



Kelowna Integrated Water

SEKID project cost recovery

New project fee starts in July

Starting this July, all SEKID domestic water customers will see a new project fee of \$32 per unit per month on their Q3 water bill.

Money collected from this fee will be used to pay SEKID's \$15.3M portion of the project shortfall required to bring the new drinking water system into Southeast Kelowna over the next three years.

The total cost of the project is \$86M and is partially funded by a \$43.9M senior government grant. Construction on the three-year project gets underway this July, primarily in the South Mission area.

For more information on the Kelowna Integrated Water supply project, please visit kelowna.ca/water.

Keeping costs stable

To ease the impact on SEKID ratepayers during the transition into the City utility, SEKID water rates and fees set at the time of amalgamation will remain the same through 2020 – when all ratepayers transfer to the new domestic water system.

In 2021, Southeast Kelowna residents will move to lower city domestic water fees and rates. At that time, the project re-payment fee will increase to approximately \$40 per month until the shortfall cost is recovered.

Using 2017 average city domestic consumption and rates, total annual costs to Southeast Kelowna ratepayers should remain stable throughout this transition.

A gradual transition

On June 4, 2018, the provincial government signed an Order in Council to dissolve the South East Kelowna Irrigation District (SEKID) letters patent and transfer ownership of the water system to the City of Kelowna.

Early dissolution of the Irrigation District was necessary to secure additional funds required to build the \$85-Million Phase 1 – Kelowna Integrated Water project.

Frequently asked questions

Q: Why is my project fee more than \$32 per month?

A: The project fee is applied per billing unit per month. For example this means a property with two dwellings (billing units) will pay:

2 units x \$32 x 3 months = \$192 per quarter.

Q: The project just getting started - Why do we have to start paying now?

A: Both the City and the former SEKID board were committed to helping keep costs as stable as possible for ratepayers over the transition. By starting to collect the fee today, SEKID ratepayers are essentially saving for or pre-paying their portion of the project shortfall, interest-free for two and half years.

Q: What about the water tax? Will that now be on my City property taxes?

A: Not yet. You'll receive your annual water tax notice from SEKID this November as usual. Integration of daily operations into the City Water Utility, including billing and water tax notices, will happen gradually over the next few years and you will receive notification in advance of changes.

Q: Who do I talk to about my water bill?

A: Over the transition, daily operations and customer service for current SEKID water customers continue as usual from the Gully Road office (3235 Gully Road, 250-861-4200). Give us a call, we'll be happy to answer any further questions.



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