

Request for Decision

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REQUEST

Increase the water system monthly user fee in the Rushmere Water System Service Area in 2025, 2026, and 2027, and to change the date that the increases take effect in 2026 and 2027.

OPTIONS

1. THAT Bylaw No. 3390 cited as “Regional District of East Kootenay – Rushmere Water System Regulation and Fee Bylaw No. 2156, 2009 – Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2025” be introduced.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 3390 cited as “Regional District of East Kootenay – Rushmere Water System Regulation and Fee Bylaw No. 2156, 2009 – Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2025” be amended by _____; and further, that Bylaw Bo. 3390 be introduced.
3. THAT Bylaw No. 3390 cited as “Regional District of East Kootenay – Rushmere Water System Regulation and Fee Bylaw No. 2156, 2009 – Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2025” not proceed.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The water fee increases equate to approximately 9% in 2025, 4% in 2026, and 12% in 2027 and are warranted by increased operating costs and the need to increase reserve contributions. Water fees in Rushmere were last revised in 2024 through the 2023 amendment bylaw. As of 2026, fee increases will take effect January 1 instead of July 1 as measure to simplify the budget process.

The fee increases were discussed during budget meetings with Director Clovechok and with the Utility Advisory Commission.

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