



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: September 8, 2025

Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

Council has directed administration to prepare an outdoor watering schedule for consideration. Water restrictions will apply to outdoor water use to promote water conservation.

Key features of the schedule include:

- The watering schedule has been incorporated directly into the *Water Shortage Response Plan*, which now reads *The Town of Claresholm Watering Schedule and Water Shortage Response Plan*
- New schedule for Residential and Commercial Manual and Automatic Sprinkling when water levels in Pine Coulee reservoir are at 'Normal' levels (1052.5m-1046m).
- New schedule for Public Institutional Irrigation when water levels in Pine Coulee reservoir are at 'Normal' levels
- Limit watering to 3 continuous hours in each morning or evening for Manual, Automatic and Irrigating.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

Administration is preparing options for an incentive or rebate program that offsets costs of low flow construction installations (toilets, showers) and/or landscaping that conserves water. Administration is also preparing water conservation communications to accompany the new watering schedule. Both items will be ready for council consideration when the bylaw comes back to council for 2nd and 3rd readings.

UPDATE: Administration would like council direction – will this be enforced immediately or would council like an education period, with enforcement beginning in the spring of 2026? If council would like an education period, we can amend the Watering Schedule as outlined in 'Schedule E' to take effect in 2026.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councillor _____ to give Bylaw 1812, the Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw 2nd Reading.

Moved by Councillor _____ to give Bylaw 1812, the Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw 3rd Reading.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) Bylaw 1812, Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw Amendment
- 2.) Bylaw 1812 Schedule E Watering Schedule and Water Shortage Response Plan