

**TID Vision:** *Our vision is a progressive and cohesive team, supporting the diverse needs of our water users through a heritage of efficient operations, a drive for continuous improvement, and a spirit of collaboration toward responsible water management within Specialty Crop Country*

*The TID allocation limit is set at **18 inches** for 2017. With a significant, higher than average snow pack this allocation will preserve reservoir levels for 2018. TID continues to encourage water users to strive toward maintaining optimal soil moisture content for your soil type.*

**Water Rates for 2017** The Board of Directors of TID have passed the following rates:

Agreement	2016	2017
Irrigation Acres	\$14/ac	\$16/ac
Terminable Agreement (irrigation)	\$42/ac; \$420 min.	\$48/ac; \$480 min.
Annual Agreement (irrigation)	\$42/ac; \$420 min.	\$48/ac; \$480 min.
Household Purposes (< 1 ac parcel)	\$210	\$210
Rural Water Use (≥ 1 ac parcel)	\$420	\$420
Water Conveyance (agr, mun, ind)	\$42/ac; \$420 min.	\$48/ac; \$480 min.
Truck Load	\$0.92/m <sup>3</sup> ; \$420 min	\$1.05/m <sup>3</sup> ; \$480 min
Well Site	\$2,100	\$2,400
Water to Oil & Gas	\$210/ac-ft; \$420 min	\$240/ac-ft; \$480 min

*If you intend to cancel an agreement, please notify the office by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 or you will be billed for the 2017 irrigation season. See the reverse for details on available irrigation acres.*

### Invasive Mussels Now in Montana

The threat of invasive Zebra and Quagga Mussels is now a neighbour. You may have heard that Manitoba has an established infestation, but Tiber Reservoir just across the border has them as well. Prevention is by far the cheapest option and we continue to support Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AAF) in their efforts to keep these pests out, but we will do our best to be prepared. TID is participating on the review committee of an initiative by Eastern Irrigation District and AAF engaging the best minds in mussel research and treatment to come up with a Strategic Pest Management Plan and accompanying equipment, logistics and associated costs to keep irrigation water flowing. TID will also be hosting one of the largest pipeline test sites for achieving the desired potash concentration for mussel destruction. TID is also training staff so that we can adapt our Magnacide H treatments for maximum preventive vegetative treatment under our current Health Canada label, that will also have best off-target control of mussel veligers.

Make sure to visit and bookmark TID's website: [www.taberirrigationdistrict.ca](http://www.taberirrigationdistrict.ca)

# TID Irrigation Acres & Water Conveyance Agreements



Irrigation acres are what are commonly known as permanent water rights, and have a defined area tied to the land on which irrigation occurs. These have value as they account for an investment in TID conveyance infrastructure and allocation of TID water licenses. Irrigation acres have the highest priority of water use. Terminable or annual agreements can be cancelled by either party and are typically used for irrigation of small parcels.

TID's irrigation expansion limit is currently 92,200 acres, and including the irrigation and terminable acres currently on our assessment roll, **TID has approximately 8,400 acres available** to be added to eligible lands. By paying a Capital Assets Charge, irrigation acres can replace terminable acres on parcels of 20 acres or larger, or can be added to any lands that can be served by TID.

Water Conveyance Agreements (WCAs) for water used under existing private licenses can be delivered by TID through our works with payment of an annual volume-based fee. For those requiring new water for other uses (eg. municipal, industrial, commercial, recreational), **TID has room under our amended license**, subject to a fee.

The Board of Directors has approved a staged increase in both the Capital Assets Charge (CAC), and the WCA Fee. The following table shows the changes:

	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Irrigation Acre Cap. Assets Charge</b>	\$1000	\$1200	\$1400	\$1600
<b>Water Conveyance Agreement Fee</b>	\$600	\$750	\$880	\$1010

## Adding Irrigation Acres:

Irrigation acres can be added to an existing parcel if there is enough irrigable land available. Common reasons for adding are to increase irrigation on a limited land base, drought protection (with additional assessed acres you can irrigate more inches), and price protection as the Capital Assets Charge goes up.

Irrigation acres can be added to a new parcel. We are a parcel district, and so under the Irrigation Districts Act, any landowner can apply to add a parcel to TID. We will review the Land Irrigability Classification submitted with your application, evaluate our ability to provide a point of delivery, and advertise for 30 days. If approved, the notation "included in the Taber Irrigation District" is added to your land title. Once any outstanding issues are resolved – including any payment for new infrastructure – you can then purchase the irrigation acres and have these added to our assessment roll. A map summarizing the irrigable areas in the vicinity of our works, based on a Level III Classification, is coming soon to our website.

Please call our office or stop in for assistance if you are looking to TID for new irrigation acres or a Water Conveyance Agreement.