



DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTRY

POLICY 06.02.74

Woods Lake Water System – Water Allocation Policy

The following was adopted as policy at the Regular Council Meeting held on September 5, 2006:

Moved by: Councillor Gambell

Seconded by: Councillor Leamont

Resolution # 06.09.365

That the Woods Lake Water System – Water Allocation Policy be approved.

Objectives

1. To allocate water fairly and share the resource between users in the service area.
2. To allocate water without exceeding threshold.
3. To protect existing users from water shortages that would be harmful to their crops and investments.
4. To promote logical growth as planned in the Official Community Plan.
5. To adopt water conservation practices.

Policy

1. Until the Province of British Columbia reviews and updates its hydrology and the District updates its capital plans, water will only be allocated for domestic use for existing lots fronting existing waterlines.
2. Once the District has completed its planning, water will be allocated in the following manner:
 - a. Water is allocated at the time of a building permit or subdivision or by outlining plans for agricultural use. Water may not be pre-purchased and held beyond 2 years without putting it to an approved use.
 - b. Water is only allocated to lands located inside the existing service area where existing infrastructure is capable of supporting the intended use as determined by the Engineering Department.
 - c. Water is allocated in accordance with future land use designations identified in the Official Community Plan. Water may be allocated for:
 - Domestic connections for existing lots fronting existing waterlines
 - Subdivision of homesite severance lots
 - Irrigation of land located in the ALR
 - Agri-tourism uses

- d. Without further study, capital planning and approval by the Engineering Department, water will not be allocated for:
 - Land where a waterline extension is required within the service area boundaries of the Wood Lake Water System specified area
- e. Without further study and plans approved by the Engineering Department along with capital plans approved by Council, water will not be allocated for:
 - Irrigation of new blocks of land larger than 5 acres in size
 - Land located outside the existing service area
 - New subdivision (excluding homesite severance lots)
 - Irrigation of land located outside the ALR
 - Industrial use

District Initiatives

1. The District should update and consolidate the existing Engineering Studies into a single document so that master planning for the water system is complete. This planning should also include:
 - Establishing the upper limit for water allocation in the Wood Lake Water System to meet normal growth needs of the community;
 - Financing the works required to implement the District's capital plans;
 - Constructing the works in preparation for the next drought;
 - Review of the hydrological work to be completed by the Province; and
 - Review of policy material from other agencies such as the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

The District should hire a consultant to examine the cost of metering and implementing other conservation measures so that the water resource is used wisely. When users waste the resource or consume inordinate amounts of water compared to other users, the District should impose additional charges

Mayor

Deputy Clerk