

# 2026 Drinking Water Rates

\$2,376 Single Family Dwelling

\$326 Parcel Tax

\$2,702 Total water utility cost per year,  
a 4.4% increase from 2025

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## Notifications Service

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If you are signed up for Voyent please ensure your location is set to within the water system you wish to receive notifications for.

## Contact Us

### For billing inquiries:

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### For water system emergencies 24/7:

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### General RDCK water system inquiries:

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## 2026 Water System Information South Slokan



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*Smokey Creek Dam*

## System News

Your operators have been busy with maintenance and leak detection and repair. A dam assessment is planned in 2026 to determine what deficiencies are required to be remedied per Provincial requirements. One filter housing will be replaced with new media that has shown better turbidity removal. An additional booster pump will be purchased to ensure redundancy in case of pump failure.

## Capital and Operations Highlights

- Major distribution leak identified and repaired
- Annual dam cleaning and inspection completed
- Annual distribution flushing and valve exercising completed

## Future Planned Upgrades

- Dam assessment and upgrades (2026) \$18,000
- Replace media in filters (2026) \$10,000
- Standby booster pump (2026) \$12,000
- Valve replacements and PRV improvements (2026)

## About Your Water System

The South Slokan water system (Electoral Area H) was first constructed in 1950 and became a RDCK service in the 1980's. The system services 50 active connections. Source water is derived primarily from Watt's Brook, with Smokey Creek as a secondary source. Treatment includes: sand filters and nominal cartridge filters for turbidity reduction; absolute cartridge filters for oocyst removal; ultraviolet light for disinfection/inactivation of micro biological components; and, chlorination for disinfection of bacteria/viruses. The water system is aging, and the small user base limits available reserve funding for major system upgrades. RDCK staff will continue to seek out any opportunities for senior government grants for water distribution system replacements; however, such grants are typically scarce. Total volume consumed in 2025 was 24,452 m<sup>3</sup>.

## Water Events

The following water quality events occurred in 2025:

- Water Quality Advisory issued March 4 due to high turbidity, rescinded April 15

## Water Quality Testing

RDCK conducts routine water quality testing in accordance with the Drinking Water Protection Act under the oversight of the Interior Health Authority to ensure drinking water meets the health-based parameters outlined in Health Canada's Guide lines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality.

**Water quality is good**



*Your water conservation efforts, such as xeriscaping, help prevent water shortages!*

## Water Conservation

Water conservation helps to protect and preserve our drinking water sources and ensure they are sustainable into the future. By lowering water demand, communities can mitigate the cost of water system operations and maintenance, and extend the life of their existing infrastructure.

From June 1 to September 30, Stage 1 measures go into effect every year regardless of seasonal weather patterns. The RDCK may, upon notification, impose further water conservation measures (Stages 2-4) as necessary.

## Ways to reduce your water use

- Drip irrigation
- Rain harvesting
- Grass alternatives/Xeriscaping
- Low-flow shower heads
- Dual-flush toilets
- Front load wash machines
- Water wise tooth brushing/hand washing