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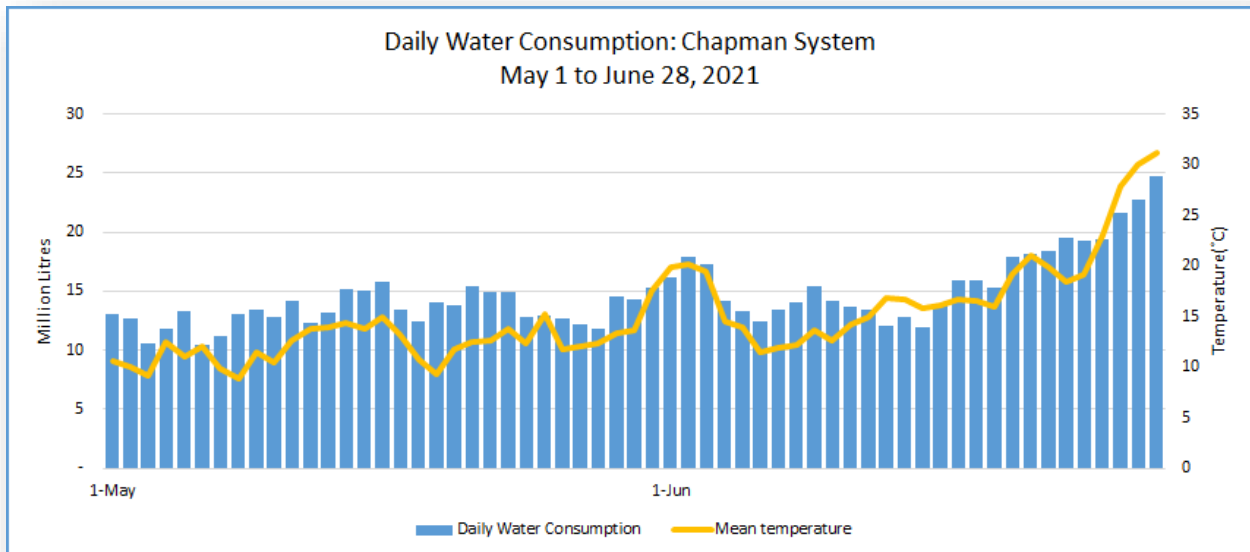
Heat Waves Brings Water Use Surge

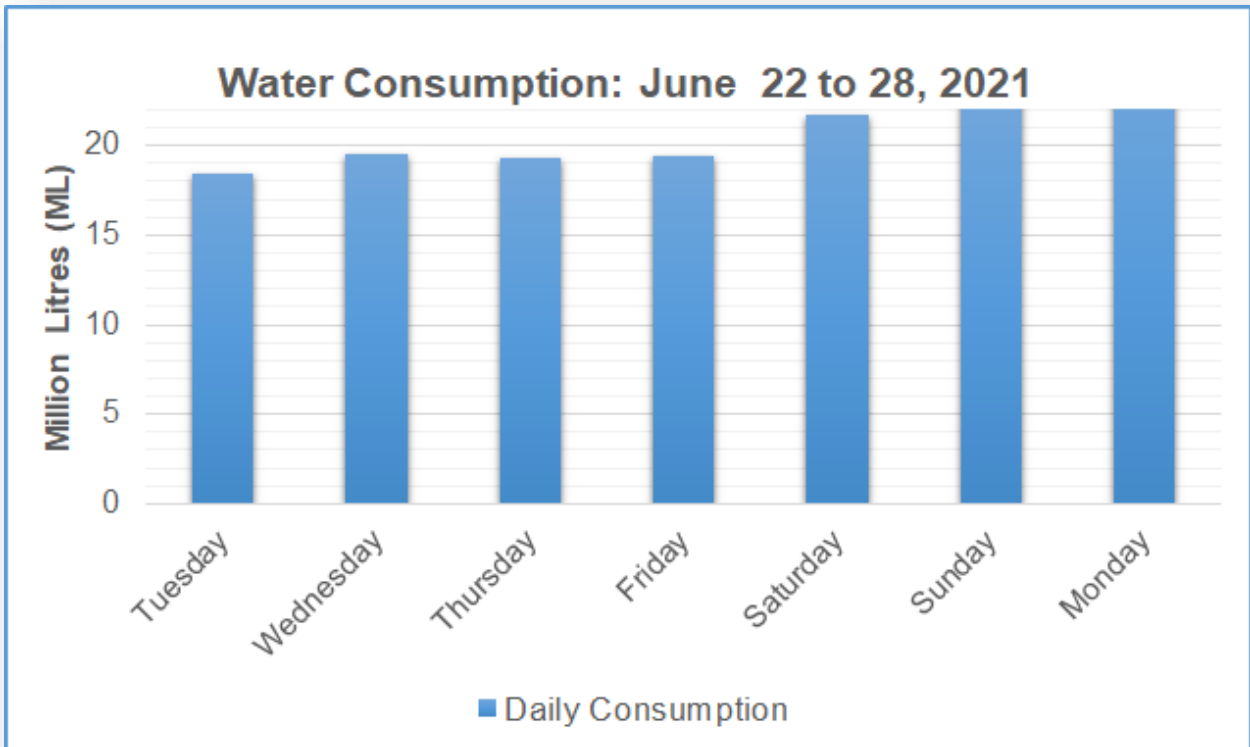
Sechelt, BC – June 30, 2021 — This week’s heat wave resulted in the highest daily water use seen at Chapman Creek Water Treatment Plant in seven years with over 300 litres of water being processed through the plant per second on Sunday. The last time the Region experienced such high-water use was in August of 2014.

This high level of use, coupled with a quickly melting snowpack means that water conservation is hugely important as we approach the introduction of Stage 2 water conservation regulations on Monday, July 5.

“As we continue through this dry period, we need to ensure that we are all diligent with our use of water to ensure we have adequate supply through the Summer months,” says Shane Walkey, Manager of Utility Services. “Our staff were met with significant demand for water, placing a lot of our systems under pressure this past weekend and I am thankful for the long hours they worked to ensure that we could meet the needs of our Region.”

As you can see from the graphs below, water use has been increasing steadily through June.





For information on Stage 2 Water Conservation Regulations being implemented on July 5, visit <https://bit.ly/3xaFrFk>

SCRD staff are patrolling neighbourhoods on a regular basis to enforce current regulations and to deliver educational materials. Complaints are investigated and fines issued at Stage 2 are \$300. Further information on enforcement can be found at www.scrd.ca/sprinkling-regulations.

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