



# DOMESTIC APPEAL FOR AGRICULTURAL WATER RATE APPLICATION Greater Vernon Water

DATE:	PHONE #1:	PHONE #2:
NAME of Property Owner(s):		
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY APPLIED FOR:		
MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above):		
TOTAL PROPERTY SIZE (if known) : <input type="checkbox"/> ACRES <input type="checkbox"/> HECTARES	EXISTING WATER ALLOCATION (if known): <input type="checkbox"/> ACRES <input type="checkbox"/> HECTARES	
TYPE OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM (eg. drip, hand set, overhead sprinkler, etc.):	ESTIMATE OF INCOME FROM FARMING: <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;"><b>PLEASE NOTE: Applications <u>will not</u> be accepted without proof of income.</b></div>	
IS LAND LEASED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      IF YES, NAME OF RENTER:		(the owner or renter can provide the proof of income)
<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;"><b>*New*</b> DO YOU HAVE A WATER METER:   <input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No    <b>PLEASE NOTE: water meters <u>must be</u> installed before turn on.</b> </div>		
TYPES OF CROP AND / OR LIVESTOCK:		

**PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

THE APPLICANT ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING TERMS: 1. All domestic water used must be metered; 2. Only one appeal per property may be filed per calendar year; 3. <b><u>\$25 NON REFUNDABLE application fee made payable to the 'Regional District of North Okanagan'</u></b> ; 4. Applications received after February 15 <sup>th</sup> will be subject to a \$50 non refundable late fee; 5. Meet Cross Connection Control Standards; 6. The applicant will notify Regional District of North Okanagan - Greater Vernon Water (RDNO-GVW) if farming activity ceases; 7. RDNO-GVW will conduct random audits, including site inspections, to confirm eligibility; 8. Eligibility for agricultural water may be withdrawn at the discretion of RDNO-GVW if land use ceases to meet the criteria for agricultural use or if access for site inspections is denied; and 9. Current water restrictions must be taken into consideration at all times. In the event of a successful appeal, the applicant will install (a) separate water meter(s) at their sole expense to measure all water used on the property. The meter(s) must be installed and inspected before the agricultural water rate comes into effect.	
SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER(S):	DATE:

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

PID FILE No.:			
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT:	PLAN:	SEC:	TWP:
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	VALID UNTIL: _____	REF. No.: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> DENIED			
NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL (PRINT)	SIGNATURE	DATE	
COMMENTS:			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <u>NON-REFUNDABLE</u> APPLICATION FEE		<input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHEQUE # _____	
		RECEIPT #: _____	

## CRITERIA FOR AGRICULTURAL WATER USE

The following criteria must be met in order for landowners to receive irrigation water at the agricultural rate:

1. The property has current BC Assessment Farm Classification. ***If your property has farm classification, you are automatically eligible for the agricultural water rate and do not need to submit an appeal.***
2. Properties without BC Assessment Farm Classification will be considered domestic. ***Domestic water use is required to be metered and is charged at the domestic water rate.***
3. Properties with an existing irrigation allocation greater than 0.41 ha (1 acre) will have an opportunity to appeal.
4. Properties with an existing irrigation allocation less than or equal to 0.41 ha (1 acre) will not be permitted to appeal. ***The flow rate attributable to an allocation of 0.41 ha (1 acre) is 18.9 L/min (5 USpgm), which is considered the maximum requirement for domestic use.***
5. A successful appeal must meet the following conditions:
  - a. Agricultural use of the property is permitted pursuant to the appropriate zoning regulations;
  - b. The property is used for agricultural purposes, comprising:
    - Apiculture;
    - Aquaculture;
    - Christmas tree culture;
    - Dairying;
    - Floriculture;
    - Forage production;
    - Forest seedling and seed production;
    - Fruit and vegetable production;
    - Herb production;
    - Horse rearing;
    - Horse Boarding;
    - Horticulture;
    - Populous species and salix species intensively cultivated in plantations;
    - Insects raised for biological pest control;
    - Livestock raising;
    - Medicinal plant culture;
    - Poultry and egg production;
    - Seed production;
    - Turf production;
    - Wool, hide, feather or fur production; and
    - The raising of crops or animals for human consumption

The following activities are **NOT** considered agricultural for the purposes of water billing:

- Production of manufactured derivatives from agricultural raw materials;
  - Production for the occupants' own domestic consumption;
  - Agricultural services; and
  - Breeding and rearing of pets, except horses.
6. The property owner must install a second water meter inside the property line to capture all water use. The cost to purchase and install the meter, pit and appurtenances will be borne by the property owner. The meter must be installed and inspected by RDNO-GVW before eligibility for the agricultural water rate is instated.
  7. Landowners with water allocations less than or equal to 0.82 hectares (2 acres) will be required to meet the income threshold of \$1,000 per year. Landowners with water allocations greater than 0.82 hectares will be required to meet the income threshold of \$2,500 per year. Proof of income is required with **ALL** applications made.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. All domestic use is required to be metered, and to pay the domestic rate, even if the property sustains an agricultural activity.
2. A **NON-REFUNDABLE** fee of \$25 made payable to the 'Regional District of North Okanagan' is required at the time of appeal submission.
3. **\*NEW\*** Applications submitted after February 15<sup>th</sup> will be subject to a \$50 non-refundable late fee.
4. All properties must be assessed for backflow prevention and meet Cross Connection Control Standards including installation of required backflow prevention devices and / or assemblies if required.
5. Appeals are assessed by RDNO-GVW staff based on the information provided. Extraordinary cases will be referred to the Regional District of North Okanagan Board.
6. RDNO-GVW reserves the right to perform random audits and site inspections to verify conformance. Eligibility for the agricultural water rate will be withdrawn if, at the discretion of RDNO-GVW, land use fails to meet the above criteria.
7. Successful appeals are valid for one calendar year. One appeal per property may be submitted per calendar year.
8. Properties with allocation over 0.41 hectares will have until February 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year to appeal. Properties with allocation less than or equal to 0.41 hectares without BC Assessment Farm Status will be considered domestic and will be invoiced at the domestic rate.
9. Notification regarding approved or rejected appeals will be mailed to the address provided. Rejected appeals will be informed of the reasons.
10. Current water restrictions must be taken into consideration at all times.

Greater Vernon Water is a function of the Regional District of the North Okanagan, responsible for water supply, treatment and distribution. Please feel free to contact RDNO-GVW for additional information at:

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