



## COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: March 25, 2025

From: Ron Bowles, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: **Utility Fee Amendments Bylaw 0028.83, 2025**

Report Prepared by: Lisa Siavashi, Financial Services Manager /Deputy CFO

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**RECOMMENDATION** to Consider and Resolve:

**THAT** Council adopt “City of West Kelowna Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 0028.83, 2025”.

### **STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS**

**Invest in Infrastructure** – We will invest in building, improving and maintaining infrastructure to meet the needs of, and to provide a high quality of life for, current and future generations.

**Pursue Economic Growth and Prosperity** – We will work with stakeholders throughout the region to advocate for and support efforts aimed at helping West Kelowna businesses prosper. With a focus on the future, we will advance opportunities to expand our economy, increase employment, and develop the community in ways that contribute towards prosperity for all.

**Strengthen Our Community** – We will provide opportunities for the residents of West Kelowna to build connections, celebrate successes, embrace the community's strengths and diversity, address shared needs, and contribute to shaping the community's future.

**Foster Safety and Well-Being** – We will pursue through direct action, advocacy, and collaboration with local and regional service providers, investments in community health, needs-based housing, emergency preparedness, policing, and other services that foster safety and well-being in West Kelowna.

### **BACKGROUND**

At the March 11, 2025, regular meeting, Council gave three readings to Bylaw Amendment 0028.83. Staff presented the new utility fees proposed for 2025 for Water and Sewer services and increases needed were approximately 6.3% for the sewer rates,

5.7% for Rose Valley water rates, and 9.45% for Powers Creek water rates. This bylaw is now before Council for consideration of adoption.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed sewer and water rates are designed to meet the financial needs of the City for 2025 and will be reviewed as part of our annual budget process and amended as required.

Staff will continue to review the timing of capital requests and operating needs year over year as well as prepare a new rate schedule for Council to review in 2026. A water rate study is currently on the 10 year capital plan for 2026.

The combined financial implications for the average residential customer are:

	Powers Creek	Rose Valley
Sewer	\$ 6.51	\$ 6.51
Water	\$ 25.00	\$ 15.00
Garbage	\$ -	\$ -
Total Quarterly Utility Increase	\$ 31.51	\$ 21.51
Total Annual Utiltiy Increase	\$ 126.04	\$ 86.04

## COUNCIL REPORT / RESOLUTION HISTORY

Date	Report Topic / Resolution	Resolution No.
March 11, 2025	<b>THAT</b> “City of West Kelowna Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 0028., 2025” be given first, second and third reading.	

**Alternate Recommendation** to Consider and Resolve:

**THAT** Council direct staff to modify “Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 0028.83, 2025” by [Council to provide direction].

**REVIEWED BY**

Trevor Seibel, Deputy CAO/Deputy Corporate Officer

**APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY**

Ron Bowles, Chief Administrative Officer

Powerpoint: Yes ☐ No ☒

Attachments: Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw B0028.83, 2025