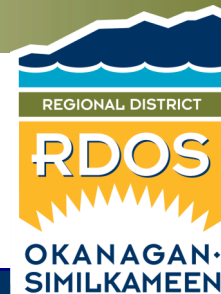


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### Clean Water and Wastewater Grant Fund: Water System Alarming and Communication Upgrades

In November 2016, Canada and British Columbia opened the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) grant program. The purpose of the funding is to support infrastructure projects in communities across the province that are undertaken and completed in 2017/2018. The Regional District submitted an application to add communications and alarming hardware to the pump house and the reservoir on Sun Valley Way. This program funds up to a maximum of eighty-three percent (83%) of the total eligible project costs with fifty percent (50%) contributed by the Government of Canada and thirty-three percent (33%) by the Province of British Columbia. The remaining costs will be recovered from user fees of the Sun Valley water system.



We received the great news in April 2017 that the grant funding was approved! The total budget for the upgrade is \$44,000 and Sun Valley ratepayers will pay \$7,500 of that. Work will be getting underway this Spring.

### Federal Gas Tax Funding: Water System Upgrades

In addition to the improvements noted above, the mechanical systems, controls, and pumps for the water system are aging, becoming less reliable and require replacement.

To address these issues, the RDOS Board of Directors chose to use Regionally Significant Project Gas Tax Funds for upgrades to the Sun Valley Water System. The RDOS is currently accepting proposals from contractors to design and construct the required system upgrades. Construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2018, and wrap up in the Fall/Winter of 2018. The available funding from the Regionally Significant Gas Tax Fund is \$120,000 and will cover the full cost of the project (100% funding) therefore no contribution from the water system users is required.

## GRANT FUNDING SUCCESS - SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECTS PROCEED!



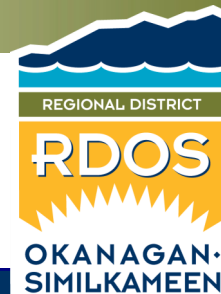
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### New Rate for 2018

The RDOS assumed operations of the Sun Valley Water System on January 1, 2017 and our operators have spent the year becoming familiar with it and developing a better understanding of the costs associated with full operation of the system. Rates are required to be increased in 2018 to cover costs associated with your share of the capital projects identified on the previous page, but also to reflect the actual costs associated with basic system operation and the need to show continuous improvement in meeting Interior Health Authority mandates on drinking water quality and source water protection.

Rates will be increased from **\$844** Annual Domestic Rate per Parcel at a 6 gallon per minute water allotment in 2017 to **\$1,475** Annual Domestic Rate per Parcel at a 6 gallon per minute water allotment in 2018. For information on additional irrigation rates see the table below. Utility account customers have the option of setting up an account on a Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP) schedule which allows payments to be made either monthly or on the due date. If you wish to do this, you must complete and sign a Pre-Authorized Payment Form. This form authorizes us to process an automatic bank withdrawal from your account for amounts billed to you for your Water and Garbage/Recycling fees. Depending on which option you choose, PAP's will either be processed on the invoice due date, or if monthly payments are chosen - the last business day of each month. These forms are also available from our office or on our website at [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca).

### Fee Break Down

In addition to the above Annual Base Rate Per Parcel with the exception of Grade I the following Irrigation rates will also apply (these rates have not been changed from 2017 levels):

Category	Description	Annual Fee
Grade A1	Shall comprise of every parcel of land with a 3 gallon per minute dole valve.	\$ 137
Grade B	Shall comprise of every parcel of land with a 12 gallon per minute dole valve.	\$ 546
Grade C	Shall comprise of every parcel of land with an 18 gallon per minute dole valve.	\$ 819
Grade D	Shall comprise of every parcel of land with a 24 gallon per minute dole valve.	\$ 1,092
Grade E	Shall comprise of every parcel of land with a 30 gallon per minute dole valve.	\$ 1,364
Grade F	Shall comprise of every parcel of land with a 36 gallon per minute dole valve.	\$ 1,637
Grade G	Shall comprise of every parcel of land with a 39 gallon per minute dole valve.	\$ 1,774
Grade H 1	Shall comprise of every parcel of land with a 175 gallon per minute dole valve.	\$ 7,970
Grade H 2	Shall comprise of every parcel of land with a 120 gallon per minute dole valve.	\$ 5,466
Grade I	Shall comprise of every parcel of land to which water cannot be supplied.	\$ 781
	Out of Season Irrigation is 1.25/day x gpm delivered per dole valve	\$ 98

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