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Notice of Water Tank Special Charge Application

October 9, 2026 | Proposed effective date: December 1, 2026

Sheringham Water Works is applying for a one-time special charge to complete funding for the new primary water storage tank. The tank is expected to be completed this month. The overall project is approximately $750,000 and is substantially funded. The proposed charge is needed only to cover the remaining funding requirement of approximately $50,000. The proposed charge is $476.19 per household/water user and may be paid in full or over 10 monthly payments.

Sheringham Water Works is applying to the Comptroller of Water Rights for consent to file this charge under the Water Utility Act and the Utilities Commission Act.

Summary of proposed charge

Charge	Proposed
One-time water tank special charge per household/water user (payable in full or over 10 monthly payments)	**$476.19**

Why the tank replacement is needed

Sheringham Water Works' existing concrete reservoir dates from the 1970s and is now more than 50 years old. Although it remains in service, its remaining useful life is uncertain, and it does not provide the storage capacity now needed for system operation, emergency storage, and fire protection. Engineering review confirmed that a smaller emergency backup tank would not provide enough capacity. The project was therefore revised to build a larger new primary tank: a 22 ft by 40 ft steel and glass-fused tank expected to hold approximately 379 cubic meters, compared with approximately 123 cubic meters in the existing concrete reservoir. Once the new tank is commissioned and operational, SWW can assess the existing reservoir and decide whether it should be refurbished for backup use, retained empty, or removed later.

Existing concrete reservoir, circa 1970s



New steel and glass-fused tank, completion expected this month



Payment options and use of special charge

The proposed special charge will be applied to the remaining unfunded portion of the new water tank project. The charge is $476.19 per household/water user. To reduce the immediate impact on customers, the charge may be paid either in full or over 10 monthly payments. Sheringham Water Works will continue to maintain its Replacement Reserve Trust Fund for future replacement of system components. The portion of regular revenue deposited into that fund is $43,000 per year.

Application review and questions

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection online on www.sheringhamwaterworks.org. For further information, contact Sheringham Water Works at info@sheringhamwaterworks.org.

Submitting comments

By direction of the Comptroller of Water Rights, comments, concerns and questions about the application must be received by **November 14, 2026**. Send them to Chris McMillan, Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights, PO Box 9340 STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, BC V8W 9M1, or Chris.McMillan@gov.bc.ca. Please also send a copy to Sheringham Water Works at 2876 Woodhaven Road, Shirley, BC V9Z 1G6, or info@sheringhamwaterworks.org. Submissions may be included as evidence.

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