



ALTO UTILITIES LTD.

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION PROPOSING TO INCREASE WATER RATES EFFECTIVE October 1, 2024

Notice is hereby given that Alto Utilities Ltd. has made application to the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights for his consent to the filing under the provisions of the Water Utility Act and the Utilities Commission Act of rates and charges for service. A summary of the proposed rates is as follows:

Rate Category	Existing Rates Effective Jan 1, 2022	Proposed Rates Effective Oct 1, 2024	Proposed Rates Effective Oct 1, 2025	Proposed Rates Effective Oct 1, 2026
Domestic Flat	\$70.50/month	\$84.00/month	\$98.50/month	\$117.00/month
School Flat	\$1,410.00/month	\$1680.00/month	\$1970.00/month	\$2335.00/month
Metered Flat	\$46.50/month	\$55.50/month	\$65.00/month	\$77.50/month
Metered Consumption	\$1.90/m ³	\$2.16/m ³	\$2.40/m ³	\$2.70/m ³
Annual Rent Charge	\$423.00/annum	\$504.00/annum	\$591.00/annum	\$700.00/annum

Alto Utilities is requesting a rate increase as outlined above and is necessary for the utility to continue to provide the consistent high-quality level of service its customers. This rate increase reflects rising inflation costs since the last increase in 2022 and incorporates the recommendations from the recent Long-term Asset Management Plan report to increase future infrastructure contributions and begin collecting funds for the development of a treatment plant. Where possible, savings have been passed on to customers.

This rate application will increase contributions to the Reserve Replacement Trust Fund (RRTF) from \$117,000 to \$230,000 over three years to prepare for future infrastructure replacement. Revenue from operations and RRTF contributions combined increase contributions by 13.9% in 2024, 11.2% in 2025, and 12.4% in 2026. Alto Utilities is seeking a new Capital Fund Rider charge that will pay for future water treatment plans. Contributions will be stepped in the following fashion: 2024 - \$20,000, 2025 - \$50,000, and 2026 - \$90,000. Contributions to this fund will continue at \$90,000/year until costs for treatment have been fully recovered at which time contributions to the Capital Fund Rider will end.

All documents pertaining to application can be viewed on Alto's website at: <https://altoutilities.com/>

A copy of this application is also available for public inspection by email upon request at: alto.utilities@shaw.ca

Any person wishing further information in connection with the proposed rates or reasons for the proposed changes should write to:

Alto Utilities Ltd. 10397 Lodge Road, Lake Country, BC V4V1V6 email: alto.utilities@shaw.ca

By direction of the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights, comments on the application are to be forwarded to Chris McMillan, Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights, PO Box 9340 STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, BC V8W 9M1, or by email to chris.mcmillan@gov.bc.ca with a copy to Alto Utilities Ltd. All correspondence must be submitted **on or before August 31, 2024**. As all submissions may be included as evidence, please ensure that a copy is provided to the Utility.