

Request for Decision

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REQUEST

Increase the monthly water system fee in the Edgewater Water System Service Area in 2025, 2026, & 2027; change the date the increases take effect in 2026 and 2027; increase Connection and Turn On/Off Fees; and add Disconnection Fees.

OPTIONS

1. THAT Bylaw No. 3391 cited as “Regional District of East Kootenay – Edgewater Water System Regulation and Fee Bylaw No. 1879, 2005 – Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 2025” be introduced.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 3391 cited as “Regional District of East Kootenay – Edgewater Water System Regulation and Fee Bylaw No. 1879, 2005 – Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 2025” be amended by _____; and further, that Bylaw No. 3391 be introduced.
3. THAT Bylaw No. 3391 cited as “Regional District of East Kootenay – Edgewater Water System Regulation and Fee Bylaw No. 1879, 2005 – Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 2025” not proceed.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The water fee increases equate to approximately 9% in 2025, 8% in 2026, and 7% in 2027 and are warranted by increased operating costs and the need to increase reserve contributions. Water fees in Edgewater were last revised in 2024 through the 2022 amendment bylaw. Service Connection and Turn On/Turn Off Fees will also increase and Service Disconnection fees will be added to bring the bylaw in line with other RDEK utilities. The date for fee increases to take effect will be changed in 2026 from July 1 to January 1 to make the budgeting process easier.

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

Attachment