



## CITY COUNCIL

# Meetings of the Minds

## TO CHANGE

Starting in 2019, Council Committee of the Whole (COTW) meetings will be held once a month (first Monday), instead of the current 2x per month. Regular Council meetings will still be held 2x per month.

In August 2018, the City moved to the COTW structure to hear and debate City issues. Comprised of the Mayor and all members of Council, this format is more informal, enabling more free discussion of issues, ideas, and recommendations prior to being advanced to Council meetings for formal consideration. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The new approach moves the COTW to 6 pm from its current 1:30 pm, enhancing ability for residents to participate in these meetings. There is some administrative cost efficiency without compromising the ability for Council to make timely decisions.

These days, it's easy to take local government for granted amidst our busy schedules. But the more who choose to contribute in positive way, the more exceptional our community can be.

## 2018/2019 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

**Monday, December 17, 2018**

Monday, January 7, 2019  
Monday, January 21, 2019  
Monday, February 4, 2019  
Tuesday, February 19, 2019  
Monday, March 4, 2019  
Monday, March 18, 2019  
Monday, April 1, 2019  
Monday, April 15, 2019  
Monday, May 6, 2019  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
Monday, June 10, 2019  
Monday, June 24, 2019  
Monday, July 15, 2019  
Monday, August 12, 2019  
Tuesday, September 3, 2019  
Monday, September 16, 2019  
Monday, October 7, 2019  
Monday, October 21, 2019  
Monday, November 4, 2019  
Monday, November 18, 2019  
Monday, December 2, 2019  
Monday, December 16, 2019

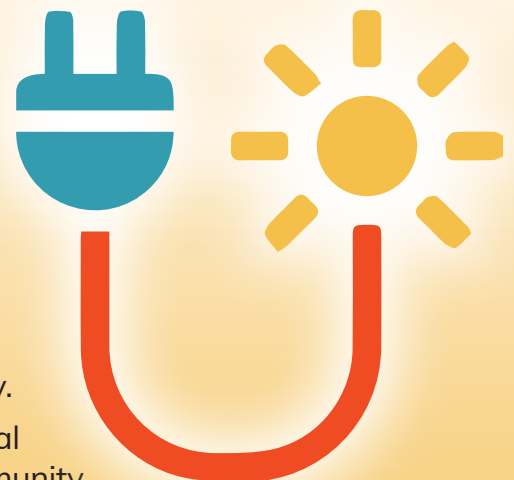
## MAKING ELECTRIC HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES

Council has approved application for \$90K in funding from Columbia Basin Trust, and BC Solar Now to install solar panels on City Hall.

The size of the project will depend on the amount of grant funding received. The City's share of the project will be \$11K. Annual net revenue (cost savings) is estimated at \$2700 annually.

Castlegar's Official Community Plan supports expanded municipal facility energy efficiency, and movement toward self-reliant community energy needs and alternative energy generation - including solar, geo-thermal, micro-hydro, bio-fuels, and wind.

While solar energy accounts for a fraction of 1% of BC's electricity generation, the West Kootenay is among the best regions in BC – and Canada - for average annual energy production potential from the sun.



# NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR 2019

The more you use, the more you pay. The less we all use, the more tax efficient the utility system is. Make sure the utility system supports itself (revenues - expenses + reserve for system fixes and upgrades). This is the rationale for the City's transition to a metered, consumption-based water and sewer rate system as of January, 2018.

As part of a three-year transition plan, water and sewer flat and consumption rates will rise modestly in 2019 for multi-family residential, and industrial/ commercial/institutional properties while staying the same for single family residences.

In addition, the 100m<sup>3</sup> cap on water use charges has been removed given residents have had time to adjust to the new price structure. Fees for a number of water and sewer services like new connections/disconnections will rise to ensure that a policy of 100% cost recovery to provide these services is met.

A low-income household rate identified as a potential in 2018 will not be created given the consumption rate has been designed so that most households won't exceed the flat rate fee.

**FIGURE 1 - PROPOSED CHANGES TO WATER RATES**

WATER RATES	SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (with meters)		MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (with meters)		INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL & INSTITUTIONAL (with meters)	
	NOW	2019 RATES	NOW	2019 RATES	NOW	2019 RATES
Flat Rate	\$360.00 (for 3 Years)	<b>\$360.00 (for 3 Years)</b>	\$192.00 (yr 1)	<b>\$228.00 (yr 2)</b>	\$252.00 (yr 1)	<b>\$288.00 (yr 2)</b>
Consumption Rate	\$0.68/cu/m over 30 cu/m (for 3 Years)	<b>\$0.68/cu/m over 30 cu/m (for 3 Years)</b>	\$0.38/cu/m for all flows	<b>\$0.48/cu/m for all flows</b>	\$0.38/cu/m for all flows	<b>\$0.48/cu/m for all flows</b>

## WATER RATES WITHOUT METERS

### Single Family Residential and ICI

<b>YEAR 1</b>	2017 Charge + 10%
<b>YEAR 2</b>	Year 1 Annual Charge + 10%
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Year 2 Annual Charge + 10%

### Multi Family

<b>YEAR 1</b>	2017 Annual Charge
<b>YEAR 2</b>	2017 Annual Charge
<b>YEAR 3</b>	2017 Annual Charge

**FIGURE 2 - PROPOSED CHANGES TO SEWER RATES**

SEWER RATES	SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (with meters)		MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (with meters)		INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL & INSTITUTIONAL (with meters)	
	NOW	2019 RATES	NOW	2019 RATES	NOW	2019 RATES
Flat Rate	\$288.00 (for 3 Years)	<b>\$288.00 (for 3 Years)</b>	\$144.00 (yr 1)	<b>\$168.00 (yr 2)</b>	\$288.00 (yr 1)	<b>\$366.00 (yr 2)</b>
Consumption Rate	\$0.38/cu/m, but capped at 30/cu/m from May to Sept. (for 3 Years)	<b>\$0.38/cu/m, but capped at 30/cu/m from May to Sept. (for 3 Years)</b>	\$0.38/cu/m, but capped at 25/cu/m from May to Sept. (for 3 Years)	<b>\$0.38/cu/m, but capped at 25/cu/m from May to Sept. (for 3 Years)</b>	\$0.44/cu/m, but with a 10% discount May to Sept. (for 3 Years)	<b>\$0.44/cu/m, but with a 10% discount May to Sept. (for 3 Years)</b>

## SEWER RATES WITHOUT METERS

### Single Family Residential and ICI

<b>YEAR 1</b>	2017 Charge + 10%
<b>YEAR 2</b>	Year 1 Annual Charge + 10%
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Year 2 Annual Charge + 10%

### Multi Family

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