

2020 RESIDENTIAL METERING UPDATE

For Homes Requiring Meters:

Costs for meter and MXU (remote reading device) purchase as well as the installation are the responsibility of the property owner. The water meter and MXU must be purchased direct from Wolseley Waterworks. Due to the required meter specifications, only Wolseley Waterworks supplies GEID meters locally.

Wolseley Waterworks

Address: 2960 Acland Road, Kelowna, BC

Phone: 250-765-5186

GEID must be contacted after the meter and MXU has been installed, for inspection and activation.

Please note: The charge for initial inspection and activation is **\$75.00.** If the FIRST inspection fails, any subsequent inspections will also be charged to the owner.

Current costs for Meter and MXU are as follows (plus applicable taxes):

3/4" Meter and MXU = \$372.83 1" Meter and MXU = \$452.23 1 1/2" Meter and MXU = \$1351.73 2" Meter and MXU = \$1565.73

Some Facts About Water Meters:

- High water consumption results in extremely costly capital expansion projects. Charging for water on the basis of consumption is useful for utilities in trying to manage demand while encouraging conservation.
- All costs for meters and their installations are the responsibility of property owners. This work will likely include some plumbing alterations to permit the installation of the meter and remote reading device.
- GEID has required water meters in all new homes since 2003 and on all other facilities built since 1993. Over 97% of GEID ratepayers in single family dwellings, multi-family complexes, as well as industrial, commercial and institutional facilities, already have meters.
- All waterlines must run directly through the main home or a single meter location. If this cannot be resolved, then a meter setter pit at the property line will be required at the owner's expense, as per GEID Bylaw #148.
- In general, within the home plumbing alterations and installation of the meter and remote reading device usually take 1 to 2 hours.

- As per the District's Cross Connection Control Bylaw # 11, any physical connection between the new
 domestic system and the Agricultural Irrigation system is not permitted. Anything interconnected
 within the property must be disconnected or have at a minimum a DCVA (dual check valve assembly)
 installed. This is a testable backflow prevention device installed on the fixture line or at the point of
 connection (property line) at the owner's expense.
- Rates for properties without a meter, will be paying the current flat rate of \$200 per month, that will continue to increase in the future, providing owners an incentive to install their water meters.
- Metered rates are composed of a fixed base charge along with a variable component for the actual consumption. (for each m³ of water)

For additional metering information, please call our office at 250.763.6506.

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