#### **BYLAW NO. 422**

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#### SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

#### **BYLAW NO. 422**

A bylaw to regulate the rates and operation of the water supply and distribution system of the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

The Board of the Sunshine Coast Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

#### 1. INTERPRETATION

Definitions of "Commercial farm", "Emergency", "Essential use" and "Food crops" added by BL 422.43 "Board" means the elected Board of the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

"Commercial farm" means land that is classified as farm land for taxation purposes under the *British Columbia Assessment Act*.

"Commercial purposes" means the use of water in processing or servicing or supplying to premises where there is more than one rentable unit or potential rentable unit.

"Domestic purposes" means the use of water for ordinary household purposes only.

Definition of "micro and drip irrigation system" replaced by BL 422.40 "Drip-irrigation system" means an irrigation system that operates at a pressure less than 138 kPa (20 psi) and delivers water directly to the plant root zone through individual emission points or emitters using droplets of water where the emitters use less than 7.6 litres per hour and excludes sprinkler irrigation systems, micro-spray systems, misting systems, weeper hoses, and soaker hoses.

"Dwelling unit" means one or more rooms constituting a unit of living accommodation used or intended to be used for living and sleeping purposes and which contains a kitchen and washroom facilities.

Definition of "Engineer" replaced by BL 422.29

"Engineer" means the person holding the position of the General Manager of Infrastructure Services/Regional Engineer for the Regional District, or their designate.

"Essential use" means uses for fire protection, health services, human health, and environmental flow needs purposes.

"Emergency" means a present or imminent event or circumstance that

- (a) is caused by accident, fire, explosion, technical failure or the forces of nature, and
- (b) requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of a person or to limit damage to property.

"Food crops" means plants grown on a commercial farm produced for consumption.

Definition for "Notice" replaced by BL 422.40

"Notice" means the announcement given under Section 19.6 of this bylaw.

"Owner" means a person as defined in Section 2 of the 'Municipal Act'.

"Person" includes any corporation, partnership or party and heirs, executors, administrators, or other legal representatives of such person, to whom the context can apply according to law.

"Regional District" means the Sunshine Coast Regional District or persons duly authorized to represent the Sunshine Coast Regional District in respect to this Bylaw.

Definition for "Sprinkling" replaced by BL 422.40 "Regional District Water Authority" means the department of the Sunshine Coast Regional District responsible for the supply and distribution of potable water.

"Sprinkler" means the application or distribution of water on gardens, lawns or grounds by sprinkling or spraying, including sprinkler irrigation systems, micro-spray systems, misting systems, weeper hoses, and soaker hoses, but excludes hand watering or dripirrigation.

Definition for "Stage" added by BL 422.29 "Stage" means Stage 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the water conservation regulations prescribed by Schedule J of this bylaw.

"Water Service Connection" means a 19mm (3/4") connection or larger, to a main supply line and extending to the property line of the property concerned for the purpose of conveying water and may or may not include a water meter but shall include a shut-off valve and shall be the property of the Regional District.

#### 2. MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 The management of the Regional Water Authority shall be divided into two sections which shall consist of:
  - (a) Financial Management, which shall include all matters pertaining to the levying and collection of water rates and taxes, and
  - (b) Works Management, which shall include all matters pertaining to the engineering, construction and maintenance of the system.
- 2.2 The financial management shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer subject to the direction of the Board or its appointed Finance Committee.
- 2.3 The works management shall be the responsibility of the Engineer subject to the direction of the Board or its appointed Public Utilities Committee.

#### 3. TURNING OFF OR ON OF WATER

- 3.1 No person other than an employee of the Regional District shall turn water on or off at the water service connection.
- 3.2 All applications either for the turning off or on of water to any premises shall be made in

writing to the Treasurer not less than forty-eight (48) hours before service is required, and in such form as may be prescribed. No person shall make application to turn off the water from any premises in use or occupied by any other person until such use or occupation has ceased and the premises have been vacated. Where several services are provided to any person from one connection to the main, the Regional District shall not be required to shut off any individual service until such service has been directly connected to the main at the expense of such person and according to the provisions of this Bylaw. The fee payable for the turning on or off of water is as specified in Section 6 of Schedule "B", "D" or "E" as applicable attached hereto.

Section 3.3 added by BL 422.32

- 3.3 Where a service is being turned off or disconnected for an indefinite period of time in the billing year, a credit will be issued to the customer for the remaining months of the current billing year for which service has been prepaid.32
- 4. CONDITIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MAIN EXTENSIONS AND SERVICES
- 4.1 Extension of mains, including provision for Fire Protection, will only be made by the Regional District Water Authority or under the direct supervision of that Authority. Main extensions shall be of Class 50 Ductile Iron Pipe with a minimum of 200mm (8") diameter, except in cul-de-sacs less than 150 meters (500 feet) in length. Main extensions shall be capable of supplying fire flows of 3637 litres (800 G.P.M.) for one (1) hour duration. Hydrants shall be TC#20 spaced a minimum of 150 meters (500 feet) apart.
- 4.2 The cost of an extension to the system will be borne by the person or agency requiring it.
- 4.3 Property owners or agents requiring extension of mains will make application to the Engineer in writing. Applications will be supported by plans drawn to scale showing the proposed layout of the system.
- 4.4 Where conditions are such that the Regional District Water Authority requires a larger size of pipe to be installed than would normally be required, then the difference in cost will be borne by the Regional District.
- 4.5 Payment for the installation of an extension in an amount as estimated by the Engineer will be made to the Treasurer before work commences.

4.6

All applications for the installation of a water service connection shall be made to the Regional District Water Authority by the owner or his authorized agent, who shall, at the time the application is made, execute an agreement with the Regional District. Such application and agreement shall be in the form provided by the Regional District.

Section 4.6 replaced by BL 422.32

> User rates as set forth in Schedule "B", "D" or "E" as applicable hereto shall be charged on a pro-rated basis from the first of the month following the date of installation of the water service connection and paid in advance for the remainder of the year. Users on a metered rate will be charged from the date of connection based on the volume of water used.

4.7 When an application is approved, the owner or his agent shall pay to the Treasurer the connection fee as set forth in Schedule "B", "D" or "E" as applicable hereto and when the Engineer is advised that the money has so been paid, they shall provide a water service

connection to within 450mm of the street line and/or boundary line, when such service can be conveniently supplied from the existing water system. If it shall be found by the Engineer that there is no Regional District water supply convenient to the lot for which the owner or authorized agent has made application for the water supply, they shall be so notified by the Engineer and shall pay all costs for the extension of the water supply system to meet his requirements, subject to the consent and approval of the Board. Further, where the application shall require such services, conditions and meter installations, the Engineer shall estimate the cost of such special requirements and advise the Treasurer of these charges, whether for immediate payment or for collection by meter or other terms as required under this Bylaw.

- 4.8 The owner, or their agent as the case may be, of any property in the Mercer Road Cost Recovery Fee Area as defined in Schedule "C" of this bylaw, shall also pay to the Treasurer, at the later of the date that is 30 days after adoption of this bylaw or when an application for water connection or building permit is approved, the Mercer Road Cost Recovery Unit Fee(s) as set forth in Schedule "C".
- 4.9 The owner, or their agent as the case may be, of any property in the Egmont Cove Cost Recovery Fee Area as defined in Schedule "F" of this bylaw, shall also pay to the Treasurer, at the later of the date that is 30 days after adoption of this bylaw or when an application for water connection or building permit is approved, the Egmont Cove Cost Recovery Unit Fee(s) as set forth in Schedule "F".
- 4.10 The owner, or their agent as the case may be, of any property in the South Oyster Bay Road Cost Recovery Fee Area as defined in Schedule "G" of this bylaw, shall also pay to the Treasurer the South Oyster Bay Road Cost Recovery Unit Fee(s) as set forth in Schedule "G".
- 4.11 The owner, or their agent as the case may be, of any property in the North Oyster Bay Road Cost Recovery Fee Area as defined in Schedule "H" of this bylaw, shall also pay to the Treasurer the North Oyster Bay Road Cost Recovery Unit Fee(s) as set forth in Schedule "H".
- 4.12 The owner, or their agent as the case may be, of any property in the Jervis Inlet Cost Recovery Fee Area as defined in Schedule "I" of this bylaw, shall also pay to the Treasurer the Jervis Inlet Cost Recovery Unit Fee(s) as set forth in Schedule "I".

#### 5. USING WATER FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

5.1 The use of water shall not be granted for any special purpose unless, in addition to the special rate therefore, the ordinary rating of the building be paid also, in accordance with Schedule "B", "D" or "E" as applicable.

#### 6. DISCONTINUING USE OF WATER

- Any person who is about to vacate any premises that has been supplied with water from the Regional District Water Authority, and who is desirous of discontinuing the use thereof; shall give written notice of same at the Treasurer's office, and in default thereof, the rates therefore will be charged until such notice is given or the water turned off.
- In cases where the existing building or buildings are demolished, destroyed or otherwise removed from property connected to the water system, the Engineer shall shut off the

water service connection.

#### 7. FORM OF APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER SERVICE

Each applicant for the installation of a water service shall give a full and true statement, on the form provided by the Regional District prescribed for the purposes, of all information which may be necessary to form a correct estimate of the rates to be charged against him, or for water supplied for the said premises. If the statement so given is not accurate, and any additional rate shall be chargeable by reason of the statement so given being incorrect, such additional rate shall be payable forthwith.

Section 7.1 amended by BL 422.30

# 8. FIXTURES

- 8.1 After July 2, 2002, all water closets (toilets) installed in any building supplied by a Regional District water system shall be of a design that uses no more than seven (7) litres per flush, including dual flush technology, without the aid on any add-on or retrofit devices.
- 8.2 All water closets must comply with CSA standards as per the BC Building Code (CSA B45.1) and be marked with LC, 6LPF, LC/6 LPF (as stated in the BC Water Conservation Plumbing Regulation).

#### 9. LEAKY PIPES, ETC.

9.1 In the case of leaky or improper pipes, or imperfect fixtures, meters or indicators on any premises, the Engineer, after due notification to the occupant or owner; and the necessary repairs or alterations not being made by such occupant or owner, within forty-eight (48) hours thereafter, or where the condition of such pipes or fixtures shall be such as to cause a waste of water or damage to property, then, without further notice, shall have authority to cut off the supply of water by shutting the stopcock, or by detaching the service pipe from the main; and before the water is again turned on, such pipes, fixtures, meters or indicators shall be repaired or altered to the satisfaction of the Engineer, and no person supplied from such service pipe shall have any claim against the Regional District by reason of such shutting off of the water.

#### 10. SERVICE PIPES

10.1 Only one water service connection, of such size as shall be approved by the Engineer, for the supply of any single house or premises shall be laid by the Regional District.

# 11. APPLICATION FOR LAYING OF SERVICE PIPE

11.1 Any person making an application for the laying of any service in excess of 15.24 meters of pipe from the main to within 450mm of the property line shall, at the time of such application, deposit at the Treasurer's office a sum estimated to be the cost of providing such service, such sum to be determined by the Engineer, and upon receipt of such sum, the Engineer shall, as soon as convenient, provide such service. If the cost of providing such service be less than the amount so deposited, the Treasurer shall repay to the applicant the difference between such amount and the amount so deposited, and if such cost shall exceed the amount so deposited, the applicant shall pay such excess forthwith, and before the water is turned on.

# 12. FIRE SERVICE

12.1 Where a fire service connection has been installed on any premises, and where the nature of the installation is such that water could be used from the said service otherwise than for fire protection, such fire service connection may be sealed by the Treasurer, and at all times when so sealed except in cases of fire, shall be kept securely sealed so as to prevent the using or consuming of any water whatsoever from such connection. For this purpose, they shall have the right to enter in and upon the premises to seal such service wherever necessary. When the seal has been broken in cases of fire or otherwise, the owner or occupant of the premises shall so report to the Treasurer within twenty-four (24) hours after the breaking of such seal, and the Treasurer shall thereupon have the same resealed.

#### 13. WORK TO BE DONE BY REGIONAL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

13.1 No work of any kind connected with the waterworks service, either for laying of new or the repair of old services, shall be done upon or under any streets in the Regional District by any person other than the employees of the Regional District or by employees or persons holding a contract with the Regional District for the performance of waterworks.

# 14. PROTECTION TO SERVICE

- 14.1 All service pipes in any premises shall be laid at a depth of not less than 600 mm [two (2) feet], (or such other greater depth as may be determined by the Engineer) below the surface of the ground; and where they cross under or near other excavations, they must be properly protected against settlement; and in all cases they must be laid in such a manner as to be protected from frost. Each service pipe shall be provided with a stop and waste tap, or a pattern to be approved by the Engineer, which shall be placed immediately inside the outer wall of the premises in case of leaky or defective pipes or fixtures, or in cases where the premises are vacated.
- 14.2 Every branch water service pipe serving any stand pipe, underground sprinkler system, fountain, fishpond, or any exposed service shall be equipped with a stop and waste cock so placed at the point of connection with the main service to protect it from frost. Every water connection designed to serve a hydraulic elevator shall be provided with a pressure relief and check valve.
- 14.3 A sand strainer, pressure regulator, and relief valve shall be installed by the owner on the water service of every building when the initial pressure of the street main in proximity to the building amounts to or exceeds 517.5 kPa [seventy-five (75) p.s.i.]. (This clause shall not apply to premises where the total service does not exceed one cold supply tap.)

#### 15. WATER METERS

The Engineer may (whenever they shall deem it advisable) compel the use of water meters by any person using or consuming water supplied by the Regional District, and may refuse to supply water to any premises whatsoever unless the person requiring water shall first sign an agreement to take, use and pay for such water according to the form provided for that purpose by the Regional District; and no water meter shall be used in connection with the waterworks system by any person unless such water meter

Section 7.1 amended by BL 422.30

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shall have first been authorized by the Engineer. Every owner, tenant or occupant shall give every facility for the introduction and protection of water pipes and meter placed upon his premises, and whenever any person shall refuse or neglect to pay water rates or rents, within the time specified in the said agreement, for water registered by such water meter, or to pay the rents or rates imposed by the bylaw; it shall and may be lawful for the Engineer to cut off the supply of water; and when a meter is blocked or is out of order, and fails to register the full quarterly amount of water supplied, or indicates that no water has been used, it shall and may be lawful to charge and collect the same water rates as if water had been used; such last mentioned rates shall be an average flat rate based upon the previous six months' account paid in respect to water supplied to the premises against which such meter has been placed. Meters shall be installed on premises which use water for processing, processing shall be defined as:

- 1. Restaurant and Licensed Premises
- 2. Laundromats
- 3. Fish or Food Processors
- 4 Arena Facilities
- 5. Marinas
- 6. Tree Farms and Nurseries
- 7. Commercial Campgrounds
- 8. Non Commercial Campgrounds
- 9. Non Profit Senior Citizens Housing
- 10. Schools
- 11. Garages
- 15.2 Owners' occupants, or tenants of premises supplied with water by the Regional District shall provide and maintain an adequate and convenient passageway to the water meter installed therein, and shall keep such passageway reasonable accessible at all times for the reading, repairing or removal of such meter.

#### 16. INTERFERENCE WITH HYDRANTS, SERVICE BOXES, ETC.

- 16.1 No person shall in any way tamper, remove, bury or interfere with any hydrant, pipe, service valve and box or other waterworks appurtenance outside of his own premises, nor shall be in any way interfere or tamper with any meter or pipe leading to such meter. Such malfeasance as referred to above shall be reported to the Treasurer.
- 16.2 No unauthorized person shall open or use any fire hydrant for any purpose.

#### 17. CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC OR PRIVATE MAINS

17.1 No person shall make any connection whatsoever to any public or private main in the Regional District without the consent in writing of the Engineer first obtained.

#### 18. WATERING OTHER PREMISES

18.1 No person shall, with a lawn sprinkler or otherwise, water any other premises than those in respect of which they have paid the regular rates, as set out in said Schedule "B", "D" or "E" as applicable.

# 19. WATER CONSERVATION

19.1 No person, shall use water or cause water to be used contrary to the provisions of this bylaw in effect at the time of use.

Section 19.replaced by BL 422.29

- 19.2 Stage 1 and the water use restrictions for Stage 1 prescribed in Schedule "J" are in effect in each year from May 1 to September 30 inclusive, except as provided for under Section 19.3.
- 19.3 Where determined necessary for the conservation of water or the preservation of the regional water supply, the Engineer may amend the effective period of time for Stage 1, or terminate, or bring in to effect a Stage more restrictive than Stage 1 at any time of the year for any period of time.
- 19.4 The Stage determined under Section 19.3 and the water use restrictions prescribed under Schedule "J" for that Stage take effect on the commencement date stated in this bylaw or the Notice for that Stage and remain in effect until that Stage is terminated, or until the commencement of another Stage.
- 19.5 In making a decision under Section 19.3, the following determining factors will be considered:
  - (a) Time of year and typical seasonal trends
  - (b) Snow pack assessments and snowmelt forecasts
  - (c) Storage volume of water sources and draw down rates
  - (d)Stream flows and monitoring data
  - (e)Weather, recent conditions and forecasts
  - (f) Water usage, recent consumption and trends
  - (g)Water supply system performance.
- 19.6 Sufficient notice of any change in water use restrictions shall be deemed to have been given by way of:
  - (a) one advertisement on a local radio station;
  - (b) one publication in a newspaper.
- 19.7 No person (not in the employ of the Regional District) shall use water at any time supplied by the Regional District for the purpose of sprinkling any street or lane or public thoroughfare; provided that nothing in this Section shall prevent any person from sprinkling or watering that portion of any boulevard immediately adjoining his premises; provided such sprinkling conforms with the preceding Sections.
- 19.8 To preserve water for essential purposes, the Engineer may at their discretion temporarily prohibit the use of water for high volume commercial purposes. For certainty properties affected by the temporary prohibition will be allowed water use for essential purposes.
- 19.9 In making a decision under Section 19.8, the Engineer will consider the following factors:
  - (a) The water system must be under Stage 4 water conservation regulations, and
  - (b) an emergency has or likely will impact the ability for the Regional District to supply treated drinking water for essential uses, and

Sections 19.7 and 19.8 deleted, section 19.9 renumber ed to 19.7 per by BL 422.40

Sections 19.8 and 19.9 added by BL 422.43. (c) the volume of water used daily by the property.

#### 20. <u>KEEPING SERVICE PIPES</u>, <u>ETC. IN GOOD ORDER</u>

20.1 All persons shall keep their service pipes; stop cocks and other fixtures on their own premises inside the line of the street, in good order and repair, and protect them from frost at their own risk and expense; and when a house is vacated, the stop cock on the inside wall of the building shall be turned off by the party leaving the house, or by the owner.

# 21. INCREASING SUPPLY OF WATER

- 21.1 No person being an owner, occupant, tenant or inmate of any house supplied with water by the Regional District; shall increase the supply of water beyond that fixed by the rating of the premises, or shall wrongfully, negligently, or improperly waste any water.
- 21.2 No person shall waste water, caused by, but not limited to, the damage or deterioration of any water using appliance, or use more water than required to provide a service or complete a task, or allow an irrigation system to run while raining.

Sections 21.2 & 21.3 added by BL 422.24

21.3 A rain sensor must be installed as part of any irrigation system regardless of whether it is a new installation or existing system.

#### 22. SELLING WATER

22.1 No person being an owner, occupant, tenant or inmate of a house supplied with water by the Regional District, shall sell or dispose of any water or permit the same to be carried or taken away, or used, or apply it for the benefit or use of others, or to any other than his own use or benefit.

#### 23. INSPECTION OF PREMISES BY ENGINEER

23.1 Every person to whom water is supplied under this Bylaw shall, at all reasonable times, allow, suffer, and permit the Engineer, or any person by them authorized for such purpose (either generally or in any particular instance) to enter into and upon the premises in respect of which such water is supplied, for the purpose of inspecting the same, and the water pipes, connections, fixtures, taps, meters and other apparatus used in connection with such water supply.

#### 24. RATES OR CHARGES

24.1 The several rates or charges enumerated in Schedule "B", "D" or "E" as applicable to domestic users hereto annexed are hereby imposed and levied for water supplied, or ready to be supplied by the Regional District; and all such rates or charges which are not levied through the Provincial Surveyor of Taxes shall be payable at the Treasurer's office and shall be charged against the lands supplied or ready to be supplied and may be recovered in the manner provided in the 'Municipal Act'.

# 24.2 <u>ADDITIONAL WATER RATES, METERS, ETC.</u>

The Regional District shall have the right at any time to install a water meter in any premises, and substitute, in lieu or a flat rate (whether already paid for or not) a meter rate according to Schedule "B", "D" or "E" as applicable hereof. When this is done, credit shall be allowed to the consumer on the meter rate account for the balance of the flat rate, proportionate to the unexpired portion of time covered by the flat rate payment, and the balance of the meter rate will be payable from the time such meter is installed whether during any period already paid for by the flat rate or not.

#### 24.3 GENERAL RATES OR CHARGES

Section 24.3 replaced by BL 422.32 The general rates or charges payable annually under Schedule "B", "D" or "E" as applicable hereunto annexed shall be due and payable by 4:30 p.m. PST on June 15 of the billing year. If June 15 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday the due date shall become the first business day immediately following June 15 for that year. If not paid by the due date, a non-compounding 2% monthly interest charge shall be imposed upon the unpaid balance.

The general rates or charges other than annual charges payable under Schedule "B", "D" or "E" as applicable hereunto annexed shall be due and payable by 4:30 p.m. PST on the date specified on the invoice which is generally within thirty (30) days of the date of billing. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday, the due date shall become the first business day immediately following the thirtieth day for that billing cycle. If not paid by the due date, a non-compounding 2% monthly interest charge shall be imposed upon the unpaid balance.

The following conditions apply to the general rates or charges payable:

- (a) non-receipt of the utility bill will not be recognized as a valid reason for failure to pay the fees when due;
- (b) postmarks will not be considered as date of payment;
- (c) all payments received will be applied firstly against arrears, then to current balances;
- (d) interest is imposed on outstanding account balances in excess of \$10.00.
- 24.4 Despite section 24.3, in the event of a federal, provincial or local state of emergency, the non-compounding 2% monthly interest charges imposed upon unpaid balances, if not paid by the due date, shall not be imposed before October 1, 2020.
- 24.5 The charge to water takers assessed by meter measurement shall be at the rates mentioned in Schedule "B", "D" or "E" as applicable hereunto annexed and in addition thereto, a charge shall be made for the use of the meters as shown in the said Schedule.

#### 24.6 BULK WATER RATES

The Regional Water Authority may supply water to duly constituted water boards (as established pursuant to the provisions of the Water Act) or other municipalities at a rate or rates to be established by Bylaw by the Regional Water Authority from time to time, and the Regional Water Authority may establish different rates for each such purchaser of bulk water.

New Section 24 added by BL 422.36 and 24.4 to 24.9 renumbered

# 24.7 INSTITUTIONAL RATES

Section 24.7 replaced by BL 422.32 Where in the opinion of the Regional Board the provision of water service to an institution requires that special consideration be given to the application of rates, the Board may enter into a contract with the institution and set a rate or method of payment suitable to the circumstances. Institutional rates shall be shown in Schedule "B", "D" or "E" as applicable attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.

#### 24.8 <u>LAND CHARGES - FARM CLASS ASSESSMENTS</u>

Section 24.8 added by BL 422.32 Where land is classified as farm land, for taxation purposes, under the British Columbia Assessment Authority Act, that land will be charged a minimum land charge (one acre or less), under Schedule "B", "D" or "E" of this bylaw as applicable instead of the regular charge for total acreage. The land owner must notify the Treasurer of the farm classification, in writing, by January 5 of each year. Failure to provide such written notification will result in forfeiture of the parcel tax reduction for that year.

24.9 Any rate remaining unpaid on the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of December will be deemed to be taxes in arrears and will be recovered in the manner provided in the *Local Government Act*.

# 25. WATER ASSESSED BY METERS

25.1 The rates charged by meter measurement and for meter rentals shall be payable on or before the last day of the month in which the account is rendered.

#### 26. REBATE OR REFUND

26.1 No rebate, refund or credit whatsoever of any monies paid or payable for water shall be made save as in this Bylaw provided. Refunds or adjustments to rates or charges collected in error may be issued for up to two (2) years following the date of payment.

Section 26.1 replaced by BL 422.32

#### 27. INSTALLING APPARATUS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH BYLAWS

27.1 No person shall install, place or maintain in any premises any water connection, pipe, fixture or any other apparatus which is not in accordance with the requirements of this Bylaw.

# 28. SHUTTING OFF OF WATER

28.1 Nothing contained in this Bylaw shall be construed to impose any liability upon the Corporation of the Sunshine Coast Regional District to give any continuous supply of water to any person; and the Regional District hereby reserves the right to shut off water from any premises without giving any notice to any person from whose premises the water may be shut off.

#### 29. APPLICATION OF BYLAW

29.1 The provisions of this Bylaw shall be applicable to and be binding upon all persons served by the Regional District Water Authority whether such persons shall have made written application or not.

# 30. SCHEDULES

30.1 Schedules "B", "C", "D", "E", "F", "G", "H", "I" and "J" attached hereto are included in and form part of this Bylaw.

# 31. PENALTIES

31.1 Any person who contravenes or violates any provision of this Bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any provision of this Bylaw, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this Bylaw, commits an offence and shall be liable, on summary conviction thereof, to a fine of not less than Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars for each and every offence and not more than the maximum penalties provided under the *Offence Act* and, in default, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days.

Section 31.1 replaced by BL 422.29

#### 32. SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 86

32.1 Sunshine Coast Regional District Bylaw No. 86 and amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

# 33. CITATION

33.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "Sunshine Coast Regional District Revised Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 422, 1995".

# 34. METRIC EQUIVALENT

34.1 Where imperial units are used the metric equivalent may be applied.

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Schedule B replaced by BL 422.45

#### **SCHEDULE "B"**

This Schedule does not apply to the North Pender Harbour Water Service Area as established under Bylaw No. 1070 (see Schedule "D") OR the South Pender Harbour Water Service Area as established under Bylaw No. 1074 (see Schedule "E")

#### ANNUAL WATER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

1.	Land	Charges – billed annually					<u>Annual</u>
	<ol> <li>Up to and including one acre in area</li> <li>Greater than one acre, up to and including two acres</li> <li>Greater than two acres, up to and including three acres</li> <li>Greater than three acres, up to and including four acres</li> <li>Greater than four acres, up to and including five acres</li> <li>Greater than five acres, \$31.75 for each additional acre or part of an acre, up to and including ten acres</li> <li>Greater than ten acres, \$17.84 for each additional acre or part of an acre, up to and including twenty acres</li> <li>Greater than twenty acres, \$12.09 for each additional acre or part of an acre</li> </ol>			\$	449.99 478.98 540.06 612.28 644.63		
2.	User Fee	s – billed annually	<u>Annual</u>				
	(1)	For each dwelling unit (a dwelling unit being a single suite in a dwelling, a single strata to or any building or structure customarily use as a self-contained living unit)	ot,			\$	715.00
	(2)	Motels – per unit					377.81 575.62
	(3) (4)	Apartments Mobile Homes - per occupied pad					575.62
	(5) (6)	Hospital and Intermediate Care Facilities - p All other users not herein provided for - per					377.81 715.00
	(0)	All other users not herein provided for - per	usoi			Ψ	7 10.00
3.	Meter	Rates – billed quarterly				<u>Per</u>	<u>Quarter</u>
		34 m³ (cubic meters) used per quarter					178.75
	Per ci	ubic meter (or part thereof) used over 84 m³/c	quarter			\$	2.12
4.	Meter	Rentals – billed quarterly		Per C	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Anr</u>	<u>nual</u>
	(1)	Up to and including 3/4"		\$	9.00 12.00	\$	36.00 48.00
	(2) (3)	Over 3/4", up to and including 1" Over 1", up to and including 1 ½"		\$ \$	30.00	\$ \$	120.00
	(4) (5)	Over 1 ½", up to and including 2" Over 2", up to and including 4"		\$ \$	36.00 45.00	\$ \$	144.00 180.00
	(5) (6)	Over 4", up to and including 6"		\$	60.00	\$	240.00

# Schedule "B" continued

# 5. <u>Manual Water Meter Readings</u>

Per reading \$25.00 (up to a maximum of \$300 per annum)

# 6. <u>Connection Charges</u>

(1) 3/4" Connection	\$ 1,200.00
(2) 1" Connection	\$ 1,800.00
(3) Over 1" (minimum)	\$ 2,000.00
(Plus additional costs incurred for fittings and installation)	

# 7. <u>Turning Off/On Fees</u>

Subsequent to the initial turn on, the fee for turning the water off shall be the sum of \$50.00 payable at the time of application.

# 8. <u>Hydrant Rental</u>

An annual charge of TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20.00) shall be levied for each hydrant operating from the Utility. The charge will be payable by the Fire Improvement Districts and Fire Protection Districts served by the Regional District Water Authority.

# 9. Temporary Lawn Watering Permit

The fee for a Temporary Lawn Watering Permit shall be \$50.00 payable at the time of application.

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# **SCHEDULE "C"**

1. <u>Unit Fee</u> – in this Schedule "Unit Fee" is defined as a fee per dwelling unit being connected

# 2. <u>Mercer Road Cost Recovery Unit Fee</u>

Year of		
Connection	Unit Fee	
2006	\$2,630.50	
2007	\$2,755.40	
2008	\$2,886.30	
2009	\$3,023.40	
2010	\$3,167.00	
2011	\$3,317.40	
2012	\$3,475.00	
2013	\$3,640.10	
2014	\$3,813.00	
2015	\$3,994.10	
2016 and future years add 4.75%		
interest compounded annually		

<u>Mercer Road Cost Recovery Unit Fee Area</u> – list of properties subject to unit fee provided for in Section 2 of this Schedule (includes additional properties that may be created by subdivision of these properties).

Tax Roll No.	Legal Description
746 04096.010	Lot 1, DL 1485, LMP20428
746 04096.020	Lot 2, DL 1485, LMP20428
746 06451.000	DL 4537, Except Plans 10783 and 17600
746 06451,101	Lot 1, Blk A, DL 4537, Plan 13497
746 06451.103	Lot 2, Blk A, DL 4537, Plan 13497
746 06451.105	Lot 3, Blk A, DL 4537, Plan 13497 Except Plan 18211X
746 06451.107	Lot 4, Blk A, DL 4537, Plan 13497, Except Plan 18211X
746-06451.109	Lot 5, Blk A, DL 4537 Plan 13497
746 06451.111	Lot 6, Blk A, DL 4537, Plan 13497
746 06451.113	Lot 7, Blk A, Dl 4537, Plan13497
746 06451.115	Lot 12, Blk A, DL 4537, Plan 14359
746 06451.119	Lot 10, Blk A, DL 4537 Plan 13497
746 06451.121	Lot 11, Blk A, DL 4537, Plan 13497
746 06451.130	Lot A, DL 4537, Plan 10783
746 06451.140	Lot 17 of A, DL 4537, LMP2084
746 06451.200	Lot 1, DL 4537, Plan 17600
746 06451.220	Lot 3, DL 4537, Plan 17600
746 06451.240	Lot 14, Blk A, DL 4537 LMP794
746 06451.250	Lot 15, Blk A, DL 4537, LMP794
746 06451.260	Lot 16, Blk A, DL 4537, LMP794

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Tax Roll No.	Legal Description
746 06452.000	Blk 1, DL 4538, Plan 12590
746 06452.100	Blk 2, DL 4538, Plan 12590
746 06453.000	DL 4539, Plan 22523, RPLMP33788
746 06454.000	DL 4540, Except Plan 13046
746 06455.010	Blk 1, DL 4540, Plan 13046
746 06455.015	Blk 2, DL 4540, Plan 13046
746 06455.020	Blk 3, DL 4540, Plan 13046, Except Plan PT 22430
746 06456.005	Lot 5, DL 4541, BCP10154
746 06456.100	Lot 1, DL 4541, Plan 11430
746 06456.200	Lot 2, DL 4541, Plan 11738
746 06456.301	Lot 4, DL 4541, Plan 22493
746 06458.010	Blk B, DL 4543, Plan 18506
746 06457.010	Blk A, DL 4543, Plan 18506, Except Plan LMP9632
746 06459.000	Blk A, DL 4544, Plan 8242
746 05756.000	Lot A, DL 2819, Plan 8499
746 05757.000	Lot B, DL 2819, Plan 8499

# **BYLAW NO. 422**

Schedule D replaced by BL 422.45

# **SCHEDULE "D"**

This Schedule applies only to the North Pender Harbour Water Service Area as established under Bylaw No. 1070

# ANNUAL WATER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

1.	<u>Land Charges – billed annually</u>	<u>Annual</u>	
	<ul><li>(1) Residential</li><li>(2) Institutional</li><li>(3) Commercial</li></ul>	\$ 440.01 \$ 440.01 \$ 998.95	
2.	<u>User Fees – billed annually</u>	<u>Annual</u>	
	(1) For each parcel containing 1 dwelling unit (a dwelling a single dwelling, a single strata lot, or any building customarily used as a self-contained living unit)		
	(2) Multiple Family Dwellings (where more than one don a parcel)	welling exists \$ 1,736.09	
	(3) Institutional Building (4) All other users not herein provided for - per user	\$ 886.33 \$ 965.03	
3.	Meter Rates – billed quarterly	Per Quarter	
	First 227 m³ (cubic meters) used per quarter Per cubic meter (or part thereof) used over 227 m³/quarter		
4.	Manual Water Meter Readings		
	Per reading \$25.00 (up to	a maximum of \$300 per annum)	
5.	Connection Charges		
	<ul><li>(1) 3/4" Connection</li><li>(2) 1" Connection</li><li>(3) Over 1" (minimum)</li><li>(Plus additional costs incurred for fittings and instantantantantantantantantantantantantant</li></ul>	\$ 1,200.00 \$ 1,800.00 \$ 2,000.00	

# 6. <u>Turning Off/On Fees</u>

Subsequent to the initial turn on, the fee for turning the water off shall be the sum of \$50.00 payable at the time of application.

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# **BYLAW NO. 422**

Schedule E replaced by BL 422.45

# **SCHEDULE "E"**

# This Schedule applies only to the South Pender Harbour Water Service Area as established under Bylaw No. 1074

# ANNUAL WATER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

1.	Land Charges – billed annually	<u>Annual</u>
	<ul> <li>(1) Up to and including two acres in area</li> <li>(2) Greater than two acres, up to and including ten acres</li> <li>(3) Greater than ten acres</li> </ul>	\$ 515.00 \$ 704.72 \$ 894.45
2.	<u>User Fees – billed annually</u>	<u>Annual</u>
	(1) For each dwelling unit (a dwelling unit being a single dwelling, a single strata lot, or any building or structure customarily used as a self-contained living unit)	\$ 844.97
	(2) For each dwelling unit of a multiple family unit including	\$ 844.97
	<ul> <li>apartments, suites, duplexes, cottages etc.</li> <li>(3) For each office or place of business wherein is employed not more than one person</li> </ul>	\$ 844.97
	(4) For each office or place of business wherein is employed more	\$1,207.05
	than one person (5) All other users not herein provided for - per user (6) For each clubhouse or hall	\$ 844.97 \$1,207.05
3.	Meter Rates – billed quarterly	Per Quarter
	First 45 m³ (cubic meters) used per quarter Per cubic meter (or part thereof) used over 45 m³/quarter	\$ 301.77 \$ 3.11
4.	Manual Water Meter Readings	
	Per reading \$25.00 (up to a maximum of \$3	00 per annum)
5.	Connection Charges	
	<ul> <li>(1) 3/4" Connection</li> <li>(2) 1" Connection</li> <li>(3) Over 1" (minimum)</li> <li>(Plus additional costs incurred for fittings and installation)</li> </ul>	\$ 1,200.00 \$ 1,800.00 \$ 2,000.00

# 6. <u>Turning Off/On Fees</u>

Subsequent to the initial turn on, the fee for turning the water off shall be the sum of \$50.00 payable at the time of application.

# **BYLAW NO. 422**

# **SCHEDULE "F"**

- 1. <u>Unit Fee</u> in this Schedule "Unit Fee" is defined as a fee per dwelling unit being connected.
- 2. Egmont Cost Recovery Unit Fee

Year of Connection	Unit Fee	
2012	\$4000	
In 2013 and future years interest will be applied at the prime rate and compounded annually.		

3. <u>Egmont Cost Recovery Unit Fee Area</u> – list of properties subject to unit fee provided for in Section 2 of this Schedule (includes additional properties that may be created by subdivision of these properties).

Tax Roll No.	Legal Description
74606697.100	Lot 1, DL 5940, Plan 8476
74606698.000	Lot 2, DL 5940, Plan 8476
74606698.100	Lot 3, DL 5940, Plan 11361
74606698.200	Lot 4, DL 5940, Plan 11361
74606699.000	DL 5940
74606787.000	Lot 1, DL 6256, Plan 10377
74606788.000	Lot 2, DL 6256, Plan 10377
74606791.000	Lot 6, DL 6256, Plan 10377
74606792.000	Lot 7, DL 6256, Plan 10377
74606793.000	Lot 8, DL 6256, Plan 10377
74606802.000	Lot 16, DL 6256, Plan 10377
74606802.010	Lot 17, DL 6256, Plan 10377
74606802.020	Lot 18, DL 6256, Plan 10377
74606799.001	Lot A, DL 6256, Plan 10377
74606801.050	Lot B, DL 6256, Plan 10377
74606794.000	Lot A, DL 6256, Plan 10920
74606795.000	Lot B, DL 6256, Plan 10920
74606796.000	Lot C, DL 6256, Plan 10920
74606803.050	Lot 20, DL 6256, Plan 11163
74606789.100	Lot D, DL 6256, Plan 15241
74606789.200	Lot E, DL 6256, Plan 15241
74606803.010	Lot A, Block 19, DL 6256, Plan 17258
74606803.020	Lot B, Block 19, DL 6256, Plan 17258
74606803.030	Lot C, Block 19, DL 6256, Plan 17258
74606870.005	Lot 1, DL 6591, Plan 16146
74606870.010	Lot 2, DL 6591, Plan 16146
74606870.015	Lot 3, DL 6591, Plan 16146
74606870.020	Lot 4, DL 6591, Plan 16146
74606870.025	Lot 5, DL 6591, Plan 16146
74606870.026	Lot A, DL 6591

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Tax Roll No.	Legal Description
74606951.000	DL 6973
74606967.000	DL 7004

# **BYLAW NO. 422**

# **SCHEDULE "G"**

- 1. <u>Unit Fee</u> in this Schedule "Unit Fee" is defined as a fee per dwelling unit being connected.
- 2. South Oyster Bay Road Cost Recovery Unit Fee

Year of Connection	Unit Fee		
Up to December 31, 2012	\$6000		
In 2013 and future years interest will be applied at the prime rate and compounded annually.			

3. <u>South Oyster Bay Road Cost Recovery Unit Fee Area</u> – list of properties subject to unit fee provided for in Section 2 of this Schedule (includes additional properties that may be created by subdivision of these properties).

Lot	Block	District Lot	Plan	Tax Roll No.
7		952	10038	74601596.000
	2	952	6321	74601591.000
	3	952	6321	74601592.000
	4	952	10038	74601593.000
5		952	10038	74601594.000
6		952	10038	74601595.000
8		952	10038	74601597.000
D		952	LMP40458	74601598.022
С	9	952	LMP40458	74601598.011
19		952	11779	74601598.905
		952		74601589.000
9A		952	10607	74601598.100
8A		952	10607	74601597.100
16		952	10607	74601598.705
12		952	10607	74601598.300
15		952	10607	74601598.600
13		952	10607	74601598.400
14		952	10607	74601598.500
18		952	11632	74601598.900
	1	952	6321	74601590.000
Α		3961	RP3278	74606179.000
17		952	10607	74601598.710
11		952	10607	74601598.200

# **BYLAW NO. 422**

# **SCHEDULE "H"**

- 4. <u>Unit Fee</u> in this Schedule "Unit Fee" is defined as a fee per dwelling unit being connected.
- 5. North Oyster Bay Road Cost Recovery Unit Fee

Year of Connection	Unit Fee			
Up to December 31, 2012	\$6000			
In 2013 and future years interest will be applied at the prime rate and compounded annually.				

6. North Oyster Bay Road Cost Recovery Unit Fee Area – list of properties subject to unit fee provided for in Section 2 of this Schedule (includes additional properties that may be created by subdivision of these properties).

Lot	Block	District Lot	Plan	Tax Roll No.
Α	1	4284	7456	74606261.000
	4	4284	7456	74606265.000
	3	4284	7456	74606264.000
	2	4284	7456	74606263.000
	3	4284	7456	74606264.000
	1	4284	7456	74606262.000
1	Α	3990	10797	74606211.100
В		4284	10813	74606261.100
С		4284	10813	74606261.200
D	1	4284	11326	74606261.300
E	1	4284	11326	74606261.400
F	1	4284	11326	74606261.500
Α		4284	11442	74606264.100
G	1	4284	13376	74606261.510
Н	1	4284	13376	74606261.520
1		3990	BCP13267	74606211.010
2		3990	BCP13267	74606211.015

# **BYLAW NO. 422**

# **SCHEDULE "I"**

7. <u>Unit Fee</u> – in this Schedule "Unit Fee" is defined as a fee per dwelling unit being connected.

8. <u>Jervis Inlet Cost Recovery Unit Fee</u>

Year of Connection	Unit Fee				
Up to December 31, 2012	\$4000				
In 2013 and future years interest will be applied at the prime rate and compounded annually.					

9. <u>Jervis Inlet Cost Recovery Unit Fee Area</u> – list of properties subject to unit fee provided for in Section 2 of this Schedule (includes additional properties that may be created by subdivision of these properties).

Lot	Block	District Lot	Plan	Tax Roll No.
	В	5387	12770	74606608.000
3	Α	5388	11435	74606609.030
2	Α	5388	11435	74606609.020
4	Α	5388	11435	74606609.040
6	Α	5388	11435	74606609.060
5	Α	5388	11435	74606609.050
1	Α	5388	11435	74606609.010
9	Α	5388	11435	74606609.090
7	Α	5388	11435	74606609.070
8	Α	5388	11435	74606609.080
10	Α	5388	11435	74606609.100
11	Α	5388	11435	74606609.110
12	Α	5388	11435	74606609.120
13	Α	5388	11435	74606609.130
19	Α	5388	11435	74606609.190
18	Α	5388	11435	74606609.180
17	Α	5388	11435	74606609.170
14	А	5388	11435	74606609.140
22	Α	5388	11435	74606609.220
23	А	5388	11435	74606609.230
16	Α	5388	11435	74606609.160
20	Α	5388	11435	74606609.200
15	А	5388	11435	74606609.150
	В	5388	12090	74606609.250
	С	5388	12597	74606609.260
21	Α	5388	11435	74606609.210
		5388	EXP7723	74606609.000
24	Α	5388	12597	74606609.240
25	Α	5388	13507	74606609.241
26	Α	5388	13507	74606609.242
28	Α	5388	13507	74606609.244
27	Α	5388	13507	74606609.243
29	Α	5388	13507	74606609.245
30	Α	5388	13507	74606609.246

#### **BYLAW NO. 422**

# **SCHEDULE "J"**

Schedule J replaced by BL 422.44

# **Water Conservation Stages**

- 1.0 **STAGE 1** Water Supply Conditions: "Normal"
- 1.1 During Stage 1 a person may:
  - (a) use a sprinkler to water trees, shrubs, flowers or food producing plants and trees only during the following scheduled times:
    - i. on a property with an even numbered address on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 7:00 am to 9:00 am and from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm; and
    - ii. on a property with an odd numbered address on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 7:00 am to 9:00 am and from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm;
  - (b) use a sprinkler to water lawns only during the following scheduled times:
    - i. on a property with an even numbered address on Thursday and Sunday from 7:00 am to 8:00 am; and
    - ii. on a property with an odd numbered address on Wednesday and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.;
  - (c) at any time water lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers, and food producing plants and trees by hose equipped with a spray-trigger nozzle, hand-held container, or drip-irrigation;
  - (d) at any time use water to wash a vehicle or boat, but must use a hand-held hose equipped with a spray-trigger nozzle or pressure washer, or hand-held container; or commercial car wash;
  - (e) at any time use water to wash sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, exterior windows, decks, fences or exterior building surfaces, but must use a hose equipped with a spray-trigger nozzle, a pressure washer, or hand-held container; and
  - (f) at any time use water to fill a swimming pool, spa, garden pond, or decorative fountain.
- 1.2 During Stage 1, the following exceptions apply:
  - (a) The Engineer may establish a separate schedule for sprinkling of public sports fields, public swimming pool maintenance and operation of public water parks to balance water demands. Public sector sprinkling of other landscaped areas and ornamental gardens follow the same schedule as set out in Section 1.1.
  - (b) Commercial farms are exempt from Stage 1 water conservation regulations for food crops.

- 2.0 **STAGE 2** Water Supply Conditions: "Moderate"
- 2.1 During Stage 2, a person may:
  - (a) use a sprinkler to water trees, shrubs and flowers only during the following scheduled times:
    - i. on a property with an even numbered address on Thursday and Sunday between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 am; and
    - ii. on a property with an odd numbered address on Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 am;
  - (b) use hand watering or drip-irrigation to water trees, shrubs and flowers only during the following scheduled times: between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 am; and 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm any day of the week;
  - (c) use a sprinkler to water food producing plants and trees only during the following scheduled times:
    - i. on a property with an even numbered address on Thursday and Sunday from 7:00 am to 9:00 am and from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm; and
    - ii. on a property with an odd numbered address on Wednesday and Saturday from 7:00 am to 9:00 am and from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm;
  - (d) at any time water food producing plants and trees by hand-held hose equipped with a spray-trigger nozzle, hand-held container, or drip-irrigation;
  - (e) not water lawns, including newly seeded or sodded lawns;
  - (f) at any time use water to wash a vehicle or boat, but must use a hand-held hose equipped with a spray-trigger nozzle or pressure washer, or a hand-held container, or commercial car wash;
  - (g) not use water to wash sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, exterior windows, decks, fences or exterior building surfaces, except as necessary for applying a product such as paint, preservative and stucco, preparing a surface prior to paving or repointing bricks, or if required for health and safety reasons; and
  - (h) at any time use water to fill a swimming pool, spa, garden pond, or decorative fountain.

- 2.2 During Stage 2, the following exceptions apply:
  - (a) The Engineer may establish a separate schedule for sprinkling of public sports fields, public swimming pool maintenance and operation of public water parks to balance water demands. Public sector sprinkling of other landscaped areas and ornamental gardens follow the same schedule as set out in Section 2.1.
  - (b) Commercial farms are exempt from Stage 2 water conservation regulations for food crops.

- 3.0 **STAGE 3** Water Supply Conditions: "Acute"
- 3.1 During Stage 3, a person may:
  - (a) use a hose equipped with a spray-trigger nozzle, a hand-held container, or dripirrigation system to water:
    - i. trees, shrubs, and flowers only between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 am or 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm any day of the week;
    - ii. food producing plants and trees between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 am and 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm any day of the week;
  - (b) not water lawns, including newly seeded or sodded lawns;
  - (c) not use a sprinkler to water trees, shrubs, flowers or food producing plants and trees, at any time;
  - (d) not use water to wash sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, exterior windows, decks, fences or exterior building surfaces, unless required for health and safety reasons;
  - (e) not use water to wash a vehicle, boat or equipment except to wash salt water from a vehicle, boat or equipment or if part of a non-cosmetic commercial process legally required by a third party; and
  - (f) not use water to fill a swimming pool, spa, garden pond, or decorative fountain.
- 3.2 During Stage 3, the following exceptions apply:
  - (a) The Engineer may establish a separate schedule for sprinkling of public sports fields, public swimming pool maintenance and operation of public water parks to balance water demands. Public sector sprinkling of other landscaped areas and ornamental gardens follow the same schedule as set out in Section 3.1.
  - (b) Commercial farms are exempt from Stage 3 water conservation regulations for food crops.
  - (c) For certainty, essential water for livestock is exempt from Stage 3 restrictions.

- 4.0 **STAGE 4** Water Supply Conditions: "Severe"
- 4.1 During Stage 4, all outdoor water use is banned (including greenhouses), unless required to comply with health and safety reasons. Main line water pressures will also be reduced where possible.
- 4.2 For certainty, essential water for livestock is exempt from Stage 4 restrictions.
- 4.3 Despite section 4.1 above, commercial farms are exempt from Stage 4 water conservation regulations for food crops, for a two-week period, commencing from the first date of Stage 4 regulations.
- Despite sections 4.1 and 4.3 above, commercial farms are temporarily exempted from Stage 4 water conservation regulations for food crops, in the years 2023 and 2024.