

**HEDLEY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 276
Water Toll Bylaw**

A bylaw for fixing tolls and other charges payable to the Improvement District and the terms of payment thereof and providing for a percentage addition to encourage prompt payment.

The Trustees of the HEDLEY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (District) ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Interpretation:** For the purpose of this bylaw:
 - a) **Basic fixed rate property:** (Class R) means any property with an active connection to the DISTRICT water system, not classified into Classes C, NP, USIB, HVFD, and PARKS below;
 - b) **Commercial property:** (Class C) means a property with an active connection to the DISTRICT water system, that is primarily for commercial use, such as a store, restaurant, coffee shop, pub, two or more rental apartments, motel or hostel, garage, gas station, and includes businesses that use water in the production of products or services which are sold to the public such as greenhouses and commercial kitchens. Notwithstanding the foregoing, premises used as occasional or temporary rental units, such as Air BNB, are excluded from this definition. Utilities, such as Fortis and Telus are included in this class.
 - c) **Non-profit organization:** (Class NP) means a non-profit organization that provides a service primarily to the DISTRICT community, such as a church, museum, community centre, etc.
 - d) **Owner:** means the person shown in the register of the land title office as the owner of the freehold estate of a property;
 - e) **USIB (Upper Similkameen Indian Band):** means that part of Indian Reserve No. 2 (Chuchuwayha) as shown on Registered Plan M 9138 and approved by Order in Council 1715, which is the Chuchuwayha Hall, the Chuchuwayha Family Centre and the Snazai'st Interpretation Centre.
 - f) **HVFD:** means the Hedley Volunteer Fire Department.
 - g) **PARKS:** means Heritage Park, Wanderers Rest, Sports Complex, and Woodlie Park.

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Unmetered Water Toll Per Connection

Class	Category	Toll Per Connection
R	Basic Fixed Rate Property	\$595.00
C	Commercial Property	\$1,190.00
NP	Non-Profit Organization	\$300.00
USIB	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	\$1,190.00
HVFD	Hedley Volunteer Fire Department	\$1,190.00
PARKS	Heritage, Wanderers Rest, Woodlie, The Sports Complex	\$0.00

3. The aforesaid tolls shall be due and payable on or before April 1, 2026. Any tolls remaining unpaid after this date shall have a percentage addition of 15% added thereto.
4. The Improvement District may, on 24 hours written notice, by Trustee resolution order the water shut off to any premises on which there are tolls or other charges owing for ninety (90) days or longer from the due date. Water shut off under this section shall be subject to the charges levied under Section 6 of this bylaw.
5. The trustees may, by resolution, vary any toll fixed in the preceding clauses in respect of any premises.
6. In addition to these tolls, a charge of \$50.00 is payable to the DISTRICT by an owner who requests that their water supply be turned off to their premises, or by order of the Trustees. This charge will be waived in the case of an emergency repair. There is also a charge of \$50.00 payable to the DISTRICT by an owner who requests the water supply be turned on to their premises, except in the case of an emergency repair. Class (PARKS) are exempt from water on/off charges.
7. For any property where water service has been disconnected due to account arrears exceeding 90 days, a reconnection fee of \$200 shall apply once the outstanding balance has been paid in full.
8. Should a property, with its water services previously shut off, choose to activate it at any time during the calendar year, the property owner becomes responsible for the full water toll amount for that year.
9. This amended bylaw repeals bylaw No. 270.
10. This bylaw may be cited as the "Water Tolls Bylaw 2026."

INTRODUCED and given first reading by the Trustees on the 27th day of October 2025.

RECONSIDERED and finally passed by the Trustees on the 17th day of November 2025.



Wes Mufford, **Chair**

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Bylaw No. 276.



Maria Manazza, **Administrative Officer**