

Request for Decision

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REQUEST

Increase the monthly water system fee in the Moyie Water System Service Area in 2025, 2026, & 2027; increase Connection and Turn On/Off fees; add Disconnection fees.

OPTIONS

1. THAT Bylaw No. 3389 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Moyie Water System Regulation and Fee Bylaw No. 1641, 2002 – Amendment Bylaw No. 8, 2025" be introduced.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 3389 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Moyie Water System Regulation and Fee Bylaw No. 1641, 2002 – Amendment Bylaw No. 8, 2025" be amended by _____; and further, that Bylaw No. 3389 be introduced.
3. THAT Bylaw No. 3389 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Moyie Water System Regulation and Fee Bylaw No. 1641, 2002 – Amendment Bylaw No. 8, 2025" not proceed.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The water fee increases equate to approximately 14% in 2025, 12% in 2026, and 11% in 2027 and are warranted by increased operating costs and the need to increase reserve contributions. Water fees in Moyie were last revised in 2024 through the 2022 amendment bylaw. Service Connection and Turn On/Turn Off fees will increase and Service Disconnection fees will be added to bring the bylaw into line with other RDEK utilities. Dates for increases to come into effect for 2026 and 2027 have been changed from July 1 to January 1 to make the budgeting process easier.

The fee increases were discussed during budget meetings with Director Gay.

SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

Communications

Community will be apprised of fee increases by way of newsletter, email, and social media.

Process

Following introduction, the Bylaw will be presented to Board for three readings and adoption.

Attachment

- Bylaw 3389