

July 2020

# IMPORTANT UPDATE ABOUT YOUR WATER!



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CITY PROVINCE POSTAL CODE

*Moving forward to deliver  
clean, safe and reliable drinking  
water to our future Rose Valley  
Water Treatment Plant users*

## How Rose Valley Water Treatment Plant Users Pay in 2022

Property owners in the future Rose Valley Water Treatment Plant (RVWTP) area currently pay \$116 per year in preparation for the plant. We need to reach \$150 per year in 2022. After the \$34 increase, there will be no further annual increases to design, build and finance the plant. That annual amount of \$150 would then pay for the plant over the recommended long-term borrowing period.

### WHAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE?

The water rate increase by 2022 will be no more than \$34 per property from what future RVWTP users pay today.

**It's not about whether the RVWTP plant will be built. It's about the best option to pay for water service.**



### RECOMMENDED OPTION

✓ **Long-Term Borrowing**

- Users pay \$116 per year today
- Users will pay \$150 per year by 2022 (an increase of \$34 over two years)
- That annual \$150 per year will cover the cost to design, build and finance the plant over the long-term borrowing period with no further increases

#### LIKE THIS OPTION?

**Do nothing until we contact  
you in 2022.**



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# ✓ RECOMMENDED OPTION: LONG-TERM BORROWING



On July 14, 2020, City Council voted in favour of pursuing long-term borrowing using an 'up to' financing model. This means the City only borrows what it needs, and only when it's needed, beginning in 2022.

Securing the financing today that allows the City to draw the funds in 2022 will ensure the costs are covered for the remaining part of construction activity. To retain Federal and Provincial Canada Infrastructure Grant funding of \$41 M, and to prevent cost escalation, the City must determine the desire of future RVWTP users about how to pay well in advance of 2022.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

**This update is to provide advanced notice that the process is getting underway, and to watch for more information well in advance of 2022.**

The City is undertaking a legislative process (by mail) called a Council Initiative – Subject to Petition Against. This is to determine from RVWTP property owners if they agree with the recommended long term borrowing. If they agree, there is no action required. If they do not agree, property owners would sign the counter petition against form and return it to the City within a 30-day period.

Alternatives, such as short-term borrowing (e.g. 5-year or 1-year), do not require property owner approval and would result in higher repayment terms. Council would like to understand if RVWTP users are opposed to the recommended option to pay for their water service (with the option to pay it out early).

Watch your mail for more information in the coming weeks. Visit online at [westkelownacity.ca/rvwtp](http://westkelownacity.ca/rvwtp) and subscribe to receive timely e-updates.

**It's about how to pay, not if the plant is being built!**

*Note: water users of Powers Creek and WFN water systems are not affected by this initiative.*

