetres or greater in diameter.
- 13.2 Despite section 13.1, the General Manager may require a larger diameter Distribution Water Main where deemed necessary to accommodate the proposed demand for water for the use on the Property or Properties to be serviced.
- 13.3 The size of Distribution Water Mains to and within subdivisions shall normally be governed by FUS Fire Flow requirements and the maximum allowable velocity. However, if the General Manager determines that water demand at build out will be insufficient to maintain Potable Water in the Distribution Water Mains, the General



Manager may require installation of a dual Distribution Water Main system: one pipe to provide Fire Flows and the other smaller Distribution Water Main to provide Potable Water service.

- 13.4 The Applicant shall pay the additional charges associated with installing a dual pipe system under section 13.3.

#### **14. Metering of New Service Connections to Waterworks**

- 14.1 A Service Connection installed after the date this Bylaw comes into force shall have a water meter attached thereto to measure the supply of water, except Fire Connections which may contain an approved detector check meter or a backflow preventer device.
- 14.2 No person shall use water supplied through a Fire Connection for any purpose other than suppressing a fire.
- 14.3 To ensure an adequate water supply and accurate meter measurements, the General Manager may determine the size of any water meter.

#### **15. Service Connection to Individual Units**

- 15.1 Each Unit shall have a separate metered Service Connection from the Distribution Water Main, including Units which are part of a Complex, and Units connected to Private Waterworks.
- 15.2 Despite section 15.1, at the request of the Applicant, the General Manager may provide written approval that one metered Service Connection may serve more than one Unit where it is not practical to place meters for each Unit at the Property frontage.
- 15.3 To ensure an adequate water supply and accurate meter measurements, the General Manager may determine the size of the meter and any Service Connection to any Unit.

#### **16. Connections Between Buildings**

- 16.1 If two or more buildings or structures on one Property are owned or leased by the same Customer, only those buildings or structures designated as ancillary shall be connected to the Waterworks by means of a joint Service Line with another separate building or structure.

#### **17. Service Connection Necessitating a Waterworks Extension**

- 17.1 Where an Applicant requests a Service Connection and there is no Distribution Water Main fronting the Applicant's Property, the Applicant shall pay the costs associated with the extension of the Waterworks to the Applicant's Property, as set out in this Bylaw.

#### **18. Conditions for Service Connections to a Waterworks Extension**

- 18.1 Where Waterworks are installed in a new subdivision, a Service Connection to each Parcel in the new subdivision shall be installed, with all associated charges paid by the Applicant in accordance with the following requirements:
- (a) if CRD Integrated Water Services installs the required Waterworks Extension for the Applicant, CRD Integrated Water Services shall also install the Service Connections in accordance with the procedures in this or any other applicable bylaw and subject to the payment by the Applicant of the fees and charges prescribed in Schedules A and B, or otherwise the Applicant's agreement to pay to CRD the actual charges as prescribed in this Bylaw;

- (b) if CRD Integrated Water Services permits the Applicant to install the Waterworks Extension, the Applicant shall also install the Service Connections, with materials approved by CRD Integrated Water Services, in accordance with Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings and the Applicant shall be responsible for all charges for the supply and installation of the Service Connections as prescribed in Schedules A and B;
- (c) upon completion of the installation of the Waterworks Extension, the Applicant or CRD Integrated Water Services, at the election of CRD, shall pressure test and disinfect the Waterworks Extension in accordance with the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings;
- (d) upon completion of the installation of the Waterworks Extension, CRD Integrated Water Services shall take water samples from the Waterworks Extension and perform laboratory testing on those samples;
- (e) if CRD Integrated Water Services determines, acting reasonably, that the laboratory testing of the Applicant's Waterworks Extension fails to meet applicable Potable Water standards, the Applicant shall be responsible for all charges to flush, resample and re-test the Waterworks Extension.

## **19. Service Line Inspection for BC Plumbing Regulations Compliance**

- 19.1 CRD Integrated Water Services may require that, prior to connection to the Waterworks, an Applicant requesting a new Service Line submit to CRD Integrated Water Services a copy of the plumbing inspection certificate, demonstrating compliance with any applicable provisions in the British Columbia Plumbing Code in relation to the laying of pipes and their connections within the boundaries of the Property to be connected.

## **20. Emergency Connection or Installation of Water Service Connections**

- 20.1 In the case of an emergency, CRD Integrated Water Services shall endeavour to provide or deliver water to a Property requiring a Service Connection, and any applicable charges shall be included in the next water bill to the Customer.

## **21. Charges and Payment for New Service Connections**

- 21.1 Where a new Service Connection is installed by CRD Integrated Water Services, prior to the commencement of any work on a new Service Connection by CRD Integrated Water Services, the Applicant shall pay the following to CRD Integrated Water Services:
- (a) the applicable charge for Service Connection prescribed in Schedule A;
  - (b) the applicable charge for meter charge prescribed in Schedule A;
  - (c) the estimate of charges for additional charges and expenditures for Service Connections as prescribed in Schedule A;
  - (d) the estimated charges for additional work and expenditures not covered in the Schedules, as set out in section 22; and
  - (e) the meter installation and account set up fee prescribed in Schedule B.
- 21.2 Where a new Service Connection is installed by the Applicant, prior to connection to the Waterworks, the Applicant shall pay the following:
- (a) the applicable charge for Service Connection prescribed in Schedule A;

- (b) the applicable charge for meter charge prescribed in Schedule A; and
- (c) the meter installation and account set up fee prescribed in Schedule B.

## **22. Additional Work and Expenditures not Covered in the Schedules**

- 22.1 Where the Applicant requests or requires that CRD Integrated Water Services perform work described in Schedule A under "Additional Charges and Expenditures for Service Connections", or additional work not detailed in the Schedules, CRD Integrated Water Services shall provide the Applicant with a written estimate of the total costs of the work.
- 22.2 The Applicant shall be responsible for any charges reasonably incurred by the CRD that exceed the estimate described in section 22.1.
- 22.3 The rates charged by CRD Integrated Water Services for additional work described in section 22.1 shall be for the gross salaries, administrative overhead, employee benefits, equipment, equipment rentals, and materials as calculated by CRD Integrated Water Services.

## **23. Reconciliation of Paid Estimates and Actual Costs for Service Connections**

- 23.1 Upon installation of any of the following Service Connections, CRD Integrated Water Services shall prepare a detailed cost breakdown of the work for the Applicant:
  - (a) a Service Connection of one hundred (100) millimetres in diameter and larger;
  - (b) a Service Connection requiring twenty (20) metres or more of service pipe; or
  - (c) a Service Connection that crosses a paved roadway of more than eleven (11) metres in width.
- 23.2 If the total cost incurred by CRD Integrated Water Services to install the Service Connection described in section 23.1 is less than the advance payment by the Applicant to CRD Integrated Water Services pursuant to section 21, including all applicable fees and charges, the difference shall be refunded, without interest, to the Applicant.
- 23.3 If the total cost incurred by CRD Integrated Water Services to install the Service Connection described in section 23.1, is more than the advance payment by the Applicant to CRD Integrated Water Services pursuant to section 21, including all applicable fees and charges, CRD Integrated Water Services shall provide an invoice to the Applicant for the difference.

## **24. Provision of Proper Identification When Applying for Service Connections**

- 24.1 The Applicant for a Service Connection or for transfer of a Service Connection shall be required to provide identification which shall satisfy the General Manager as to the identity of the Applicant and verify the accuracy of the information provided in the application.
- 24.2 The General Manager may refuse to provide a Service Connection or discontinue water service and cause the disconnection of a Service Connection where an Applicant has misrepresented the Applicant's identity.
- 24.3 A Service Connection disconnected under this section is subject to the conditions set out in Paragraph 71.1.

## **25. Rejection of Application Where Service Connection Impractical or Impossible**

- 25.1 The General Manager may decline the installation of a Service Connection if the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure or another Approving Authority will not permit the cutting of pavement or if solid or blast rock or other impediment makes the installation of the Service Connection impractical and/or impossible.

## **26. Engineering Services**

- 26.1 Where a request for technical information is received requiring engineering services by CRD Integrated Water Services staff, the Applicant shall pay the applicable charge prescribed in Schedule B.

## **WATER METERS**

### **27. Supply and Maintenance of Water Meters**

- 27.1 CRD Integrated Water Services shall supply, install, maintain and own all water meters. The Customer shall pay all applicable charges and fees for water meters prescribed in Schedules A and B.
- 27.2 The Customer shall pay all applicable charges and fees for water meters prescribed in Schedules A and B.

### **28. Location of Water Meter in Relation to the Property**

- 28.1 The water meter shall be installed approximately thirty (30) centimetres outside the boundary line of the Property, fronting a Highway, and at the finished grade elevation.
- 28.2 If the road right of way is not of sufficient size or the installation of public works or other utilities precludes the installation of the meter at the boundary line, then the meter shall be set as near to the boundary line as reasonably possible, inside or outside the road right of way.
- 28.3 Where the relocation of a Service Connection requires a new connection to the Distribution Water Main, the Applicant shall pay all costs associated with the relocation of the Service Connection by CRD Integrated Water Services as prescribed in Schedule A.
- 28.4 If the relocation or adjustment of a meter box located within one and one half (1.5) metres of the original set location is required, the Applicant shall pay the charge as prescribed in Schedule B for the required relocation or adjustment of the nineteen (19) millimetres or twenty five (25) millimetres Service Connection.
- 28.5 Where a request is made to change the size of an existing water meter of 50 mm or less in size, the Applicant shall make an advance, non-refundable payment to CRD Integrated Water Services for the charges prescribed in Schedules A and B.
- 28.6 If an underground meter chamber must be situated on the Property to be served, then a statutory right of way of a size and location approved by CRD Integrated Water Services must be registered over the Property in favour of the Capital Regional District. The right of way shall be of sufficient size to accommodate the chamber and that section of the Service Connection located on private Property upstream of the chamber.
- 28.7 If the building(s) on a Property to be serviced is situated such that it is not feasible or practical to place the water meter at the boundary line of the Property as noted in sections 28.1, 28.2 and 28.6, the water meter may be installed within a building in a mechanical room, where:
- (a) the General Manager has determined that such location shall not materially impair the administration of this Bylaw;

- (b) the location of the mechanical room within the building and the layout of the pipe work and appurtenances have been approved by CRD Integrated Water Services.
- 28.8 The General Manager and all duly authorized officers of CRD Integrated Water Services shall have the right of access to the mechanical room referred to in section 28.7 for the purposes of making connections or disconnections, reading meters, inspecting, maintaining and replacing the water meter(s).
- 28.9 CRD Integrated Water Services shall assume responsibility for the Service Connection permitted under section 28.7 only to the boundary of the Property, for the meter(s) installed within the mechanical room, and for the meter(s) installed in accordance with section 28.11. The Applicant is solely responsible for all other parts of Private Waterworks located within the boundaries of the Property.
- 28.10 Water meters shall not be installed in the driveway, paved area, or similar finished areas of a Property without approval of the General Manager. Where a meter must be installed in such an area, it shall comply with CRD Integrated Water Services Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings. The Applicant shall be liable for the costs of any relocations, alterations, or driveway repairs required to comply with the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings.
- 28.11 For Units serviced by Private Waterworks that are part of a Complex:
  - (a) CRD shall own the water meters;
  - (b) the location of meters is subject to the approval of the General Manager;
  - (c) meters shall be installed as near as practicable to the frontage of each strata Unit;
  - (d) meters shall not be installed in a driveway; and
  - (e) the Customer shall permit access to CRD Integrated Water Services for the purpose of reading and servicing the meters.

## **29. Connection of Meter to Waterworks**

- 29.1 Every water meter shall be provided with an exclusive inlet pipe leading from the Distribution Water Main in accordance with the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings, unless the General Manager expressly agrees otherwise.
- 29.2 A person shall not install a shut off valve or any other outlet to the Service Connection.

## **30. Defective or Inaccurate Water Meters**

- 30.1 If a water meter either fails to register or does not properly indicate the flow of water, CRD Integrated Water Services shall estimate the amount of water consumed by the Customer according to the estimation procedures prescribed in section 99, and add such estimate to the Customer's water account.

## **31. Willful Interference with Water Meters**

- 31.1 No person shall tamper with or alter or cause to be altered any CRD Integrated Water Services' meter placed upon any Service Connection so as to lessen or alter the amount and/or flow of water registered, unless specially authorized by CRD Integrated Water Services for that particular purpose and occasion.

## **32. Meter Access**

- 32.1 The Customer shall maintain clear access to the water meter to a minimum of one (1) metre on each side of

the meter box and one and one-third (1.3) metres above the meter box.

- 32.2 Should it become necessary for CRD Integrated Water Services to clear access to the meter box to obtain a reading, or to maintain or repair the meter box, the associated costs of the CRD as prescribed in Schedule B shall be the responsibility of the Customer and shall be added to the Customer's water account.

## **INTEGRITY OF WATERWORKS**

### **33. Responsibility for Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention**

- 33.1 The Customer is responsible for all aspects of cross connection control and backflow prevention on a Property as directed in Bylaw 3516, "Capital Regional District Cross Connection Control Bylaw No.1, 2008" and the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings.

### **34. Contamination, or Potential Contamination, of the Waterworks**

- 34.1 If the General Manager determines that any condition is found to exist that, is or has the potential of contaminating the Waterworks, CRD Integrated Water Services may take one or more of the following actions:
- (a) give notice to the Customer requiring correction of the condition by the customer within a specified time period;
  - (b) require installation of a backflow preventer on any pipe, at the Customer's expense; and
  - (c) temporarily discontinue any water Service Connection until such time that the condition is corrected.
- 34.2 A Customer who fails to take action as directed under section 34.1 commits an offence.

### **35. Responsibility for Correcting Contamination**

- 35.1 A Customer who contaminates or causes the contamination of the Waterworks shall reimburse the CRD for all costs incurred by the CRD in correcting the contamination of the Waterworks within thirty (30) days of receipt from the CRD of an invoice for such costs.

## **FIRE HYDRANTS AND STANDPIPES**

### **36. Authorized Use of Fire Hydrants and Standpipes**

- 36.1 A fire hydrant or standpipe shall be used only for fire-fighting, the training of fire-fighting personnel, the maintenance and operation of the Waterworks, or for another purpose expressly authorized in writing by the General Manager.

### **37. Unauthorized Use of Hydrants and Standpipes**

- 37.1 No person shall use water from a fire hydrant or standpipe without the authorization of the General Manager.
- 37.2 A person who obtains water contrary to section 37.1 shall pay to CRD Integrated Water Services the charge for unauthorized use of hydrant and standpipe prescribed in Schedule B.

### **38. Application for Installation of Fire Hydrants**

- 38.1 All applications for the installation of fire hydrants in areas serviced by CRD Integrated Water Services shall be made in writing to CRD Integrated Water Services by the fire chief or an agent or employee authorized to act on behalf of the fire chief of the fire department requesting the installation of the fire hydrants.
- 38.2 All Applications for installation of fire hydrants pursuant to section 38.1 shall include:
- (a) the name of the street where the installation is required;
  - (b) the legal description of the Property which the installation will front;
  - (c) the new hydrant installation application charge prescribed in Schedule B; and
  - (d) any other relevant information requested by CRD Integrated Water Services or by the General Manager.

### **39. Required Specifications for Fire Hydrants and Standpipes**

- 39.1 The size, type and installation of fire hydrants shall conform to the specifications of the Fire Underwriters Survey and the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings.

### **40. Installation of Fire Hydrants**

- 40.1 On existing Distribution Water Mains, the fire department, in conjunction with CRD Integrated Water Services, shall determine the locations of fire hydrants.
- 40.2 Each fire hydrant shall be installed by CRD Integrated Water Services at the Applicant's expense.
- 40.3 Fire hydrants shall be installed in a Waterworks Extension by the Applicant in accordance with the Fire Underwriters Survey specifications and the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings prior to final connection to existing Waterworks by CRD Integrated Water Services.

### **41. Relocation of Fire Hydrants or Standpipes**

- 41.1 If the fire department requests the relocation or repositioning of a fire hydrant or standpipe that has been in place for less than twenty (20) years, the fire department shall pay any and all costs associated with the relocation or repositioning of that fire hydrant or standpipe, as determined by CRD Integrated Water Services.

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERWORKS EXTENSIONS**

### **42. Ownership of Waterworks Extension**

- 42.1 The CRD shall assume sole ownership and responsibility for the operation and maintenance of any extension to the existing Waterworks installed under this Bylaw if the Waterworks Extension is located on a Highway.
- 42.2 The CRD may assume sole ownership and responsibility for the operation and maintenance of a Waterworks Extension located within a registered statutory right of way in favour of the CRD if the General Manager determines such action is necessary or desirable to ensure water conservation and/or Potable Water.

### **43. Application for Waterworks Extensions**

- 43.1 An application for a Waterworks Extension shall be made in writing by the Applicant or the Applicant's duly authorized agent to the CRD and shall be accompanied by the applicable service charge prescribed in Schedule B.

#### **44. Rules for Waterworks Extensions**

- 44.1 The General Manager may approve a Waterworks Extension where the General Manager considers that the construction and maintenance of such extension:
- (a) shall not necessitate a substantial increase in Water Charges;
  - (b) shall not diminish the level or quality of service provided by CRD Integrated Water Services elsewhere in the Water Distribution Local Service Area;
  - (c) shall service Property that is Capable of Connection to the Waterworks; and
  - (d) meets all requirements of this Bylaw.
- 44.2 Where a Waterworks Extension will also serve lands beyond those to be served by the Waterworks Extension, the Applicant shall be required to pay all costs to supply and install Waterworks of the size and material determined by the General Manager.
- 44.3 In its consideration of a Waterworks Extension application involving connection of the Waterworks to Private Waterworks, CRD Integrated Water Services shall require water samples from the Waterworks Extension for water quality testing by the CRD, and CRD Integrated Water Services shall refuse a Waterworks Extension if such water quality testing does not meet requirements of the *Drinking Water Protection Act*, S.B.C. 2001, c. 9, and any applicable Drinking Water Protection Regulations.
- 44.4 Should the Applicant disagree with the decision of the General Manager to refuse a Waterworks Extension, the Applicant may appeal the decision, in writing, to the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission. The General Manager shall notify the Applicant of the date, time and location of the meeting at which the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission shall consider the appeal, where applicable.

#### **45. Construction of Waterworks Extensions**

- 45.1 The size, type, and quality of materials to be used in constructing the Waterworks Extension shall be specified and approved by CRD Integrated Water Services prior to the commencement of construction.
- 45.2 Any Waterworks Extension to be connected to the Water Distribution Local Service Area Waterworks shall be constructed in accordance with the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings.
- 45.3 Construction of a Waterworks Extension shall not commence until all relevant design drawings have been reviewed and approved by CRD Integrated Water Services and a VIHA Waterworks construction permit has been issued.

#### **46. Provision of Construction Documents**

- 46.1 An application for a Waterworks Extension shall be accompanied by a legal survey plan, and all construction drawings and a survey layout of the affected geographical area are subject to review and approval by the General Manager.
- 46.2 All work related to the design of the Waterworks Extension shall be reviewed and certified by a Professional Engineer.



- 46.3 Prior to the installation of any Waterworks Extension or related plumbing, the Applicant shall ensure that the Property and the Waterworks Extension comply with all applicable municipal and Provincial standards and that all required certification, permits, and approvals required are obtained.

#### **47. Deposit of Subdivision Posting Plan**

- 47.1 Prior to any installation of works or material for a Waterworks Extension to a subdivision, the subdivision in which the Waterworks is to be extended must be surveyed and posted by a B.C. Land Surveyor, and a copy of the registered legal plan of the subdivision must be provided to CRD Integrated Water Services.

#### **48. Approval of Subdivision Design Plans**

- 48.1 All design plans for subdivision development must be approved by the approving officer having jurisdiction over the proposed subdivision, and a copy of the approved signed and sealed design plans by a Professional Engineer must be provided to CRD Integrated Water Services.

#### **49. Approval of Proposed Waterworks Extension Designs**

- 49.1 Without limiting any statutory power under the *Local Government Act*, the General Manager may reject any and all proposed Waterworks Extension designs that do not comply with this Bylaw or with good engineering practices.

#### **50. Minimum Water Pressure for Design Approval**

- 50.1 CRD Integrated Water Services shall not approve any engineering design of a Waterworks Extension where the minimum water pressure at the Property line may be less than approximately two hundred seventy-five (275) kilopascals at peak hour demand.
- 50.2 Despite section 50.1, the General Manager may provide written approval of an engineering design where the minimum water pressure at a Property line may be less than approximately two hundred seventy-five (275) kilopascals at peak hour demand, where the General Manager determines that a home booster pump shall achieve such water pressure.

## **51. Connection of Waterworks Extension to Existing Waterworks**

- 51.1 CRD Integrated Water Services shall make all connections of Waterworks Extensions to the existing Waterworks.

## **52. Policy Regarding Calculation of Length of Waterworks Extension**

- 52.1 In determining the physical length of the Waterworks Extension necessary to render service to any point on a Property, the distance from such point to the nearest Waterworks shall be determined in accordance with accepted construction methods and common practice in the location of public water service, with due consideration being given to the general layout of the Waterworks and any Waterworks planned for the area.
- 52.2 The length of the extension shall be measured along the lines of proper construction from the nearest Waterworks to the furthest boundary of the Property to be serviced.
- 52.3 The General Manager may consider decreasing the length of the Waterworks Extension, where the Approving Authority provides the CRD with written confirmation that road construction will not be required along the full frontage of the Property for which a Service Connection is requested.

## **53. Temporary Service Connections to a Hydrant or Standpipe**

*(Bylaw 4004))*

- 53.1 A person desiring to obtain a temporary supply of water for non-potable use or construction purposes may apply to CRD Integrated Water Services for a connection to a Juan de Fuca Water Distribution System fire hydrant or standpipe pursuant to the following conditions:
- (a) the temporary service applicant shall apply in writing to CRD Integrated Water Services at least three full business days prior to the requested temporary connection, and make advance payment to CRD Integrated Water Services in the estimated amount of the charges (not including water consumption) associated with the temporary service connection as prescribed in Schedule B;
  - (b) a temporary service connection shall only be permitted for a period of up to 30 days unless authorized by the General Manager, and may not be renewed for consecutive 30 day periods subsequent to the initial permit period;
  - (c) if a temporary service connection might be required for a period of greater than five days, the temporary service applicant shall also obtain written approval for the temporary connection from the fire department in the appropriate jurisdiction, and a copy of such approval shall be provided to CRD Integrated Water Services at the time of application;
  - (d) all connections to a fire hydrant or standpipe shall be fitted with a backflow preventer and water meter. The backflow preventer and water meter shall be supplied by CRD Integrated Water Services and will be installed and removed by the CRD on a daily basis (installation by 8:00 am and removal at 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday, except on statutory holidays);
  - (e) the temporary service permit holder shall pay the charge prescribed in Schedule B for Damage to Waterworks in the event that the CRD is required to repair or replace the backflow preventer or meter assembly during the temporary service connection;

- (f) if the fire hydrant or standpipe being used for the temporary service connection is required by a fire department or by the CRD for an emergency situation, the connection shall be removed without notice; and
- (g) CRD Integrated Water Services shall record a meter reading when the water meter is installed for the temporary service connection and again once the connection is no longer required. Water consumption during the temporary service connection shall be charged at the Water Charge prescribed in section 3(a) of Schedule C and invoiced to the permit holder.

#### **54. Temporary Service Connections**

- 54.1 A Temporary Service Applicant may acquire water from an existing, "out of service" nineteen (19) mm, twenty-five (25) mm or fifty (50) mm water connection pipe pursuant to the following conditions:
- (a) the Temporary Service Applicant shall supply and install a backflow preventer at the out of service water connection pipe as provided in CRD Bylaw No. 3516, cited as "Capital Regional District Cross Connection Control Bylaw No. 1, 2008";
  - (b) the Temporary Service Applicant shall make an advance, non-refundable payment to CRD Integrated Water Services in the amount prescribed in Schedule B;
  - (c) upon receipt of the payment prescribed above, CRD Integrated Water Services shall install a water meter at the out of service water connection pipe and record the initial meter reading;
  - (d) the Temporary Service Applicant shall notify CRD Integrated Water Services when the temporary Service Connection is no longer required. Upon notification CRD Integrated Water Services shall remove the water meter and backflow preventer and record the final reading; and
  - (e) The Temporary Service Applicant shall pay the Water Charges for the temporary Service Connection, charged at the Water Charge prescribed in section 3(a) of Schedule C.

#### **55. Maintaining Water Quality During Build-Out of Developments**

- 55.1 CRD Integrated Water Services or the Applicant shall install Waterworks of a sufficient size for full build-out of developments.
- 55.2 To maintain Potable Water quality, CRD Integrated Water Services or the Applicant must flush the pipes of the Waterworks until the demand for water is sufficient to maintain Potable Water standards, as determined by the General Manager.
- 55.3 The Applicant shall be charged for all costs associated with flushing of the Waterworks pursuant to section 55.2, including the water used for flushing, at the Water Charge prescribed in section 3(a) of Schedule C.

### **WATERWORKS EXTENSION INSTALLATION BY CRD INTEGRATED WATER SERVICES**

#### **56. Payment for Waterworks Extensions**

- 56.1 Where the Applicant agrees that the installation of a Waterworks Extension shall be made by CRD Integrated Water Services, the Applicant shall pay to CRD Integrated Water Services, following approval by CRD of the Waterworks Extension and prior to commencement of construction, a deposit to cover all costs associated with the installation, including:
- (a) charges for Service Connection, Meter Charges and estimated Additional Costs and Expenditures

as prescribed in Schedule A;

- (b) estimated additional costs as described in section 22;
- (c) any applicable service charges as prescribed in Schedule B;
- (d) the estimated cost of an upgrade in size or capacity of any existing CRD Integrated Water Services Waterworks required to service the Waterworks Extension, based on Engineering Specifications and Standards Drawings, Fire Flow requirements, and minimum water pressure requirements; and
- (e) the estimated cost of the installation of the Waterworks Extension.

56.2 The estimated amount of the deposit required pursuant to section 56.1 shall be determined by CRD Integrated Water Services.

56.3 Upon request of the Applicant and with the approval of the General Manager, a deposit required under this section may be made in two parts, provided that the first part of the deposit is adequate for CRD Integrated Water Services to obtain any required materials, and that the remainder of the deposit is provided prior to the commencement of any work on the installation of the Waterworks Extension.

## **57. Advance Charges for Subdivisions**

57.1 Where a Waterworks Extension is required to provide a Service Connection to any parcel created by the subdivision of one Property into multiple parcels (the "Subdivision"), the Applicant shall pay to CRD, in advance the cost of installation of Waterworks, including all Service Connections, water meters, boxes and chambers, to supply every parcel created by the Subdivision.

57.2 CRD Integrated Water Services shall record that for each parcel created within a Subdivision to be serviced by Waterworks under section 57.1, the Service Connection fees and charges have been paid, and no subsequent Applicant shall be charged for a new Service Connection on the same parcel unless the size of the Service Connection needs to be changed, or the Service Connection needs to be relocated.

## **58. Minimum Amount of Deposit to be Maintained at all Times**

58.1 CRD Integrated Water Services shall maintain, at all times during installation of the Waterworks Extension and for a period of ninety (90) days following the latter of the completion of construction and the initial approval by CRD Integrated Water Services, a minimum of fifteen (15) percent of the developer's total deposit so as to allow sufficient time for all suppliers to submit bills, and for satisfactory performance of the installation to be proven.

## **METHOD OF COST RECONCILIATION FOR ALL WATERWORKS EXTENSIONS**

### **59. Method of Cost Reconciliation for Waterworks Extensions**

59.1 Upon completion of the construction and installation of the Waterworks Extension, CRD Integrated Water Services shall ascertain the actual cost of the portion of the construction and installation of the Waterworks Extension undertaken by CRD Integrated Water Services.

59.2 The difference between the estimated cost and the actual cost of the construction and installation of any Waterworks Extension by CRD Integrated Water Services shall, where possible, be determined within ninety (90) days of the completion of the Service Connection, and after:

- (a) CRD Integrated Water Services has determined the actual cost of the installation;

- (b) the installed works have been pressure tested and disinfected to the satisfaction of the General Manager;
  - (c) as-constructed drawings have been accepted by the General Manager;
  - (d) the Applicant has provided the deposit required pursuant to section 65.3 to CRD; and
  - (e) the Applicant has provided all required close out documentation to CRD Integrated Water Services.
- 59.3 If the actual cost of the Waterworks Extension is less than the amount received from the Applicant under section 56.1 or section 61.1 of this Bylaw, CRD Integrated Water Services shall return without interest the difference between the amount paid and the actual cost to the Applicant, following satisfaction of the terms set out in section 59.2.
- 59.4 If the actual cost of the Waterworks Extension exceeds the amount received from the Applicant under section 56.1 or section 61.1 of this Bylaw, CRD Integrated Water Services shall invoice the Applicant for the difference between the amount paid and the actual cost to the Applicant.
- 59.5 The CRD may withhold any refund amount determined pursuant to this section 59 until the Applicant has provided to CRD Integrated Water Services all required close out documentation.
- 59.6 An Applicant who has failed to pay an amount owing under this Bylaw in respect of a Waterworks Extension shall not be permitted a subsequent Waterworks Extension until the outstanding amount has been paid.

## **WATERWORKS EXTENSION INSTALLATION BY THE APPLICANT**

### **60. Payment for Service Extensions**

- 60.1 Where a new Service Connection requires the installation of a Waterworks Extension, and that Waterworks Extension is installed by the Applicant, the Waterworks Extension Applicant shall be responsible for all costs associated with the installation of the Waterworks Extension.

### **61. Connection to Existing Waterworks**

- 61.1 The Waterworks Extension Applicant shall pay to CRD Integrated Water Services the cost of making all connections to existing Waterworks, prior to CRD Integrated Water Services making any connection, including:
- (a) charges for all Service Connections, Meter Charges and estimated Additional Costs and Expenditures as prescribed in Schedule A;
  - (b) estimated additional costs as described in section 22; and
  - (c) any applicable service charges as prescribed in Schedule B.
- 61.2 The Waterworks Extension Applicant shall perform, and have certified by the Professional Engineer, the construction of the Waterworks flushing and all pressure testing, with a copy of all results provided to CRD Integrated Water Services.
- 61.3 Prior to connection of a Waterworks Extension to the Waterworks, the CRD Integrated Water Services shall perform bacteria tests and ensure the results meet applicable drinking water quality standards and the proposed construction conforms to the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings.

## **62. Provision of an Inspector for Waterworks Extension**

- 62.1 Where an application to construct a Waterworks Extension has been approved by CRD Integrated Water Services, the Waterworks Extension Applicant shall retain a Professional Engineer to design the required Waterworks and to inspect the construction in order to certify the Waterworks were constructed in accordance with the approved design drawings by CRD Integrated Water Services and the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings. The inspection must be carried out by a Professional Engineer or an Engineering Technologist under his or her supervision.
- 62.2 The inspection under section 62.1 shall consist of a minimum of twenty (20) hours of inspection per week.
- 62.3 The Waterworks Extension Applicant shall provide to the General Manager daily inspection reports certified by the Professional Engineer and Waterworks Extension Applicant shall refer to the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings for the requirements and level of detail required in the daily inspection reports.
- 62.4 CRD Integrated Water Services shall not complete the connection to the Waterworks Extension until the inspection reports have been provided as required by section 62.3.
- 62.5 The Waterworks Extension Applicant shall be required to pay all costs of the final inspection by CRD Integrated Water Services and issuance of a Construction Completion Certificate, as prescribed in Schedule B.
- 62.6 CRD Integrated Water Services may reject any work that does not meet the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings or any other requirements prescribed in this Bylaw and shall not complete the connection to the Waterworks Extension until such work is remedied.

## **63. Service Connections**

- 63.1 The Waterworks Extension Applicant shall install the Service Connections from the Waterworks to the meter box on all new Waterworks Extensions, and shall replace existing Service Connections from the Waterworks to the existing meter box where the CRD requires the Waterworks Extension Applicant to upgrade existing Waterworks as a condition of subdivision or development approval.

## **64. As Constructed Drawings**

- 64.1 Upon completion of the Waterworks Extension, the Applicant shall provide CRD Integrated Water Services with plans of the Waterworks Extension installation:
- (a) as it was originally intended to be constructed; and
  - (b) as it was actually constructed, sealed by the Professional Engineer, certifying that the works were installed in accordance with the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings.

## **65. Required Repairs to Waterworks**

- 65.1 The Waterworks Extension Applicant shall be responsible for repairs to any breaks, leaks, or defects in or surrounding the Waterworks Extension for twelve (12) months following the date of issuance of a Construction Completion Certificate for the Waterworks Extension.
- 65.2 CRD Integrated Water Services may complete any repairs and deficiencies as set out in section 65.1 at the sole cost of the Waterworks Extension Applicant.

- 65.3 The Waterworks Extension Applicant shall provide CRD Integrated Water Services with an irrevocable Letter of Credit or cash deposit valued at the greater of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or ten (10) percent of the total cost of the Waterworks Extension, as agreed to by CRD Integrated Water Services, which shall be held for twelve (12) months from the date of issuance of a Construction Completion Certificate for the Waterworks Extension, to cover the repair costs of any leaks, breaks, defects or any other deficiencies in the Waterworks Extension.

## **66. Waterworks Extension Costs**

- 66.1 The Waterworks Extension Applicant shall provide CRD Integrated Water Services with a detailed statement of construction costs of the Waterworks Extension. The statement shall include engineering, material, labour, equipment, and any other costs associated with the Waterworks Extension.

## **DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE CONNECTION**

### **67. Termination of Water Connection**

- 67.1 The General Manager, on thirty (30) days written notice to the Customer, may withhold a supply of water or disconnect a Service Connection to a Property for:
- (a) a material violation of any provision of this Bylaw;
  - (b) failure to pay to CRD Integrated Water Services when due any fee, rate, charge or tax imposed by this Bylaw.
- 67.2 Despite section 67.1, CRD may terminate water supply pursuant to section 85.

### **68. Disconnection of Service Connection**

- 68.1 A Customer who requests disconnection of a Service Connection shall pay the applicable charge prescribed in Schedule B for disconnection of the Service Connection.
- 68.2 A Customer who requests disconnection of a Service Connection for a period of not less than one (1) month must provide CRD Integrated Water Services with at least five (5) business days written notice of the disconnection. The Customer shall be responsible for payment of all Water Charges until such notice has been received.
- 68.3 A Customer who requests or is required to disconnect an existing Service Connection due to the development of or construction on a Property shall pay the applicable service charge prescribed in Schedule B.

### **69. Unauthorized Water Use**

- 69.1 Where a Service Connection has been made or turned on without proper authority or approval of CRD Integrated Water Service, the General Manager may lock off or remove the affected water meter and thereafter refuse to unlock or install a water meter in respect of the Service Connection unless and until the applicable charges prescribed in Schedule B have been paid in advance to CRD Integrated Water Services for the cost of the lock off or removal and replacement of the meter.
- 69.2 The charges for unauthorized water use referred to in section 69.1 shall be in addition to any other charges which are outstanding against the Property, or which are required in order to obtain a Service Connection pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Bylaw.

- 69.3 A person responsible for unauthorized water use referred to in section 69.1 delivered through a meter shall be liable for the cost of the water at the Water Charge prescribed in section 3(a) of Schedule C commencing on the date of the last recorded meter reading, or the date of any previous meter reading that may more nearly coincide with the actual day the unauthorized Service Connection was first used.
- 69.4 No person shall install a connection to the Waterworks contrary to this Bylaw, or to the water system of any authorized Customer served by CRD Integrated Water Services, or in any way obtain or use water from the Waterworks without the express written authorization of the General Manager
- 69.5 A person who obtains water contrary to section 69.4 shall pay to CRD Integrated Water Services the Water Charge according to the estimation procedures set out in section 99 for each day that the unlawful connection remains in place.
- 69.6 A person who obtains water contrary to section 69.4 commits an offence.

## **70. Unauthorized Multiple Use of a Service Connection**

- 70.1 No person shall connect two (2) or more Units to an individual Service Connection, unless otherwise approved pursuant to section 15.2.
- 70.2 Where a connection contrary to section 70.1 is found, CRD Integrated Water Services shall issue written notification to the Customer for that Service Connection to have the additional Units disconnected or to apply for additional Service Connections in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw, and for payment of the applicable Service Connection fees and charges as prescribed in Schedules A and B.
- 70.3 Failure to comply with the notice set out in section 70.2 within ninety (90) days shall result in the Customer being charged in each billing period for each additional Unit found to be connected to the Service Connection of the Customer, an amount equal to the Water Charges billed according to the meter reading for the Customer in that billing period.

## **71. Service Termination for Noncompliance with Bylaw**

- 71.1 Where a Service Connection is terminated for noncompliance with the terms and conditions of this Bylaw, the General Manager shall not permit a reconnection of that Service Connection until:
- (a) the Customer has complied with the terms and conditions of this Bylaw; and
  - (b) the service charges prescribed in Schedule B for disconnection and subsequent reconnection of a Service Connection have been paid.

## **PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED**

### **72. Billing**

- 72.1 Except as otherwise provided in this Bylaw, CRD Integrated Water Services shall conduct water meter readings on a bi-monthly basis, in order to determine the number of Units of Water used by each Customer per billing period.
- 72.2 Except as otherwise provided in this Bylaw, CRD Integrated Water Services shall provide to each Customer an invoice for water use on a bi-monthly basis, calculated based on the number of Units of Water used by the Customer at the Customer's applicable Water Charge as prescribed in section 3 of Schedule C.
- 72.3 All Water Charges and fees shall be calculated in accordance with the applicable Schedules, and shall be due and payable at CRD Integrated Water Services or at any duly authorized collecting agency within thirty



(30) days from the date the bill or invoice is issued.

- 72.4 A late payment administrative charge of one percent (1.0%) of the past due amount shall be added to all delinquent water bills.

### **73. Payments**

- 73.1 When, for any reason whatsoever, a cheque issued to CRD Integrated Water Services by a Customer is not honoured by a financial institution, the Customer shall immediately pay the service charge for Dishonoured Cheques prescribed in Schedule B, in addition to any outstanding amounts owed to CRD Integrated Water Services.
- 73.2 Failure by a Customer to pay any fee or charge or other amount imposed under this Bylaw within the time stipulated may result in termination of any Service Connection provided to that Customer in accordance with section 67.1.
- 73.3 If a Service Connection is discontinued as the result of non-payment of fees, charges or other amounts payable under this Bylaw, the General Manager shall not permit the water to be turned on for any Customer, except upon payment of the entire outstanding amount due together with the charges prescribed in Schedule B for disconnection and subsequent reconnection of the Service Connection.
- 73.4 A Customer shall pay the fee per transaction for correction by CRD of payments made in error, including electronic payments requiring transfer to another Customer account and refund of overpayment, as prescribed in Schedule B.

### **74. Appeal of Water Bill**

- 74.1 Any Customer obtaining water from the Waterworks may formally register a complaint or dispute with the General Manager regarding the amount of any water bill, no more than thirty (30) days from the date of billing.
- 74.2 The General Manager may review the complaint and, where the General Manager considers that:
- (a) there is an error in the calculation of the amount of the water bill; or
  - (b) another circumstance exists that renders the payment of the full bill unjust,
- the General Manager may reduce the amount of the water bill.

### **75. Responsibility for Payment**

- 75.1 The current owner(s) of a Property is responsible for payment of all Water Charges prescribed and owing under this Bylaw or any bylaw repealed by this Bylaw, and all outstanding amounts payable pursuant to this Bylaw in respect of a Property are payable by an Applicant prior to obtaining water service to the Property.
- 75.2 The fee for providing a copy of a Customer's account, billing or payment history is prescribed in Schedule B.

### **76. Water Consumption Charges or Service Charges in Arrears**

- 76.1 Water Charges imposed under this Bylaw, if due and payable and unpaid by December 31 in any year, together with a fee for transferring the account in arrears prescribed in Schedule B, are deemed under section 363.2 of the *Local Government Act* to be taxes in arrears and shall be added to the taxes payable on the Property for which the fees and charges are due and payable in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

**77. Change of Billing Address Information**

- 77.1 All Customers of CRD Integrated Water Services are required to inform CRD Integrated Water Services of any and all changes to their billing addresses, including changes to their telephone numbers.

**78. Additional Charges for Delinquent Bill**

- 78.1 As a condition of reconnection of a Service Connection terminated for non-payment, any charges incurred by the CRD in the collection of a delinquent water bill, including but not limited to charges incurred through the use of any collection agencies, or other methods employed in retrieving delinquent payments, shall be payable to CRD Integrated Water Services in full by a Customer or owner prior to the reconnection of the Service Connection.
- 78.2 A late payment administrative charge of one percent (1.0%) of the past due amount shall be added to all delinquent water bills, which the owner must pay prior to the reconnection of the Service Connection.

**WATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE****79. Ownership of Services and Equipment**

- 79.1 All Waterworks, including the water meter, employed in carrying water from the Distribution Water Main to the meter box or chamber for the Property being served are solely owned by CRD Integrated Water Services.
- 79.2 No person other than CRD Integrated Water Services has authority to operate, maintain or repair the Waterworks up to and including the meter service box or chamber.
- 79.3 For certainty, the CRD is not responsible for the operation, maintenance or repair of Private Waterworks.

**80. Restrictions on Tampering and the Performance of Maintenance Work**

- 80.1 No person, who is not an agent, employee or contractor of CRD Integrated Water Services, shall make any connections or alterations to or tamper with any of the Waterworks, including any meter belonging to CRD Integrated Water Services.
- 80.2 No person, who is not an agent, employee or contractor of CRD Integrated Water Services, shall turn on or off any valve or curb stop of CRD Integrated Water Services, without express written authorization from the General Manager.

**81. Transfer of Water Service - Change in Applicant or Lessee**

- 81.1 Where there is a change in the tenancy or ownership of a Property, the new owner, lessee or Customer must request a transfer of the Service Connection for that Property.
- 81.2 Requests for a transfer of Service Connection shall be made to the office of CRD Integrated Water Services, and shall include the following:
- (a) the full name of the Applicant;
  - (b) the location of the Property for which the transfer is requested;
  - (c) the date for which the transfer of Service Connection is required;

- (d) the billing address for the Property, including telephone numbers; and
- (e) the applicable service charge prescribed in Schedule B.

81.3 A law firm or notary may request a written utility account adjustment from CRD Integrated Water Services with respect to purchase and sale of a Property by completing the Utility Account Adjustment form as provided by CRD.

## **82. Reasonable Access to Property**

82.1 The General Manager and all duly authorized officers of CRD Integrated Water Services shall have the right of access to the Customer's Property for the purpose of provision of the Water Distribution Local Service including making connections or disconnections, reading meters, inspecting CRD Integrated Water Services Waterworks and appurtenances, and documenting or confirming the use, waste, or misuse of water, and any other service provided by CRD Integrated Water Services.

82.2 When a Customer who has requested a service call or who has been given advance notice of a required service does not permit CRD Integrated Water Services to provide the service during the course of normal business hours of CRD Integrated Water Services, the Customer shall be required to pay the applicable service charges prescribed in Schedule B.

## **83. Special Meter Readings**

83.1 Upon either written or oral request of the Customer, and payment of the service charge prescribed in Schedule B, CRD Integrated Water Services shall perform a special meter reading within a period of ten business days.

## **84. Liability for General Damage or Losses**

84.1 It is a term and condition of the supply of water to the Customer by the CRD that the CRD shall not be liable for injury, damage or loss, including economic loss, to any person or Property arising from:

- (a) use of water from the Water Distribution Local Service;
- (b) failure of the CRD to supply water to any Customer; or
- (c) any lack of pressure, increased pressure, interruption in water supply, permanent discontinuation of water supply, any impurity, or other condition affecting the supply of water by the CRD to the Customer,

for any reason, including the breaking of any Distribution Water Main, attachment, or other portion of the Waterworks, for the purpose of repairing, maintaining, or cleaning the pipes, or for the connection of a Waterworks Extension.

## **85. Specific Interruptions in Service**

85.1 CRD Integrated Water Services shall have the right at all times to suspend or terminate the supply of water to any Property without advance notice, in order to effect any necessary emergency repairs, replacements, alterations, or extensions to the Waterworks as determined by the General Manager.

## **86. Notification for Specific Shut Off**

86.1 Where possible, CRD Integrated Water Services shall provide a minimum of one (1) business days' notice

of any temporary discontinuation of water supply.

## **87. Locking Mechanisms**

- 87.1 If a Customer has violated a provision of this Bylaw and the General Manager determines that there is a risk of contamination of the Waterworks from the Customer's Property, the General Manager, in addition to discontinuing the water supply to the Customer's Property, may place a locking mechanism on the Waterworks within or immediately outside the Property.
- 87.2 The locking mechanism referred to in section 87.1 shall not be removed until the General Manager has determined that the subject Property poses no significant risk of contamination to the Waterworks and the following charges have been paid in full to CRD:
- (a) the service charge for the removal of the locking mechanism prescribed in Schedule B;
  - (b) all charges accruing to the Service Connection; and
  - (c) any interest charges as required by CRD Integrated Water Services.

## **88. Physical/Mechanical Requirements of Customer's Pipes and Fixtures**

- 88.1 At their own risk and expense, all Customers shall keep their pipes, stop cocks, and other fixtures connected to the Waterworks in good working order and shall protect them from frost and other damage.
- 88.2 The Customer shall provide a shut off valve pursuant to the British Columbia Plumbing Code inside each building, Unit, or other structure on the Property serviced by the Waterworks and in which water is used.

## **89. Leaking or Defective Service Line**

- 89.1 The Customer is solely responsible for detecting and repairing leaks occurring in the Service Line.

## **90. Disturbance Causing Apparatus**

- 90.1 No person, whether or not a Customer of CRD Integrated Water Services, shall connect or permit to remain connected to any apparatus, fitting, or fixture on a Property, which may cause any or all of the following:
- (a) noise, pressure surges, or any other occurrence that might result in disruption of or reduction in water service to any Customer of CRD Integrated Water Services;
  - (b) damage to a Service Line, water tank, water line, apparatus, fitting, plumbing fixture or other thing on a Customer's Property; or
  - (c) damage to the Waterworks or a Service Connection.

## **91. Time Frame for Repairs after Notification**

- 91.1 If CRD Integrated Water Services determines that repairs are necessary to the proper operation of a Service Line or other water pipes or fixtures owned by a Customer, CRD Integrated Water Services shall notify the Customer of the required repairs.
- 91.2 If the repairs required pursuant to section 91.1 are not completed by the Customer within two business days of notification, or if the condition of the Customer's Service Line, pipes or fixtures causes a significant loss of

water, then without further notice, the General Manager may immediately terminate the water supply to that Customer.

- 91.3 Where CRD Integrated Water Services has terminated a water supply pursuant to section 91.2, the water supply shall not be turned on again until the required repairs have been made to the satisfaction of the General Manager, and any applicable service and administrative charges are paid pursuant to Schedule B.
- 91.4 No person whose water supply is discontinued pursuant to this section shall have any claim whatsoever against CRD Integrated Water Services for discontinuance of supply.

## **92. Adverse Weather or Other Conditions**

- 92.1 CRD Integrated Water Services shall reserve and maintain at all times the right to refuse to install or to refuse to permit the installation of a Service Connection, and the right to refuse to construct Waterworks Extensions to the Property line of a Property, should weather or other conditions make such an undertaking impractical.

## **93. Call Out Work Restrictions**

- 93.1 CRD Integrated Water Services shall not perform any work on Waterworks that are not the property of CRD Integrated Water Services.

## **94. Call Out Charge Liability**

- 94.1 Customers are solely responsible for the satisfactory operation of a Service Line within the boundaries of the Property being serviced.
- 94.2 If CRD Integrated Water Services is called out to perform work on the basis of a Customer complaint relating to interrupted or diminished service or low water pressure, and CRD determines that the fault is not in that portion of the Waterworks owned and maintained solely by CRD Integrated Water Services, then the Customer shall be required to pay the hourly service charge prescribed in Schedule B to cover the charges associated with the response to the Customer complaint.
- 94.3 Charges set out in section 94.2 shall be added to the Customer's water bill.
- 94.4 If it is determined by CRD that any interrupted or diminished service or low water pressure is caused by a fault which exists in Waterworks owned by CRD Integrated Water Services, then no charge for a call out and/or subsequent repair of the faulty Waterworks, pipes or fittings shall be levied by CRD Integrated Water Services against a Customer.

## **95. Frozen Pipes**

- 95.1 Customers are wholly responsible for clearing, thawing and repairing any frozen Service Line or fixtures located on or within the boundaries of the Customer's Property.
- 95.2 If a Customer requests CRD Integrated Water Services to clear a frozen Service Connection, and CRD determines that the Customer's Service Line or fixture is frozen, the Customer shall pay the service charge prescribed in Schedule B to cover the charges associated with the call out.
- 95.3 Charges set out in section 95.2 shall be added to the Customer's next water bill.
- 95.4 If a Service Connection is frozen, then no charge for thawing the Service Connection shall be levied against the Customer.

**96. Maintenance of Hydrants/Standpipes**

- 96.1 It shall be the responsibility of CRD Integrated Water Services to inspect, test, and maintain each hydrant/standpipe including those located on strata or private developments where agreed to by the owner. The costs for repair and/or replacement of private hydrants/standpipes not owned by CRD Integrated Water Services shall be the responsibility of the owner of the hydrant/standpipe as agreed to in the CRD Private Hydrant Agreement.
- 96.2 The fire department shall be responsible for painting each fire hydrant and standpipe in its jurisdiction, as required.

**97. Miscellaneous Charges for Other Services**

- 97.1 Any and all other services not specifically addressed in this Bylaw provided by CRD Integrated Water Services in association with the Waterworks shall be subject to a service charge and/or an hourly rate as prescribed in Schedule B, or to a charge according to an estimated total cost as determined by the General Manager.

**98. Adjustments to the Water Bill for Abnormal Water Consumption caused by Leaks in the Service Line**

- 98.1 CRD Integrated Water Services may notify a Customer if it becomes aware the Abnormal Water Consumption in the current billing period is more than 50% greater than the Customer's water consumption and \$300 greater than the Customer's Water Charge for the same billing period in the previous year, but CRD Integrated Water Services assumes no duty to do so.
- 98.2 No adjustment to a water bill shall be made for Abnormal Water Consumption caused by leaks in a Customer's plumbing systems and fixtures, including faucets and toilets, or leaks in an irrigation system located on a Property.
- 98.3 The General Manager may make an adjustment to a water bill in the case of Abnormal Water Consumption caused by a leak, taking into consideration the opportunity of the Customer to detect the leak, the possibility of Customer negligence or fault in connection with the leak, and the promptness with which the leak was stopped or repaired after discovery, and only in situations where:
- (a) the Customer demonstrates that leak was caused by circumstances beyond the Customer's control, such as a break in the Service Line, a mechanical malfunction, water theft, vandalism, or unusual or emergency conditions;
  - (b) the Customer provides proof that all leaks have been repaired to the satisfaction of CRD Integrated Water Services, which may inspect the repair;
  - (c) the Customer provides proof that the Abnormal Water Consumption was caused by leaks originating on the Customer's side of the meter service box or chamber;
  - (d) the Customer has repaired the leak within thirty (30) days of the earliest of the CRD notification of the Abnormal Water Consumption or the billing date; and
  - (e) the Customer submits a leak adjustment application form within thirty (30) days of the earliest of the CRD notification of the Abnormal Water Consumption or the billing date.
- 98.4 If the General Manager permits a leak adjustment, the Customer shall assume responsibility for the average amount of water consumed at the applicable Water Charge prescribed in section 3 of Schedule C based on the Customer's water consumption history or similar properties in the same area, plus 50% of the water

consumed as a result of the leak at the applicable Water Charge prescribed in section 3 of Schedule C, and CRD Integrated Water Services shall absorb the remainder of the cost of water consumption.

- 98.5 No leak adjustment shall be considered for water consumption which is recorded subsequent to the repair date and no greater than thirty (30) days from the date of billing.

*(Bylaw 4004)*

- 98.6 Notwithstanding section 98.4, the maximum amount for which a Customer shall be required to pay for Abnormal Water Consumption caused by a leak is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per Unit on the Property.

- 98.7 Only one (1) leak adjustment per Property within a twelve (12) month water consumption period shall be permitted.

## **99. Estimating Water Meter Readings**

- 99.1 If for any reason CRD Integrated Water Services is required to estimate water consumption for any given period, the following procedure shall be followed:

- (a) the estimate shall be based on the water consumption history and the application of the use by the Customer on the Property for which a water estimate is required; and
- (b) in the event that no sufficient history exists to produce a reasonable estimate, the estimate shall be calculated on the basis of an average of the water consumption for similar properties in the same area, shall not be less than ten (10) Units of Water per week.

## **100. Charges for Alterations to Existing Water Supply Services**

- 100.1 Subject to approval of the General Manager, the Customer of any Property who desires the removal or relocation of Waterworks, or any other change to Waterworks, including service pipes, meters, valves, chambers, hydrants, or any other fittings and/or appurtenances, or where a Service Connection is to be abandoned, shall be required to pay in advance any fees and charges prescribed in Schedule A and B for the said removal, relocation, or change.

## **101. Meter Accuracy Test**

- 101.1 A Customer may request that CRD Integrated Water Services test the Customer's water meter for accuracy.
- 101.2 If the test requested under section 101.1 shows that the meter is reading accurately, the Customer shall pay the charge for Meter Accuracy Test as set out in Schedule B; if the meter is found to be defective, there shall be no charge.

## **102. Damage to Waterworks or Service Connections**

- 102.1 A person who causes damage to any Waterworks or Service Connection shall pay to CRD Integrated Water Services the charge prescribed in Schedule B.

## **COMPLIANCE**

### **103. Penalties for Failure to Comply With This Bylaw**

- 103.1 Where a Customer fails to comply with the terms and conditions contained in this Bylaw, the General Manager, after giving three (3) business days' notice, may undertake any lawful action or actions which the General Manager considers necessary to enforce compliance.

**104. Tampering with Equipment or Obstructing Personnel**

- 104.1 No person shall tamper with the Waterworks.
- 104.2 No person shall obstruct the General Manager or a duly authorized agent of CRD Integrated Water Services in the performance of any act, matter, or thing lawfully done under this Bylaw or in the performance of his or her duties.

**105. Bulk Water Carriers***(Bylaw 4004)*

- 105.1 CRD Integrated Water Services may sell bulk quantities of potable water to approved bulk water carriers from metered dispensers specifically designated for bulk water sales, also known as Aqualoader bulk water dispensing stations, calculated based on the number of Units of Water used by the bulk water carrier at the Water Charge prescribed in section 3(a) of Schedule C.
- 105.2 Bulk water carrier Applicants shall present written requests to CRD Integrated Water Services to purchase bulk water from designated bulk water stations, accompanied by the key deposit for bulk water station as prescribed in Schedule B.
- 105.3 The bulk water carrier shall receive a smart card for billing purposes only and the card maintains no cash value.
- 105.4 CRD Integrated Water Services shall bill the bulk water carrier on a quarterly (three-month) basis for water consumption based on consumption data downloaded from the Aqualoader system.
- 105.5 CRD Integrated Water Services shall use the consumption data from the Aqualoader system in order to determine consumption billing, and in the case of any discrepancies between the Aqualoader terminal and the smart card consumption data, CRD shall use the Aqualoader terminal consumption data.
- 105.6 Bulk water carriers shall pay the charge for lost Aqualoader smart cards as prescribed in Schedule B.

**106. No Assurances Regarding Quality of Bulk Water**

- 106.1 CRD Integrated Water Services shall accept no responsibility for the quality of the bulk water supplied pursuant to section 105 once the water leaves Waterworks owned and/or operated by CRD Integrated Water Services.
- 106.2 Equipment used by bulk water carriers shall be equipped with an approved backflow prevention device with installation inspected by CRD Integrated Water Services as provided in CRD Bylaw No. 3516, cited as "Capital Regional District Cross Connection Control Bylaw No. 1, 2008".
- 106.3 It shall be the responsibility of the bulk water carrier to ensure that the bulk water carrier's backflow prevention device is tested at least once per annum by a certified tester of such mechanisms.
- 106.4 All test results of backflow prevention devices, including detailed descriptions of any necessary repairs, shall be submitted to CRD Integrated Water Services for review, as directed by the General Manager.

**107. Severability**

- 107.1 If any portion of this bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of the bylaw shall be deemed to have been enacted without the invalid portion.



108. Repeal

- 108.1 Bylaw No. 3821, cited as “Water Distribution Local Service Conditions, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2012”, and any amendments thereto, is repealed upon adoption of this Bylaw.
- 108.2 Bylaw No. 3865, cited as "Water Distribution Local Service Conditions, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2012”, and any amendments thereto, is repealed upon adoption of this Bylaw.

109. Citation

- 109.1 This Bylaw may be cited as “Water Distribution Local Service Conditions, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2013”.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	11 <sup>th</sup>	day of	September	2013
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Original signed by Alastair Bryson  
CHAIR

Original signed by Sonia Santarossa  
CORPORATE OFFICER

## Schedule A – Service Connections and Charges

### 1.0 Connections Installed by CRD Integrated Water Services

- 1.1 Upon receipt of the applicable charges listed below and in Schedule B, CRD Integrated Water Services shall install a Service Connection for a maximum length of twenty (20) metres of service pipe and, where necessary, for crossing a paved roadway not more than eleven (11) metres wide, in accordance with Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings:

#### Service Connection (not including meter):

19mm (3/4 inch) connection	\$3,590.00
25mm (1 inch) connection	\$3,665.00
50mm (2 inch) connection	\$4,890.00
100mm (4 inch) and above	Actual Cost

#### Meter Charge:

16 mm (5/8 x 3/4 inch)	Actual Cost
19 mm	Actual Cost
25 mm	Actual Cost
50 mm	Actual Cost
100 mm and above	Actual Cost
Compound Meters	Actual Cost

### 2.0 Additional Charges and Expenditures for Service Connections

- 2.1 The above Service Connection charges are for a maximum length of twenty (20) metres of service pipe and, where necessary, for crossing a paved roadway not more than eleven (11) metres wide, and include the cost for boring under a paved area or replacing pavement if it is necessary to cut an open ditch through a paved area.
- 2.2 The Applicant shall pay all additional charges for the following procedures where required for the installation of the Service Connection:
- (a) Boring or attempts to bore under pavement in excess of a width of eleven (11) metres;
  - (b) Cutting and restoration of pavement in excess of a width of eleven (11) metres, or where the authority having jurisdiction requires asphalt restoration of a thickness in excess of one hundred (100) mm or for a width in excess of the trench width;
  - (c) Drilling and blasting of rock;
  - (d) Highway Use Permit Fee where required by the Approving Authority; and
  - (e) Any other costs actually incurred by CRD Integrated Water Services.
- 2.3 For Service Connections greater than twenty (20) metres the Applicant shall pay the actual cost of the installation.
- 2.4 Where a request is made for a Service Connection greater in size than that of the meter being applied for, the Applicant shall pay the Connection Charge applicable to the corresponding Service Connection size.

## Schedule B – Miscellaneous Fees and Service Charges

(Bylaw 4004)

Where applicable under this Bylaw, if the following services are rendered by CRD Integrated Water Services the following service charges shall be payable.

### Fees and Service Charges

Fee/Service Charge Description	Clause(s)	Amount
Accounts in Arrears Transfer to Taxes	76.1	\$40.00
Adjustment/Relocation of a Meter Box	28.4	\$250.00
Aqualoader smart card replacement	105.9	\$25.00 per card
Billing or Payment History per Property	75.2	\$5.00
Disconnection of Service Connection	68.1, 68.3, 73.3	Actual Cost
Damage to Waterworks or Service Connection	53.1(e), 102.1	Actual Cost
Service Termination for Non Compliance with Bylaw	70.2, 71.1(b)	\$300.00
Dishonoured Cheques	73.1	\$15.00
Engineering Services (minimum charge of \$360.00)	26.1	\$90.00/hour
Final Inspection and Construction Completion Certificate	62.5	\$500.00
Key Deposit for Bulk Water Station	105.3	\$500.00/key
Meter Accuracy Test	101.2	\$100.00
Meter Installation and Account Set Up Fee	21.1, 21.2	\$250.00
Miscellaneous Charges for Other Services	32.2, 97.1, 100.1	\$150.00/hour
New Hydrant Installation Application	38.2(c)	\$50.00
New Water Service Connection Application	6.3, 18.1(a), 18.1(b)	\$50.00
Payments requiring transfer or refund to Customer	73.4	\$5.00
Reconnection after Disconnection	71.1(b), 73.3, 91.3	\$50.00
Removal of Locking Mechanism	69.1, 87.2(a)	\$50.00
Removal of Unauthorized Water Meter	69.1	\$100.00
Service Call to Examine/Fix/Clean/Thaw Customer's Pipes/Fixtures	82.2, 94.2, 95.2,	\$150.00/hour
Special Meter Readings	83.1	\$50.00
Temporary Connection to 19mm, 25mm, or 50mm water connection pipe	54.1(b)	\$300.00
Temporary Connections to a Fire Hydrant or Standpipe	53.1(a)	\$120/day
Transfer of Water Service (Change in Customer)	81.2(e)	\$20.00
Unauthorized Use of Hydrant and Standpipe	37.2	\$600.00
Water Meter Change/Replacement at Customer's Request	27.1, 27.2, 28.5	\$250.00 plus cost of the meter
Waterworks Extension Application Fee	43.1, 56.1(c), 61.1(c)	\$250.00 plus \$75 per lot/Unit to a \$5,000 maximum

### Schedule C - Water Rates

(Bylaws 3921, 3988, 4040)

- 1. Effective:** The rates set out in sections 3 of this Schedule are the Water Charges for invoices received from CRD Integrated Water Services for water consumption in the applicable areas described in section 2 of this Schedule after 1 January 2016.
- 2. Applicable:** The rates are applicable to water supplied within the Town of View Royal, the City of Langford, the City of Colwood, the District of Metchosin, the District of Highlands, the District of Sooke and the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area.
- 3. Water Rates:** The applicable Water Charges are set out below:

  - (a) Subject to sections 3(b) and (c) of this Schedule, the Water Charge for all water supplied by CRD Integrated Water Services shall be \$1.9192 per cubic metre or part thereof.
  - (b) The Water Charge for which water has been supplied by CRD Integrated Water Services to a Community Allotment Garden shall be \$0.2105 per cubic metre or part thereof.
  - (c) The Water Charge for which water has been supplied by CRD Integrated Water Services to a Wild Animal Rehabilitation Facility shall be \$0.6375 per cubic metre or part thereof.

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 4387

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A BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW 3889 TO UPDATE WATER DISTRIBUTION LOCAL SERVICE  
CONDITIONS, FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW NO. 1, 2013  
(JUAN DE FUCA WATER DISTRIBUTION)  
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The Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

- 1. Bylaw No. 3889, "Water Distribution Local Service Conditions, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2013" is amended as follows:
  - a) By deleting Schedule "C" in its entirety and substituting the attached Schedule "C", effective January 1, 2021.
- 2. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Water Distribution Local Service Conditions, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No.10, 2020".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	9 <sup>th</sup>	day of December	2020
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- 2. Applicable:** The rates are applicable to water supplied within the Town of View Royal, the City of Langford, the City of Colwood, the District of Metchosin, the District of Highlands, the District of Sooke, the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area, the Esquimalt First Nation, the Songhees First Nation, the Tsouke First Nation, and the Beecher Bay First Nation.
- 3. Water Rates:** The applicable Water Charges are set out below:
  - (a) Subject to sections 3(b) and (c) of this Schedule, the Water Charge for all water supplied by the CRD shall be \$2.3081 per cubic metre or part thereof.
  - (b) The Water Charge for which water has been supplied by the CRD to a Community Allotment Garden shall be \$0.2105 per cubic metre or part thereof.
  - (c) The Water Charge for which water has been supplied by the CRD to a Wild Animal Rehabilitation Facility shall be \$0.7148 per cubic metre or part thereof.

## CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

### BYLAW NO. 4190

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#### A BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW 3889, WATER DISTRIBUTION LOCAL SERVICE CONDITIONS, FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW NO. 1, 2013

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The Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw No. 3889, "Water Distribution Local Service Conditions, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2013" is amended as follows:
  - a) By deleting the Table of Contents in its entirety and replacing it with the attached Table of Contents;
  - b) By deleting section 15.1 and replacing it with the following:
 

"Each Unit shall have a separate metered Service Connection from the Distribution Water Main. All Units connected to a Private Waterworks system after the date this Bylaw comes into force are exempt from this requirement."
  - c) By deleting section 27.1 and replacing it with the following:
 

"CRD Integrated Water Services shall supply, install, maintain and own all water meters that are connected to a CRD Distribution Water Main. The Customer shall pay all applicable charges and fees for water meters prescribed in Schedules A and B."
  - d) By add the words to the end of section 28.7(b) as follows, "and comply with the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings."
  - e) By deleting section 28.9 in its entirety.
  - f) By renumbering section 28.10 to 28.9.
  - g) By deleting section 28.11 in its entirety and renumbering it to 28.10 and replacing it with the following:
 

"For Units serviced by Private Waterworks that are part of a Complex:

    - (a) the Customer shall permit access to CRD Integrated Water Services for the purpose of reading and servicing the meters by granting a blanket access easement and grant a Statutory Right of Way, at the customer's expense, over the infrastructure between the CRD Distribution Main and the meter location. This infrastructure shall comply with the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings."

- h) By adding the words to the end of section 40.3 as follows, "Fire hydrants connected to a Private Waterworks system shall also be in accordance with the FUS Specifications and the Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings."

- i) By inserting a new section 72.4 as follows:

"There is no extension of the due and payable date because of a pending water bill appeal under Section 74.0 or a pending adjustment to a water bill for abnormal water consumption caused by a leak in the service line or customer's plumbing systems (Private Waterworks). Customers are required to pay the entire amount due within the normal payment period or enter into payment arrangements for the excess amount in order for the account to remain in good standing. If an adjustment is granted, the customer will be reimbursed accordingly."

- j) By renumbering section 72.4 as 72.5;
- k) In section 74.1, by replacing the following words "a complaint or dispute" with the words "an appeal".
- l) By replacing section 74.2 with the following:

"The General Manager may review the appeal and, where the General Manager considers that:

- (a) there is an error in the calculation of the amount of the water bill;

the General Manager may adjust the amount of the water bill to the correct amount."

- m) By adding the words "or Private Waterworks" to the end of the title at section 89.
- n) By adding the words "and Private Waterworks" to the end of section 89.1.
- o) By deleting section 96.1 and replacing it with the following:

"It shall be the responsibility of CRD Integrated Water Services to inspect, test, and maintain each hydrant/standpipe owned by the CRD and that is located in a public road right of way or in a statutory right of way in favour of the CRD. Any hydrants or standpipes that are connected to a Private Waterworks system after the date this Bylaw comes into force shall be maintained, repaired and/or replaced at the cost of the owner of the Private Waterworks system and any works required shall be carried out by the owners' forces."

- p) By adding the words "or failure of Private Waterworks" to the end of the title in section 98.
- q) By removing sections 98.1 to section 98.7 and replacing them with the following:

"98.1 CRD Integrated Water Services may notify a Customer if it becomes aware the Abnormal Water Consumption in the current billing period is more than 50% greater than the Customer's water consumption or \$300 greater than the Customer's Water Charge for the same billing period in the previous year, but CRD



Integrated Water Services assumes no duty to do so or liability in the event it does not notify a Customer pursuant to this section.

- 98.2 An adjustment to a water bill shall be considered by the General Manager for Abnormal Water Consumption caused by leaks in a Service Line or failure of Private Waterworks located on a Property. For clarity, no adjustments shall be made for Abnormal Water Consumption caused by intentional activities such as, watering of sod, gardening, filling of pools, or similar activities, not limited to those listed above, nor will an adjustment be made for Abnormal Water Consumption resulting from negligence or fault, such as unrepaired leaking faucets, toilets, hot water tanks, irrigation leaks resulting from failure to winterize, or running garden hoses. Notwithstanding the above, the General Manager may adjust a water bill taking into consideration the opportunity for the Customer to detect the leak and the promptness with which the leak was stopped or repaired after discovery, and only in situations where:
- (a) the Customer demonstrates that the leak was caused by circumstances beyond the Customer's control, such as a break in the Service Line or failure of Private Waterworks, a mechanical malfunction, water theft or vandalism;
  - (b) the Customer provides proof that all leaks have been repaired to the satisfaction of CRD Integrated Water Services, which may inspect the repair;
  - (c) the Customer provides proof that the Abnormal Water Consumption was caused by leaks originating on the Customer's side of the meter service box or chamber;
  - (d) the Customer provides proof that the Unit where the leak occurred was not occupied for 60 days or more when the leak occurred;
  - (e) the Customer has repaired the leak within thirty (30) days of the earliest of the CRD notification of the Abnormal Water Consumption or the billing date; and
  - (f) the Customer submits a leak adjustment application form within thirty (30) days of the earliest of the CRD notification of the Abnormal Water Consumption or the billing date.
- 98.4 If the General Manager permits a leak adjustment, the Customer shall assume responsibility for the average amount of water consumed at the applicable Water Charge prescribed in section 3 of Schedule C based on the Customer's water consumption history or similar properties in the same area, plus 50% of the water consumed as a result of the leak at the applicable Water Charge prescribed in section 3 of Schedule C.
- 98.5 No leak adjustment shall be considered for water consumption which is recorded subsequent to the repair date and no greater than thirty (30) days from the date of billing.

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98.6 Notwithstanding section 98.4, the maximum amount for which a Customer shall be required to pay for Abnormal Water Consumption caused by a leak is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per single family residential or small commercial Unit on the Property or two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per large commercial, industrial or institutional Unit, residential strata or multifamily residential Unit, mobile home parks or campgrounds on the Property.

98.7 Only one (1) leak adjustment per Property within a twenty-four (24) month water consumption period shall be permitted."

r) Replace Schedule "A" in its entirety with the attached Schedule "A";

s) Replace Schedule "B" in its entirety with the attached Schedule "B".

2. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Water Distribution Local Service Conditions, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 6, 2017".

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## Schedule A – Service Connections and Charges

### 1.0 Connections Installed by CRD Integrated Water Services

- 1.1 Upon receipt of the applicable charges listed below and in Schedule B, CRD Integrated Water Services shall install a Service Connection for a maximum length of twenty (20) metres of service pipe and, where necessary, for crossing a paved roadway not more than eleven (11) metres wide, in accordance with Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings:

#### Service Connection (not including meter):

19mm (3/4 inch) connection	\$4,300.00
25mm (1 inch) connection	\$4,400.00
50mm (2 inch) connection	\$5,900.00
100mm (4 inch) and above	Actual Cost

#### Meter Charge:

16 mm (5/8 x 3/4 inch)	Actual Cost
19 mm	Actual Cost
25 mm	Actual Cost
50 mm	Actual Cost
100 mm and above	Actual Cost
Compound Meters	Actual Cost

### 2.0 Additional Charges and Expenditures for Service Connections

- 2.1 The above Service Connection charges are for a maximum length of twenty (20) metres of service pipe and, where necessary, for crossing a paved roadway not more than eleven (11) metres wide, and include the cost for boring under a paved area or replacing pavement if it is necessary to cut an open ditch through a paved area.
- 2.2 The Applicant shall pay all additional charges for the following procedures where required for the installation of the Service Connection:
- (a) Boring or attempts to bore under pavement in excess of a width of eleven (11) metres;
  - (b) Cutting and restoration of pavement in excess of a width of eleven (11) metres, or where the authority having jurisdiction requires asphalt restoration of a thickness in excess of one hundred (100) mm or for a width in excess of the trench width;
  - (c) Drilling and blasting of rock;
  - (d) Highway Use Permit Fee where required by the Approving Authority; and
  - (e) Any other costs actually incurred by CRD Integrated Water Services.
- 2.3 For Service Connections greater than twenty (20) metres the Applicant shall pay the actual cost of the installation.
- 2.4 Where a request is made for a Service Connection greater in size than that of the meter being applied for, the Applicant shall pay the Connection Charge applicable to the corresponding Service Connection size.



## Schedule B – Miscellaneous Fees and Service Charges

(Bylaw 4004)

Where applicable under this Bylaw, if the following services are rendered by CRD Integrated Water Services the following service charges shall be payable.

### Fees and Service Charges

Fee/Service Charge Description	Clause(s)	Amount
Accounts in Arrears Transfer to Taxes	76.1	\$40.00
Adjustment/Relocation of a Meter Box	28.4	\$250.00
Aqualoader smart card replacement	105.9	\$25.00 per card
Billing or Payment History per Property	75.2	\$5.00
Disconnection of Service Connection	68.1, 68.3, 73.3	Actual Cost
Damage to Waterworks or Service Connection	53.1(e), 102.1	Actual Cost
Service Termination for Non Compliance with Bylaw	70.2, 71.1(b)	\$300.00
Dishonoured Cheques	73.1	\$15.00
Engineering Services (minimum charge of \$480.00)	26.1	\$120.00/hour
Final Inspection and Construction Completion Certificate	62.5	\$600.00
Key Deposit for Bulk Water Station	105.3	\$500.00/key
Meter Accuracy Test	101.2	\$100.00
Meter Installation and Account Set Up Fee	21.1, 21.2	\$350.00
Miscellaneous Charges for Other Services	32.2, 97.1, 100.1	\$150.00/hour
New Hydrant Installation Application	38.2(c)	\$50.00
New Water Service Connection Application	6.3, 18.1(a), 18.1(b)	\$50.00
Payments requiring transfer or refund to Customer	73.4	\$5.00
Reconnection after Disconnection	71.1(b), 73.3, 91.3	\$50.00
Removal of Locking Mechanism	69.1, 87.2(a)	\$50.00
Removal of Unauthorized Water Meter	69.1	\$100.00
Service Call to Examine/Fix/Clean/Thaw Customer's Pipes/Fixtures	82.2, 94.2, 95.2,	\$150.00/hour
Special Meter Readings	83.1	\$50.00
Temporary Connection to existing 19mm, 25mm, or 50mm water connection pipe	54.1(b)	\$400.00
Temporary Connections to a Fire Hydrant or Standpipe	53.1(a)	\$120/day
Transfer of Water Service (Change in Customer)	81.2(e)	\$20.00
Unauthorized Use of Hydrant and Standpipe	37.2	\$600.00
Water Meter Change/Replacement at Customer's Request	27.1, 27.2, 28.5	\$350.00 plus cost of the meter
Waterworks Extension Application Fee	43.1, 56.1(c), 61.1(c)	\$250.00 plus \$75 per lot/Unit to a \$5,000 maximum; \$1000.00 for connections equal or greater than 100 mm (4 inch)



**REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 11:30 AM**

**MEETING HOTSHEET**  
**(ACTION LIST)**

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The following is a quick snapshot of the FINAL Regional Water Supply Commission decisions made at the meeting. The minutes will represent the official record of the meeting.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

That the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**8. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**8.1. Demand Management Program Update**

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receive this report for information.

**CARRIED**

**8.2. Water Quality Summary Report for Greater Victoria Drinking Water System – June to November 2020**

That the Regional Water Supply Commission receives the Water Quality Summary Report for the Greater Victoria Drinking Water System – June to November 2020 for information.

**CARRIED**

**8.3. Summary of Recommendations from Other Water Commissions**

That the Summary of Recommendations from other water commissions be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**8.4. Water Watch Report**

That the February 8, 2021 Water Watch Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

## CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT - INTEGRATED WATER SERVICES

### Water Watch

Issued February 22, 2021

#### Water Supply System Summary:

##### 1. Useable Volume in Storage:

Reservoir	February 28 5 Year Ave		February 28/20		February 21/21		% Existing Full Storage
	ML	MIG	ML	MIG	ML	MIG	
Sooke	92,688	20,391	92,727	20,400	92,727	20,400	100.0%
Goldstream	7,824	1,721	7,630	1,679	9,198	2,024	92.8%
Total	100,511	22,112	100,357	22,079	101,925	22,424	99.4%

##### 2. Average Daily Demand:

For the month of February	105.5 MLD	23.20 MIGD
For week ending February 21, 2021	107.0 MLD	23.54 MIGD
Max. day February 2021, to date:	112.3 MLD	24.71 MIGD

##### 3. Average 5 Year Daily Demand for February

Average (2016 - 2020)	98.5 MLD <sup>1</sup>	21.67 MIGD <sup>2</sup>
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<sup>1</sup>MLD = Million Litres Per Day      <sup>2</sup>MIGD = Million Imperial Gallons Per Day

##### 4. Rainfall February:

Average (1914 - 2020):	190.6 mm
Actual Rainfall to Date	122.7 mm (64% of monthly average)

##### 5. Rainfall: Sep 1- Feb 21

Average (1914 - 2020):	1,210.4 mm
2020/2021	1,346.8 mm (111% of average)

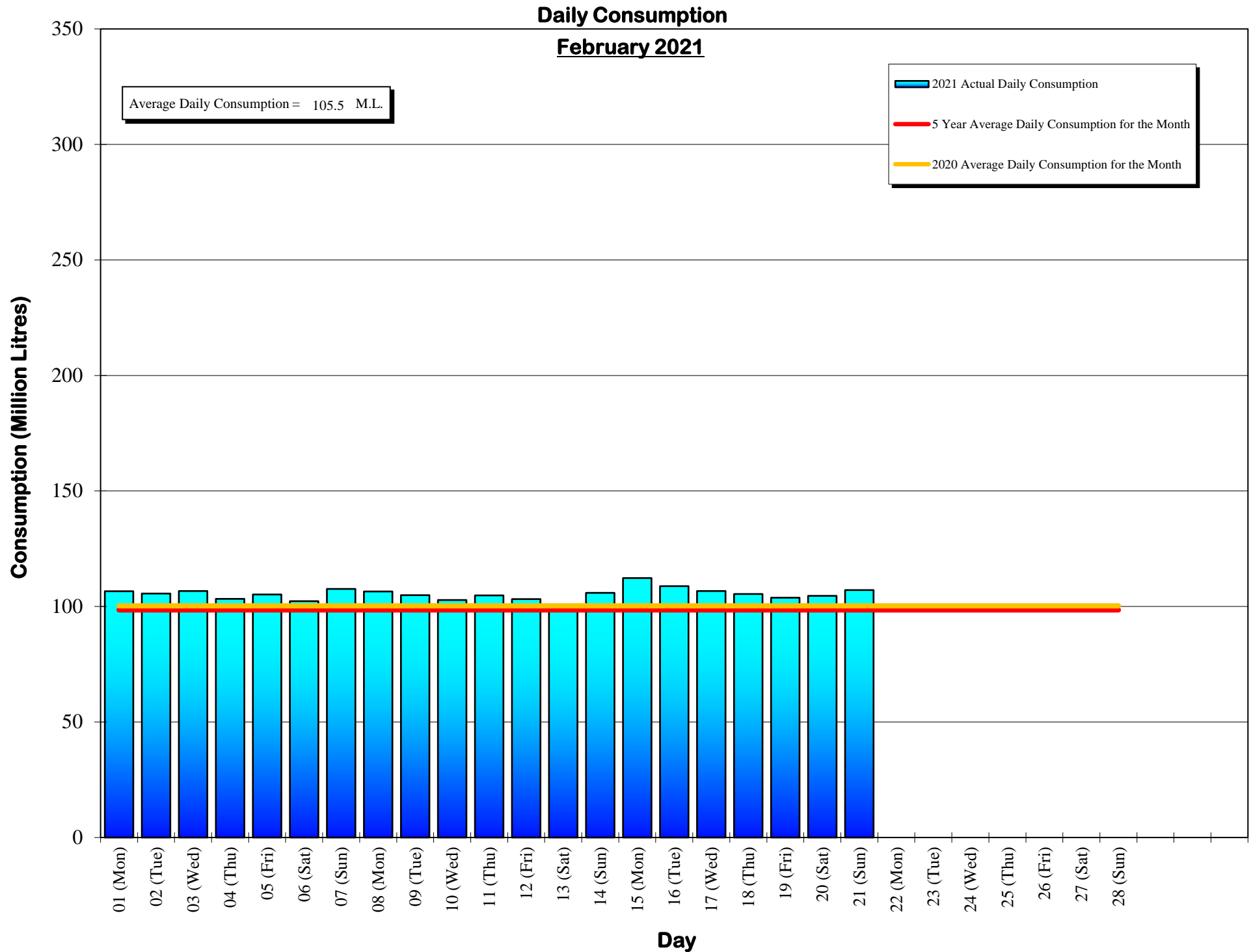
##### 6. Water Conservation Action Required:

To avoid possible leaks this spring, now is the time to winterize your sprinkler system.  
Visit [www.crd.bc.ca/water](http://www.crd.bc.ca/water) for more information.

If you require further information, please contact:

Ted Robbins, B.Sc., C.Tech  
General Manager, CRD - Integrated Water Services  
or  
Glenn Harris, Ph D., RPBio  
Senior Manager - Environmental Protection

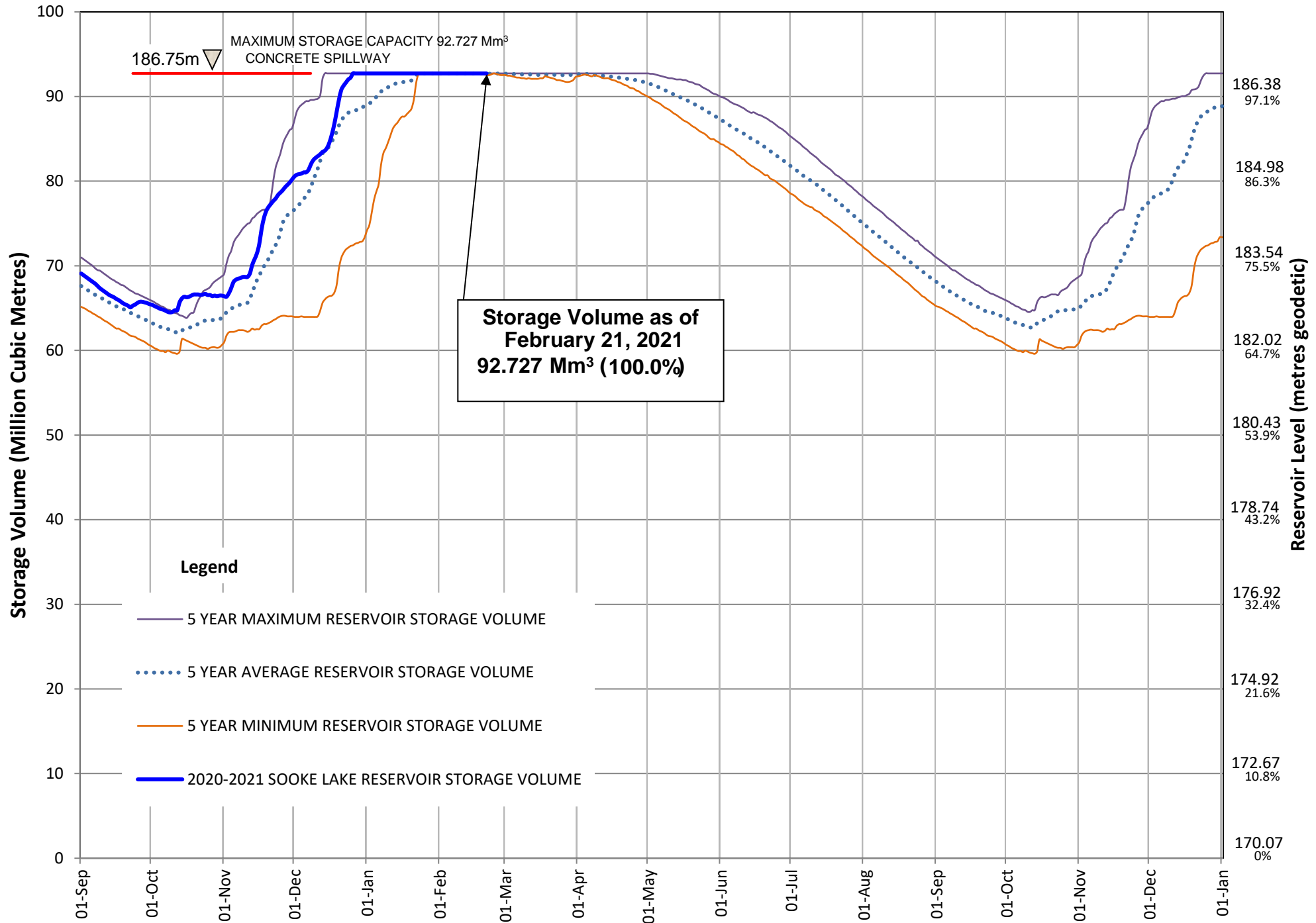
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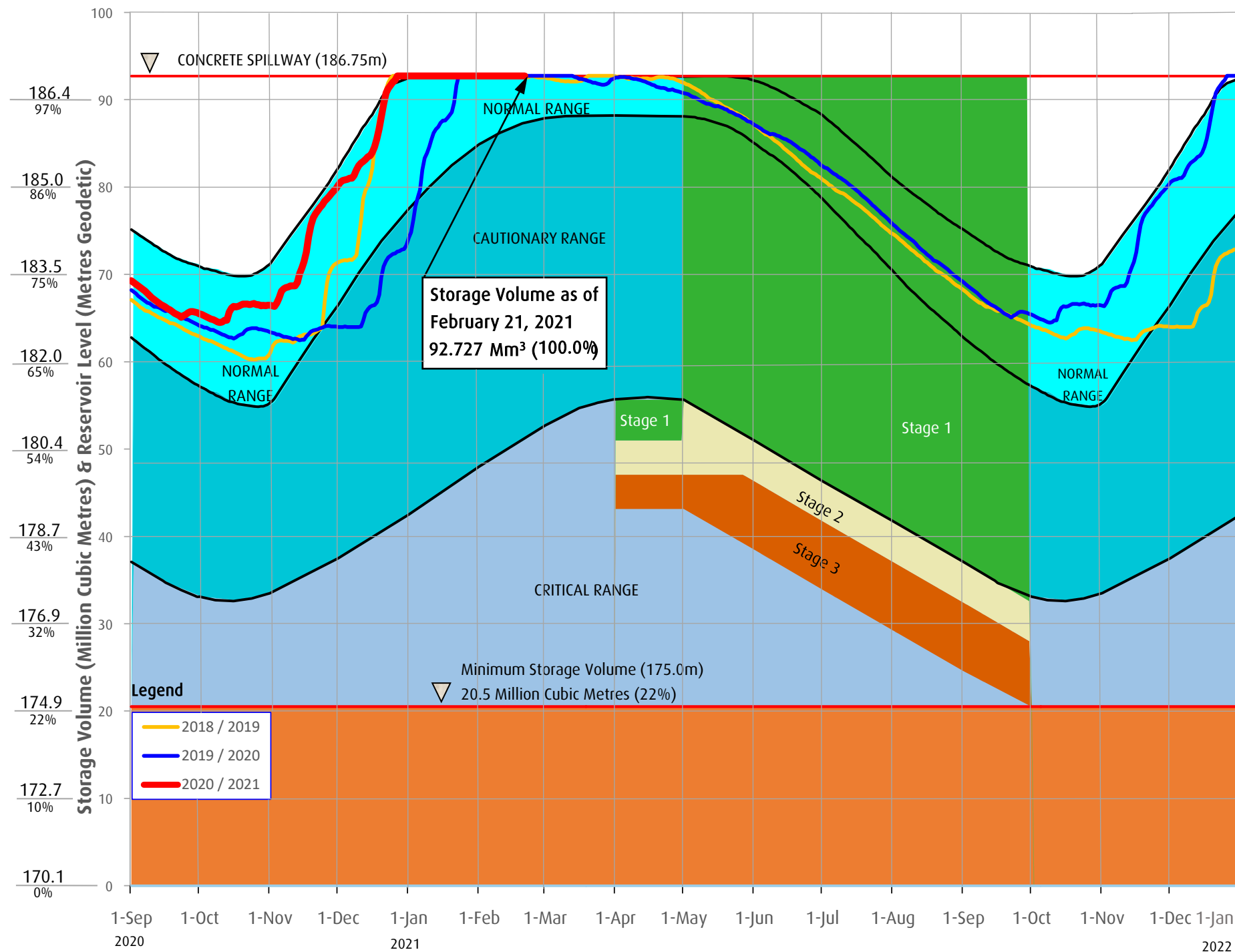
# SOOKE LAKE RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARY

## 2020 / 2021



# Sooke Lake Reservoir Storage Level

## Water Supply Management Plan



## FAQs

### How are water restriction stages determined?

Several factors are considered when determining water use restriction stages, including,

1. Time of year and typical seasonal water demand trends;
2. Precipitation and temperature conditions and forecasts;
3. Storage levels and storage volumes of water reservoirs (Sooke Lake Reservoir and the Goldstream Reservoirs) and draw down rates;
4. Stream flows and inflows into Sooke Lake Reservoir;
5. Water usage, recent consumption and trends; and customer compliance with restriction;
6. Water supply system performance.

The Regional Water Supply Commission will consider the above factors in making a determination to implement stage 2 or 3 restrictions, under the Water Conservation Bylaw.

At any time of the year and regardless of the water use restriction storage, customers are encouraged to limit discretionary water use in order to maximize the amount of water in the Regional Water Supply System Reservoirs available for nondiscretionary potable water use.

Stage 1 is normally initiated every year from May 1 to September 30 to manage outdoor use during the summer months. During this time, lawn watering is permitted twice a week at different times for even and odd numbered addresses.

Stage 2 is initiated when it is determined that there is an acute water supply shortage. During this time, lawn water is permitted once a week at different times for even and odd numbered addresses.

Stage 3 is initiated when it is determined that there is a severe water supply shortage. During this time, lawn watering is not permitted. Other outdoor water use activities are restricted as well.

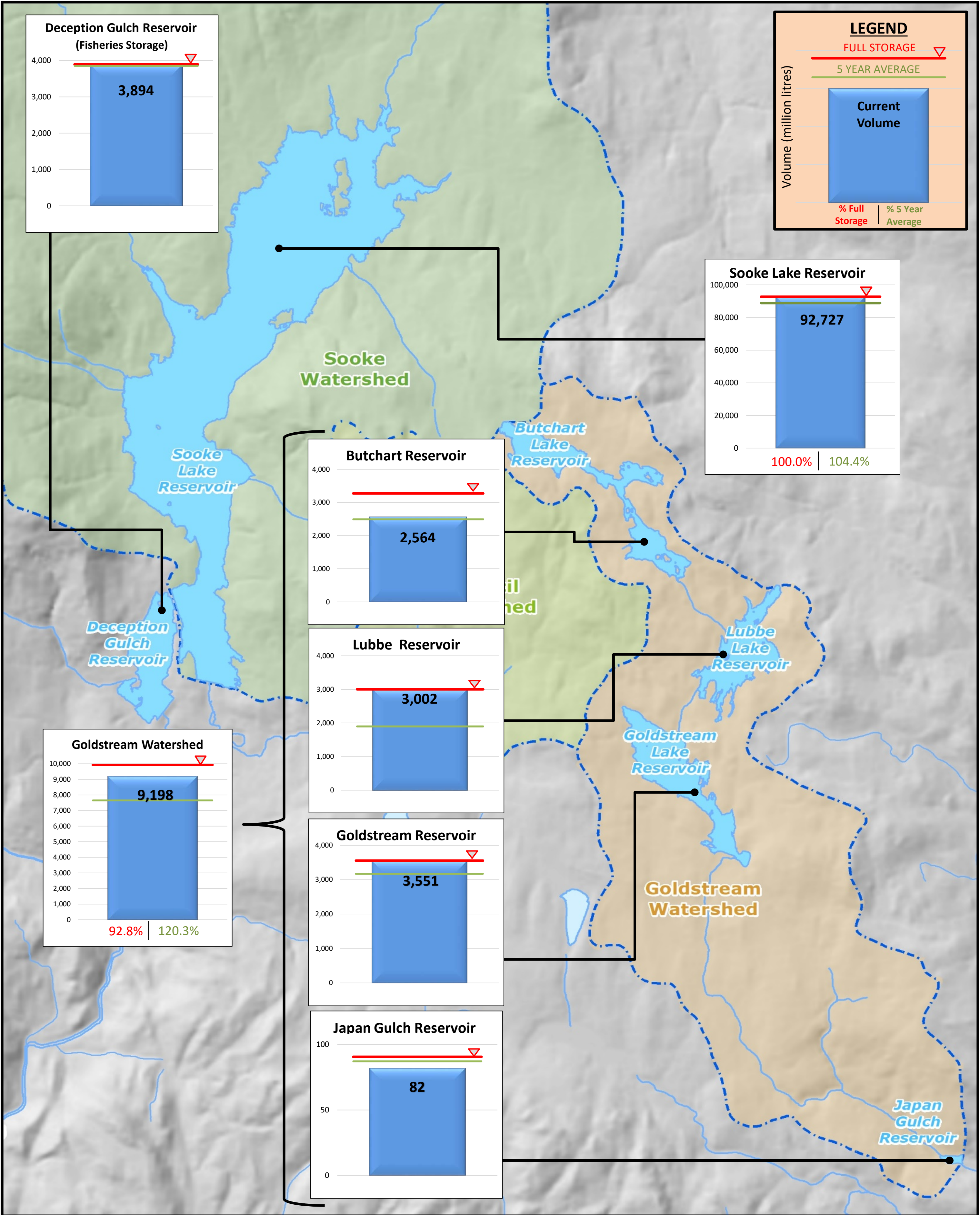
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Useable Reservoir Volumes in Storage for February 21, 2021





## Denise Dionne

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**From:** Ted Robbins  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2021 3:01 PM  
**To:** Denise Dionne  
**Subject:** FW: Water for all.

**From:** Raymond Mew [mailto:raymew@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2021 1:22 PM  
**To:** Ted Robbins <trobbins@crd.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Rick Johal <pjt257@shaw.ca>; Nirmal Johal <nirmal.johal@nansiteservicing.com>; Moji Shahab <moji@parsidevelopment.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Water for all.

Good day Ted:

As we discussed , herein one of at least 3 documents to support my second Delegation presentation to the Juan deFuca Water Commission this upcoming Tuesday at Noon.  
 I look forward to the meeting details.

Thank you for the time and your candor this morning over the phone.

Jack Mar has already provided a farm expert perspective. I am asking our Development Expert, Moji Shahab to join me, where we have in the past month also reached out to other property owners with Industrial and other lands neighbouring the Mew farm lands, where we have additional support to the optimizing of a water supply on Finney Road from Sooke Road to Luxton Road, to support all potential area immediate uses as soon as possible this year. The wisdom to add a water main to extend from the work on Luxton Road, along all of Finney , to Sooke Road now has greater local support.

We expect to require water to irrigate by the end of April, 2021.

We very much appreciate your attention to this matter.

Regards,

Raymond Mew

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**From:** Rick Johal <pjt257@shaw.ca>  
**Date:** Fri, Feb 26, 2021 at 11:59 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Water for all.  
**To:** Raymond Mew <raymew@gmail.com>

Thank you Raymond as we have discussed in the past, re services that should be done to better our land and the community as a whole. Thanks. Rick Johal.

Sent from my iPhone

To whom it may concern:

We understand CRD Integrated Water Services are considering other property owners requirements for water , where the Mews informed us they need a much improved service over the current 3/4" diameter service to our 1119 Johal property and the Mews 1131 Property, that was installed when Finney was a private road.

We are actively working with the COL and the ALC with an application for removal of our 10 acre property at 119 Finney Road from the ALC. It is probable that we shall need better, increased or additional water services in the near future. We own a 10 acre lot where other uses than a soil and gravel business are both likely and make sense.

By this email / letter the owners of 1119 Finney Road Paul and Jeet Johal are documenting our support for a water main extension from the new 300 mm diameter water main, to in addition extend along Finney Road from Luxton to Sooke Roads.

We understand from CRD crews on site this week at the corner of Luxton and Finney Road, the replacement of the current Luxton Road water main will begin next week.

The Johals believe the additional services we are requesting being added while the replacement water main is being replaced on Luxton Road are good for all impacted. As well we observe other properties may be able to benefit from a new water line extending along Finney Road, from Luxton to Sooke Roads.

We are adding to the neighbourhood property owners citing the requirement for adequate water services to serve our properties in the surrounding area, as well as so many who shall require new, additional or increased water services going forward.

The reality and pace of industrial and residential development at our doorstep indicate the wisdom to bring the right water service to us now.

Regards,

Rick Johal for Paul and Jeet Johal  
1119 Finney Road  
250-883-1598

## Denise Dionne

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**From:** Ted Robbins  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2021 3:02 PM  
**To:** Denise Dionne  
**Subject:** FW: finney road water support letter

**From:** Raymond Mew [mailto:raymew@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2021 1:23 PM  
**To:** Ted Robbins <trobbins@crd.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Moji Shahab <moji@parsidevelopment.com>; Doug Popadyne <doug pops@shaw.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: finney road water support letter

As promised, second of three emails and documents for the Water Commission  
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**From:** Doug Popadyne <[doug pops@shaw.ca](mailto:doug pops@shaw.ca)>  
**Date:** Thu, Feb 25, 2021 at 12:53 PM  
**Subject:** finney road water support letter  
**To:** <[raymew@gmail.com](mailto:raymew@gmail.com)>

Hello Raymond.

As you requested please review the following letter to the CRD regarding the water line down finney.

Thank you,

Doug and Corinne

February 25, 2021

We support bringing a municipal water supply line down Finney Road from Luxton to Sooke Road for the purpose of the Mews farming their lands, as well as for the future water needs of connected residents, businesses, or industries. Of note, we have had discussions with the city of Langford about developing our 2 acre parcel of land at 1120 Finney Road, which will require access to water service. We are willing to work collaboratively with our neighbors, the city of Langford and the CRD to achieve this.

Also, neighboring farm Lohbrunner has one water line that splits into 2 each with a separate meter - one to the house and the second to the field, and we would like to explore a similar situation. As we are farming our lands at 1110 Finney Road, we are requesting information about installing an agricultural meter separate from our homes.

Regards,

The Popadynecs

## Denise Dionne

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**From:** Ted Robbins  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2021 3:00 PM  
**To:** Denise Dionne  
**Subject:** FW: Update water supply Finney Road from Luxton Rd to Sooke Road

**From:** Raymond Mew [mailto:raymew@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2021 2:25 PM  
**To:** Ted Robbins <trobbins@crd.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Moji Shahab <moji@parsidevelopment.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Update water supply Finney Road from Luxton Rd to Sooke Road

Hi Ted:

If the package has not already gone out to Commissioners please see the following where I made a few corrections.

Sorry about this.

Note 3 submissions, all on emails:

**Thank you for several discussions regarding this ongoing matter.**

**We appreciate a second opportunity for me on behalf of the Mews and our Finney Road Neighbours to update the Commission about the work accomplished the past month to gather more local area support, from impacted industrial neighbours.**

**The letters of support from the Johals and Popadynecs are being forwarded separately.**

**The wisdom to consider a water main from Luxton to Sooke Road, along Finney Road, while an upgrade to a 300 mm diameter water line along Luxton from the Ranger Station near Happy Valley Road to beyond our Finney Road intersection has already been established.**

**We re-emphasize the many high priority food security reasons to support our farming in earnest at the start of Spring 2021. Once we get closer to mid May, the requirement to irrigate will be present and is a top priority for the Mews.**

**In the past few weeks we reached out to other industrial owners. These include Oakcrest Park Estates across from us on Sooke Road, where we were past owners with an undivided share of the lands Oakcrest Park estates now own solely. We just received notice they welcome an adequate water supply going forward.**

**As well we learned the same support from the South Langford Business Park, where a Keycorp employee has already connected with you regarding this.**

**We trust with this new information, all involved will support a positive consideration to adding a water main on Finney all the way to Sooke Road. We expect that further planning would establish having some water available to Sooke Road will serve those neighbours in many ways.**

**Regards,**

**Raymond Mew  
 for the Mews and a growing number of neighbours impacted.  
 250-886-8494**

On Fri, Feb 26, 2021 at 1:22 PM Raymond Mew <[raymew@gmail.com](mailto:raymew@gmail.com)> wrote:

Thank you for several discussions regarding this ongoing matter.

We appreciate a second opportunity for me on behalf of the Mews and our Finney Road Neighbours to update the Commission to update them about the work accomplished the past month to gather more local area support, from impacted industrial neighbours.

The letters of support from the Johals and Popadynecs are being forwarded separately,

The wisdom to consider a water main from Luxton to Sooke Road, along Finney Road, while an upgrade to a 300 mm diameter water line along Luxton from the Ranger Station near Happy Valley Road to beyond our Finney Road intersection has already been established.

We re-emphasize the many high priority food security reasons to support our farming in earnest at the start of Spring 2021. Once we get closer to mid May, the requirement to irrigate will be present for us, and is a top priority for us.

In the past few weeks we reached out to other industrial owners. These include Oakcrest Park Estates across from us on Sooke Road, where we were past owners with an undivided share of the lands they now own solely. We just received notice they welcome an adequate water supply going forward.

As well we learned the same support from the South Langford Business Park, where a Keycorp employee has already connected with you regarding this.

We trust with this new information all involved will support a positive consideration to adding a water main on Finney all the way to Sooke Road. WE expect that further planning would establish having some water available to Sooke Road will serve those neighbours in many ways.

Thank you for agreeing to hear our further elaborations regarding this on the upcoming Juan de Fuca Water Commission meeting on Tuesday March 2nd, where we presume this will be at Noon, via Zoom. I look forward to the information to log in.

Regards,

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for the Mews and a growing number of neighbours impacted.  
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