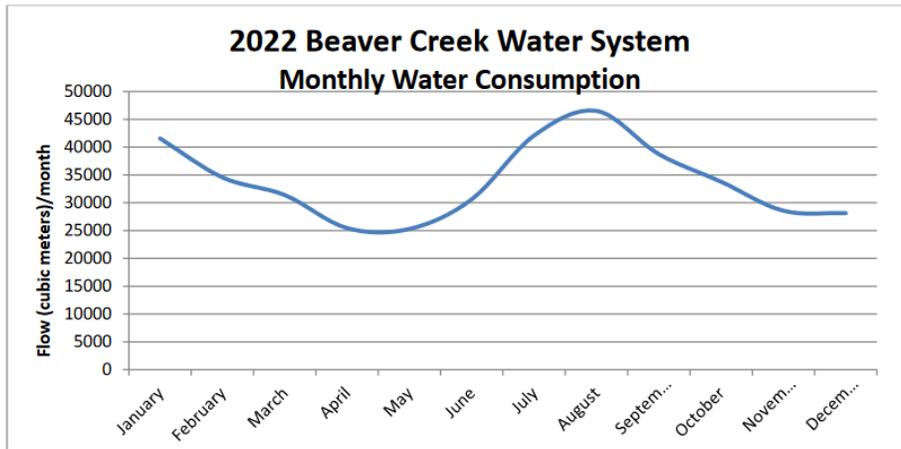


**Atten: Beaver Creek Water Advisory Committee:**

I would like the ACRD to employ a new system that would encourage less water consumption and at the same time help with food security.

At a community meeting held at the Beaver Creek Community Hall on May 28, 2023, residents spoke out about receiving “overage charges” due to watering their gardens. In their minds (and mine), people should not be penalized for growing good food for their family. Backyard gardens provide families with more independence around food security.

According to the ACRD’s annual report on Beaver Creek water, people use more water in the summer months than in the winter months (see chart below).



Currently, residents are billed \$172.62 per quarter (\$57,54 per month) for 90 cubic metres of water, and above that, consumption charged is \$2 per cubic metre.

I would like the ACRD’s billing system to work on an annual basis of 360 cubic metres (4 x 90 = 360). At the end of each quarter, if an amount is left over from the 90 cubic metre allowance, it would be carried forward to the next quarter. The final quarter billing would include all overage charges.

This would be relatively simple to change and manage. I know that water consumption could easily be figured out and tracked on MS Excel. There are about 1,050 connections (water parcels) in Beaver Creek.

Please give this some thought. It would encourage people to pay attention to their water consumption and also help to secure healthy food sources.

Thank you  
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