

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

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From: Dustin Zahara, Engineering & Community Services Tech

File No: 39-20-20-1581,2020

Subject: Deroche Water System Rates and Fees Amendment

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as "*Fraser Valley Regional District Deroche Water Supply and Distribution System Fees and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1581, 2020*".

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BACKGROUND

The Fraser Valley Regional District's Deroche Water System operates on revenue streams from a parcel tax as well as a user fee collected in the form of a Quarterly utility bill.

DISCUSSION

Fraser Valley Regional District Deroche Water Supply and Distribution System Fees and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 0198, 2000 specifies a minimum monthly charge for the quarterly utility bill of Residential, Commercial and Institutional customers. The bylaw proposed, *Fraser Valley Regional District Deroche Water Supply and Distribution System Fees and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1581, 2020*, specifies a minimum monthly charge for the quarterly utility bill for Residential customers of \$30, Commercial rate being the greater of \$0.72 per cubic metre or \$38.10 and Institutional customers of \$77. In the event that costs necessary to deliver the service are less than anticipated in a given budget year, then a lesser amount of water user fees may be charged, all other aspects of the bylaw remain unchanged.

The purpose of the change is to adjust the Deroche Water System's revenue stream to put a higher emphasis on user fees. The previous bylaw was written in 2000 and has had no increases to billing in that time.

COST

The changes proposed by this bylaw will only affect the streams through which revenue is collected for this service area. The overall service area budget remains unchanged.

COMMENTS BY:

Sterling Chan, Manager of Engineering & Infrastructure Reviewed and supported.

Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Community Services: Reviewed and supported.

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services: Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.