

## THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT

### BYLAW NO. 2507

A bylaw to fix Thompson-Nicola Regional District water utilities rates

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WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District is authorized by separate service establishment bylaws or supplementary letters patent to provide for the operation, maintenance, and improvements of various water systems located within the Thompson-Nicola Regional District;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District is empowered to requisition a parcel tax for the annual cost of a service under Sections 803 (1) (b) of the *Local Government Act*, in the manner imposed by Section 806.1 (1) (b) of the *Local Government Act*,

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District is empowered under Sections 803 (1) (c) and 363 of the *Local Government Act* to impose fees and other charges to recover the costs of a local service;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District is also authorized under separate service establishment bylaws or supplementary letters patent to impose such fees, charges and parcel taxes;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District deems it desirable and expedient to set the rates under which Thompson-Nicola Regional District water utilities water is supplied to the parcels located within each of the service areas;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District deem prudent to use one water utilities rates bylaw for optimum clarity and administrative efficiency;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

**1. CITATION**

- 1.1. This bylaw may be cited as the “Thompson-Nicola Regional District Water Utilities Rates Bylaw No. 2507, 2015”.

**2. INTERPRETATION**

- 2.1. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

“All Users” means every Thompson-Nicola Regional District Water Utility System.

“Billing Period” means the period of time over which water is consumed and for which a charge is levied upon each *Owner* supplied with water by a system.

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“Commercial “A” High Usage” means the use of water in processing or servicing or supplying for a premise which is deemed to be significantly greater than residential use, as determined by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

“Commercial “B” Low Usage” means the use of water in processing or servicing or supplying to a premise which is deemed to be greater or equivalent to residential use, as determined by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

“Connection” means an initial service connection from the Community Water System Local Service.

“Discount” means the reduction, outlined in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of this bylaw, to the Rates outlined in Schedule “B – 1” to Schedule “B – 11” charged to a User when an invoice is paid on or before the *Due Date*.

“Due Date” means the date shown on the Water Utility Invoice, which shall be no less than thirty days (30) from the invoice date to fall on a date that the Regional District Administration office is regularly open.

“Owner” means the legal owner or registered lessee of any real property who has the right of access to and control of any land, building or premises to which any of the provisions of this bylaw apply.

“Quarterly” means a period of three months between meter readings; charges for any lesser period shall be calculated on a pro-rata basis.

“Rate” means the price or sum of money to be paid by any consumer for the quantity of water supplied to him or her, as measured by a meter; any *Quarterly* charge, or any Flat Rate charge as provided by this bylaw.

“Regional District” means the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, the Regional District Board of Directors or persons duly authorized to represent the Regional District Board of Directors in respect of this bylaw.

“Residential Usage” means the use of water in servicing or supplying to a place of residence with one or more rooms used for living and sleeping purposes and which contains a kitchen and washroom facilities.

“Seasonal Usage” means the use of water in processing or servicing or supplying to a premise for seasonal commercial operations.

“Service” means the supply of water from the Community Water System Local *Service* to any person, company or corporation and shall include all pipes, taps, valves, *connections* and other things necessary to supply or actually used for the purpose of such supply.

“System” means the Community Water System, which includes all pipes, valves, meters, transmission and distribution lines, pumping equipment, reservoir and the like from the source of water up to and including the individual *Service Connection*.

**3. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 3.1. All *Rates* and charges as set forth in Schedule “A” and Schedule “B – 1” to Schedule “B – 11” of this bylaw take effect on July 1, 2015 and are hereby imposed and levied by the *Regional District* on all water *services* located within the *Regional District* and all such *Rates* shall be payable at the *Regional District* Administration office or other authorized method of payment.
- 3.2. All fees and charges collected under the *Rates* per Parcel will be included as part of the parcel tax requisition and will be included in the amounts considered for approved parcel tax requisition limits as per the *service* establishment bylaws and supplementary letters patent.
- 3.3. All *Rates* and charges as set forth by this bylaw shall be due and payable on or before the *Due Date*.
- 3.4. All amounts shown on the Water Utility Invoice rendered shall be eligible for a *Discount*, as set forth in Schedule “A” and Schedule “B – 1” to Schedule “B – 11”, if paid on or before the *Due Date*.
- 3.5. The *Rates* and charges levied or imposed under the provisions of this bylaw are a special charge upon the lands or real property in respect of which the water is supplied or used. All *Rates* and charges under the provisions of this bylaw, in addition to any other remedies, may be levied, collected and recovered from the *Owner* charged or used in the same manner and subject to the same incidents as taxes upon land and improvements in accordance with the requirements of Section 363 of the Local Government Act.
- 3.6. In all *Systems* except the Loon Lake community water system, the *Rates* imposed under this bylaw will continue to accrue as long as water is normally being supplied, used or is available from a *System* or until such time that notification to turn off the water is received by the Regional District. When a water turn off notice has been received for a property within the Loon Lake community water system, the lower *Rate* shown in Schedule “B-5” will be assessed until the water is turned on.

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adopted  
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2016

**4. METERED SERVICES**

- 4.1. All meters shall be read on a Monthly basis or as frequently as deemed expedient by the *Regional District* or its Agent.

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- 4.2. Accounts in excess of the flat rate for water supplied shall be rendered by the *Regional District* and included as part of the Water Utility Invoice covering the following period.
  - 4.3. Meters will be tested by the *Regional District* upon request, provided that a fee as outlined in Schedule "B – 1" is paid in advance. Such fee is to be refunded if the meter is found to be registering incorrectly; otherwise such fee shall become the property of the applicable Community Water System Local Service.
  - 4.4. Where any water meter fails to register or to properly indicate the quantity of water consumed or used, or where breakages occur on private property, the *Regional District* shall estimate the consumption of water and shall render an account to the *Owner*.
  - 4.5. Where an account is rendered pursuant to this section, the *Regional District*, in estimating the account, shall consider the previous two *Billing Periods* when such meter was registering correctly, seasonal variations, changes in occupancy, and any other factors which, in the opinion of the *Regional District*, may affect the consumption of water.

**5. SEVERABILITY**

- 5.1. If a section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, schedule or part of a schedule of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by decision of a Court in competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

**6. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 6.1. "Thompson-Nicola Regional District Water Utilities Rates Bylaw No. 2342, 2010" is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

READ A SECOND TIME this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

READ A THIRD TIME this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

Original signed by Chair  
Chair

original signed by Corporate Officer  
Corporate Officer

TNRD Water Utilities Rates  
Amendment Bylaw No. 2565  
adopted April 7, 2016

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**REGIONAL DISTRICT WATER UTILITIES**

**ALL USERS**

1. DISCOUNT ON WATER UTILITY INVOICES:

- (a) Ten percent (10%) of the invoiced amount.

**Discount not applicable to Water Connection and Turn On/Off Fees.**

2. WATER CONNECTION AND TURN ON/TURN OFF FEES:

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| (a) Turn On    | \$50.00  |
| (b) Turn Off   | \$50.00  |
| (c) Connection | \$300.00 |

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**SCHEDULE "B – 1"**  
**BLACK PINES COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM**

**RESIDENTIAL USAGE**

1. FLAT RATE PER QUARTERLY BILLING PERIOD:

<u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u>
July 1, 2015 (and each year after)	\$300.00

2. METERED CONSUMPTION RATES – WINTER (OCTOBER 1 TO MARCH 31):

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|-----|---|--------------------|
| (a) | For the first 50 cubic meters of water consumed in any calendar month;  | \$0.00/cubic meter |
| (b) | For each cubic meter of water consumed or used in a calendar month in excess of 50 cubic meters but less than 100 cubic meters in aggregate;  | \$1.50/cubic meter |
| (c) | For each cubic meter of water consumed or used in a calendar month in excess of 100 cubic meters but less than 200 cubic meters in aggregate; | \$2.00/cubic meter |
| (d) | For each cubic meter of water consumed or used in a calendar month in excess of 200 cubic meters.   | \$2.50/cubic meter |

3. METERED CONSUMPTION RATES – SUMMER (APRIL 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30):

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|-----|---|--------------------|
| (a) | For the first 100 cubic meters of water consumed in any calendar month;   | \$0.00/cubic meter |
| (b) | For each cubic meter of water consumed or used in a calendar month in excess of 100 cubic meters but less than 200 cubic meters in aggregate; | \$1.50/cubic meter |
| (c) | For each cubic meter of water consumed or used in a calendar month in excess of 200 cubic meters but less than 400 cubic meters in aggregate; | \$2.00/cubic meter |
| (d) | For each cubic meter of water consumed or used in a calendar month in excess of 400 cubic meters.   | \$2.50/cubic meter |

4. METER TESTING FEE: \$250.00/test

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**SCHEDULE "B – 2"**  
**BLUE RIVER COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM**

FLAT RATE PER QUARTERLY BILLING PERIOD:

**RESIDENTIAL USAGE**

		<u>July 1, 2015</u>
1.	(a) Single family dwelling	\$135.00
	(b) Single family dwelling used as a multiple dwelling, boarding house, etc.	\$215.00
	(c) Each additional dwelling, cabin, trailer or other accommodation on the same parcel of land utilizing one connection, using water from system	\$135.00
	(d) Duplex, suites or apartment building (per unit)	\$135.00
	(e) Trailer (in trailer court)	\$135.00

**COMMERCIAL "A" HIGH USAGE**

		<u>July 1, 2015</u>
1.	(a) Store, bank, office building, garage, service station	\$180.00
	(b) Restaurant, coffee shop, bar, tavern, or drive-in whether operated separately or in conjunction with a hotel/motel	\$180.00
	(c) School	\$280.00
	(d) Sawmill or other industrial facilities having washrooms, lunchrooms, or other employee facilities	\$400.00
	(e) Laundromat	
	(i) Main structure	\$140.00
	(ii) Per washer	\$25.00
	(f) Campsites	
	(i) Office	\$135.00
	(ii) Per campsite	\$5.25
	(g) Railway	\$280.00
	(h) Hotel/Motel/Resort/Bunkhouse	
	(i) Main structure	\$135.00
	(ii) Per sleeping unit	\$25.00
	(iii) Per housekeeping unit	\$30.00

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**COMMERCIAL “B” LOW USAGE**

	<u>July 1, 2015</u>
1. (a) Office	\$135.00
(b) Church	\$135.00
(c) Firehall	\$200.00
(d) Recreation commission building being used as required	\$135.00
(e) Recreation commission building being used in peak periods	\$200.00
(f) Non-profit organization drawing water from system on a non-daily basis	\$135.00
(g) Home-based hair salon	\$135.00
(h) Home-based business	\$135.00

**SEASONAL USAGE**

	<u>July 1, 2015</u>
1. (a) Commercial rafting operations having central washrooms or laundry facilities	\$135.00

**METERED CONSUMPTION RATES**

	<u>July 1, 2015</u>
1. (a) Per cubic meter	\$1.00

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**SCHEDULE "B – 3"**  
**DEL ORO COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM**

**RESIDENTIAL USAGE**

1. FLAT RATE PER QUARTERLY BILLING PERIOD:

<u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u>
July 1, 2015 (and each year after)	\$300.00

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**SCHEDULE "B – 4"**  
**EVERGREEN COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM**

**RESIDENTIAL USAGE**

1. FLAT RATE PER QUARTERLY BILLING PERIOD:

<u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u>
July 1, 2015 (and each year after)	\$300.00

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**SCHEDULE "B – 5"**  
**LOON LAKE COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM**

**RESIDENTIAL USAGE**

1. FLAT RATE PER QUARTERLY BILLING PERIOD:

<u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
July 1, 2015	\$210.00	When water service is turned on
(and each year after)	\$105.00	When water service is turned off

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**SCHEDULE "B – 6"**  
**MAPLE MISSION COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM**

**RESIDENTIAL USAGE**

1. FLAT RATE PER QUARTERLY BILLING PERIOD:

<u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u>
July1, 2015 (and each year after)	\$300.00

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**SCHEDULE "B – 7"**  
**PRITCHARD COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM**

**RESIDENTIAL USAGE**

1. FLAT RATE PER QUARTERLY BILLING PERIOD:

<u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u>
July 1, 2015 (and each year after)	\$150.00

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**SCHEDULE "B – 8"**  
**SAVONA COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM**

**RESIDENTIAL USAGE**

1. FLAT RATE PER QUARTERLY BILLING PERIOD:

<u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u>
July 1, 2015 (and each year after)	\$ 135.00

2. METERED CONSUMPTION RATES:

(a) Minimum quarterly charge for the first Thirty Thousand (30,000) gallons of water consumed	\$105.00
(b) For every One Thousand (1,000) gallons thereafter used per quarter	\$4.00

3. METER TESTING FEE: \$250.00/test

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**SCHEDULE "B – 9"**  
**SPENCES BRIDGE COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM**

**FLAT RATE PER QUARTERLY BILLING PERIOD:**

**RESIDENTIAL USAGE**

	<u>July 1, 2015</u>
1. (a) Single family dwelling	\$150.00
(b) Single family dwelling used as a multiple dwelling, boarding house, etc.	\$250.00
(c) Each additional dwelling, cabin, trailer or other accommodation on the same parcel of land utilizing one connection, using water from system	\$150.00
(d) Duplex, suites or apartment building (per unit)	\$150.00
(e) Trailer (in trailer court)	\$150.00

**COMMERCIAL "A" HIGH USAGE**

	<u>July 1, 2015</u>
1. (a) Store, bank, office building, garage, service station	\$210.00
(b) Restaurant, coffee shop, bar, tavern, or drive-in whether operated separately or in conjunction with a hotel/motel	\$210.00
(c) School	\$325.00
(d) Sawmill or other industrial facilities having washrooms, lunchrooms, or other employee facilities	\$900.00
(e) Laundromat	
(i) Main structure	\$150.00
(ii) Per washer	\$28.00

	<u>July 1, 2015</u>
(f) Campsites	
(i) Office	\$150.00
(ii) Per campsite	\$6.25
(g) Railway	\$325.00
(h) Hotel/Motel/Resort	
(i) Main structure	\$150.00
(ii) Per sleeping unit	\$25.00
(iii) Per housekeeping unit	\$31.25

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**COMMERCIAL “B” LOW USAGE**

	<u>July 1, 2015</u>
1. (a) Office	\$150.00
(b) Church	\$150.00
(c) Firehall	\$210.00
(d) Recreation commission building being used as required	\$150.00
(e) Recreation commission building being used in peak periods	\$210.00
(f) Non-profit organization drawing water from system on a non-daily basis	\$150.00
(g) Home-based hair salon	\$150.00
(h) Home-based business	\$150.00

**SEASONAL USAGE**

	<u>July 1, 2015</u>
1. (a) Commercial rafting operations having central washrooms or laundry facilities	\$150.00

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**SCHEDULE "B-10"**

**VAVENBY COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM**

**FLAT RATE PER QUARTERLY BILLING PERIOD:**

**RESIDENTIAL USAGE**

1.	(a)	Single family dwelling	\$150.00
	(b)	Single family dwelling used as a multiple dwelling, boarding house, etc.	\$250.00
	(c)	Each additional dwelling, cabin, trailer or other accommodation on the same parcel of land utilizing one connection, using water from system	\$150.00
	(d)	Duplex, suites or apartment building (per unit)	\$150.00
	(e)	Trailer (in trailer court)	\$150.00

**COMMERCIAL "A" HIGH USAGE**

1.	(a)	Store, bank, office building, garage, service station	\$210.00
	(b)	Restaurant, coffee shop, bar, tavern, or drive-in whether operated separately or in conjunction with a hotel/motel	\$210.00
	(c)	School	\$325.00
	(d)	Laundromat	
		(i) Main structure	\$150.00
		(ii) Per washer	\$28.00
	(e)	Campsites	
		(i) Office	\$150.00
		(ii) Per campsite	\$6.25
	(f)	Railway	\$325.00
	(g)	Hotel/Motel/Resort	
		(i) Main structure	\$150.00
		(ii) Per sleeping unit	\$25.00
		(iii) Per housekeeping unit	\$31.25

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**COMMERCIAL “B” LOW USAGE**

1.	(a)	Office	\$150.00
	(b)	Church	\$150.00
	(c)	Firehall	\$210.00
	(d)	Recreation commission building being used as required	\$150.00
	(e)	Recreation commission building being used in peak periods	\$210.00
	(f)	Non-profit organization drawing water from system on a non-daily basis	\$150.00
	(g)	Home-based hair salon	\$150.00
	(h)	Home-based business	\$150.00

**SEASONAL USAGE**

1.	(a)	Commercial rafting operations having central washrooms or laundry facilities	\$150.00
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METERED RATE PER QUARTERLY BILLING PERIOD:

**COMMERCIAL “A” HIGH USAGE**

1.	(a)	Sawmill or other industrial facilities having washrooms, lunchrooms, or other employee facilities:	
		• For the first 150 cubic meters of water consumed in any calendar month	\$1.25/cubic meter
		• For each cubic meter of water consumed or used in a calendar month in excess of 150 cubic meters but less than 1500 cubic meters in aggregate	\$1.50/cubic meter
		• For each cubic meter of water consumed or used in a calendar month in excess of 1500 cubic meters in aggregate	\$2.25/cubic meter

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**SCHEDULE "B – 11"**  
**WALHACHIN COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM**

**RESIDENTIAL USAGE**

1. FLAT RATE PER QUARTERLY BILLING PERIOD:

<u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u>
July 1, 2015 (and each year after)	\$ 223.50