Request for Decision

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Subject	Bylaw No. 3392 – Edgewater Sewer System Regulation and Fee Bylaw Amendment

REQUEST

Increase the monthly water system fee in the Edgewater Sewer System Service Area in 2025, 2026, & 2027; amend the date fee increases take effect; increase Connection fees; add Disconnection fees

OPTIONS

1. THAT Bylaw No. 3392 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Edgewater Sewer System Regulation and Fee Bylaw No. 1626, 2002 – Amendment Bylaw No. 6, 2025" be introduced.

2. THAT Bylaw No. 3392 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Edgewater Sewer System Regulation and Fee Bylaw No. 1626, 2002 – Amendment Bylaw No. 6, 2025" be amended by _____; and further, that Bylaw No. 3392 be introduced.

3. THAT Bylaw No. 3392 cited as "Regional District of East Kootenay – Edgewater Sewer System Regulation and Fee Bylaw No. 1626, 2002 – Amendment Bylaw No. 6, 2025" not proceed.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The sewer fee increases equate to approximately 24% in 2025, 13% in 2026, and 14% in 2027 and are warranted by increased operating costs and the need to increase reserve contributions. Sewer fees in Edgewater were last revised in 2024 through the 2024 amendment bylaw. Service Connection fees will be increased and Service Disconnection fees will be added to bring the Bylaw in 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 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
- Bylaw 3392