



The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan

**Waterworks Amendment Bylaw**

Bylaw 3866

The Council of The Corporation of The District of North Cowichan enacts in open meeting assembled as follows:

**Title**

- 1 This Bylaw may be cited as "Waterworks Amendment Bylaw No. 3866, 2022".

**Amendment**

- 2 Waterworks Bylaw No. 3620 is hereby amended by deleting the definition of "sprinkler" in section 1 [Definitions] and replacing it with the following:

"**sprinkler**" means a conventional irrigation system, a sprinkler system, or a hose connected to a sprinkler, but excludes a hand-operated hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle or a micro-irrigation or drip-irrigation system;"

- 3 Waterworks Bylaw No. 3620 is hereby amended by striking out the words "Director of Engineering and Operations" and inserting the words "Director of Engineering" throughout the Bylaw.

- 4 Waterworks Bylaw No. 3620 is hereby amended by deleting section 17 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

- "17
- (1) Stage 1 water conservation measures are in effect from May 1 through October 31 each year.
  - (2) The Director of Engineering must determine when stage 1 water conservation measures are insufficient for effective water conservation and may authorize stage 2, stage 3, or stage 4 water conservation measures.
  - (3) A person must not use a sprinkler to water a lawn, vegetable garden, fruit trees, ornamental trees, shrubs, or flower gardens, except between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. for a maximum of 2 hours per day,
    - (a) for even numbered addresses on
      - (i) Wednesdays and Saturdays during stage 1
      - (ii) Wednesdays during stage 2
    - (b) for odd numbered addresses on
      - (i) Thursdays and Sundays during stage 1
      - (ii) Sundays during stage 2

- (4) A person must not use a sprinkler to water a lawn, vegetable garden, fruit trees, ornamental trees, shrubs, flower gardens, at any time during stage 3 and stage 4.
- (5) A person must not hand water or use micro-drip irrigation on vegetable gardens, or fruit trees, except between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.
  - (a) for a maximum of 4 hours per day during stage 1 and stage 2
  - (b) for a maximum of 2 hours per day during stage 3 and stage 4
- (6) A person must not hand water or use micro-drip irrigation on ornamental trees, shrubs, or flower gardens, except between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.
  - (a) for a maximum of 2 hours per day during stage 1 and stage 2
  - (b) for a maximum of 1 hour per day during stage 3 and stage 4
- (7) A person must not hand water or use micro-drip irrigation on lawns, except between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.
  - (a) for a maximum of 2 hours per day during stage 1
  - (b) for a maximum of 1 hour per day during stage 2
- (8) A person must not use a sprinkler on new lawns, except between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. for a maximum of 2 hours per day
  - (a) for even numbered addresses on
    - (i) Wednesdays and Saturdays during stage 1, unless an irrigation permit has been obtained for additional watering, in accordance with section 20 of this Bylaw
  - (b) for odd numbered addresses on
    - (i) Thursdays and Sundays during stage 1, unless an irrigation permit has been obtained for additional watering, in accordance with section 20 of this Bylaw
- (9) A person must not use a sprinkler on new lawns, except between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. for a maximum of 1 hour per day, on any day during stage 2 and stage 3, with a valid irrigation permit, obtained in accordance with section 20 of this Bylaw.
- (10) A person must not hand water or use micro-drip irrigation on new lawns, except between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.
  - (a) for a maximum of 2 hours per day during stage 1
  - (b) for a maximum of 1 hour per day during stage 2
  - (c) for a maximum of 1 hour per day during stage 3, unless an irrigation permit has been obtained for additional watering, in accordance with section 20 of this Bylaw
- (11) A person must not:
  - (a) fill a swimming pool or hot tub during stage 3, and stage 4, except for the purpose of topping up the swimming pool or hot tub

- (b) wash a vehicle or boat during stage 3, except for the purpose of applying paint, or for flushing salt water out of the motor of a boat
- (c) wash a vehicle or boat during stage 4
- (d) wash a house, fence, deck, driveway or sidewalk during stage 2, and stage 3, except for the purpose of preparing to: apply paints or preservatives, or to pour concrete
- (c) wash a house, fence, deck, driveway or sidewalk during stage 4"

5 Waterworks Bylaw No. 3620 is hereby amended be deleting section 18 (1) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

"18 (1) The Municipality must notify a consumer of a prohibition or limitation imposed on the use of water in accordance with this Bylaw."

6 Waterworks Bylaw No. 3620 is hereby amended be deleting section 18 (2) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

"18 (2) The notice requirement under subsection (1) shall be given using at least one of the following methods: website, social media, signage placed in relevant public locations, publishing in local newspaper, radio, television station broadcasting in the area where the prohibition or limitation is to be imposed."

7 Waterworks Bylaw No. 3620 is hereby amended be deleting section 19 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

- "19 (1) Section 17 does not apply, unless ordered otherwise by Council, to the following:
- (a) school and municipal playing fields
  - (b) municipal employees in the course of their duties
  - (c) municipal property
- (2) Section 17 (11)(b) does not apply during stage 3, unless ordered otherwise by Council, to commercial enterprises that require water use to facilitate normal business activities, including power washing, window washing, car dealerships, and commercial car wash businesses.
- (3) Section 17 (11)(d) does not apply during stage 2 and stage 3, unless ordered otherwise by Council, to commercial enterprises that require water use to facilitate normal business activities, including power washing, window washing, and commercial car wash businesses.

8 Waterworks Bylaw No. 3620 is hereby amended be renaming section 20 [Sprinkling permits] to "Irrigation permits" and deleting section 20 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

- "20 (1) A consumer must apply to the Municipality for an irrigation permit to use a sprinkler on a new lawn, in accordance with the terms of the irrigation permit, when stage 1 water conservation measures are in effect, and additional watering is required.
- (2) A consumer must apply to the Municipality for an irrigation permit to use a sprinkler on a new lawn, in accordance with the terms of the irrigation permit,

before stage 2 water conservation measures are in effect, and additional watering is required.

- (3) A consumer must apply to the Municipality for an irrigation permit to hand water or to use micro-drip irrigation on a new lawn, in accordance with the terms of the permit, when stage 3 water conservation measures are in effect, and additional watering is required.
- (4) An applicant must pay the Municipality the permit fee set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

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READ a first time on May 4, 2022  
READ a second time on May 4, 2022  
READ a third time on May 4, 2022  
ADOPTED on

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CORPORATE OFFICER

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PRESIDING MEMBER