



## News Release

### Water Conservation Regulations Patrols and Enforcement to Increase

Sechelt, BC – August 9, 2022—The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has increased regular neighbourhood patrols to enforce current water conservation regulations and to deliver materials aimed at providing continued education in the region.

Water conservation regulations in the Chapman and South Pender water systems are currently at Stage 2, and each year as the stages progress, the SCRD steps up neighbourhood patrols to ensure that regulations are being adhered to.

“Since Stage 2 came into effect, we have had some decrease in water consumption but not enough considering current dry conditions.” says Remko Rosenboom, SCRD General Manager of Infrastructure Services. “Given that the dry and hot weather is expected to continue for the foreseeable future, we really need residents to conserve water at every opportunity, inside and outside the home. The community’s efforts will keep us in Stage 2 for as long as possible and decrease the chance of escalating to Stage 3 in the coming weeks.”

The SCRD uses a very measured approach when it comes to reports of violations and patrolling in neighbourhoods.

All complaints receive follow up. The SCRD will issue warnings to properties in violation of regulations and provide information about water conservation regulations. If there is continued non-compliance, bylaw officers will issue a Bylaw Enforcement Notice and a fine.

Fines increase as water conservation stages progress:

- Stage 1 at \$200,
- Stage 2 at \$300,
- Stage 3 at \$400,
- Stage 4 at \$500.

“We ask that the community take the time to understand what the regulations are for each of the stages and water systems,” says Rosenboom. “If there is evidence that water regulations are not being followed, we will investigate and issue warnings or fines.”

Regulations help ensure that demand does not exceed the capacity of the water supply and distribution system and also ensures that there is always enough water for fire protection. Regulations apply only to the use of treated drinking water, not to the use of rainwater, private well water or any forms of recycled water.

Information about water conservation regulations can be located at [www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations](http://www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations)

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