

# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

Meeting Dates: January 26 and 28, 2026

RFCD #: 2026-014

**TOPIC**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading for Water and Sewer Utility Rates  
By-law 2764/UTIL/26**

**BACKGROUND**

Each year, the Town reviews water and sewer consumption rates. A draft 2026 utility rates by-law is attached for Council consideration.

The Town has not increased water and sewer utility rates since 2023. Over this period, the cost of operating the water treatment plant, maintaining utilidor and sewage infrastructure, purchasing treatment chemicals, and covering electricity and fuel expenses has risen significantly due to inflation and supply-chain cost increases.

To ensure ongoing financial sustainability of the utility system, a modest rate adjustment is being proposed for 2026.

Note that the town continues to subsidize the cost of water production and delivery, as these rates do not cover the entire cost.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Based on 2025 usage levels, the proposed rates will generate approximately \$98,000 in additional revenue.

OCCUPANCY AND CLASSIFICATION	New Rate RATE \$/L MINIMUM \$/MONTH	Old Rate RATE \$/L MINIMUM \$/MONTH
Residential, non-government	0.00662 Minimum \$72.45	0.0063 Minimum \$69.00
Residential, government	0.01252 Minimum \$134.40	0.01192 Minimum \$128.00
Commercial, non-government	0.00882	0.0084
Government, non-residential	0.01252	0.01192
Water Point (In-Town Users)	0.00882	0.0084
Water Point (Out-of-Town Users)	0.01252	0.01192

**STRATEGIC PLAN OR PRIORITIES CHART IMPLICATIONS**

This item is not on the strategic priorities plan or chart.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OR OPERATIONAL IMPACTS**

The proposed increase is already reflected in the approved 2026 Interim Operating Budget, ensuring alignment between rates and projected expenses.

**OPTIONS**

Council has three options:

1. Give the required reading to the attached by-law
2. Defeat the motion
3. Defer the item via motion with direction to Administration on how to proceed

**RECOMMENDATION**

***“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Inuvik Town Council hereby gives THIRD READING to By-law 2764/UTIL/26, the water and sewer utility rates by-law.”***

Signature – Cynthia Pihlaja, SAO

