

Re: CORRECTION OF ERROR IN FEE SCHEDULE  
"BURNABY ELECTRICAL BY-LAW 1974,  
AMENDMENT BY-LAW NO. 2, 1975"  
BY-LAW NO. 6772

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Following is a report from the Chief Building Inspector regarding the requirement to correct two errors in the subject fee schedule. The required adjustments are for the following two items only:

- (28)(a)(i) - per kva. of service capacity .....  
adjusted to the nearest dollar
- (28)(a)(iii) - For an Educational Facility Annual Permit,  
each classroom, shop, laboratory, board  
office .....

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the two adjustments to the fee schedule, "Burnaby Electrical By-law 1974, Amendment By-law No. 2, 1975," By-law No. 6772, as outlined in the Chief Building Inspector's report be approved.

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January 28, 1976.

Mr. M.J. Shelley,  
MUNICIPAL MANAGER.

Dear Sir:

Subject: Correction of Error in Fee Schedule,  
"Burnaby Electrical By-Law 1974,  
Amendment By-Law No. 2, 1975"  
By-Law No. 6772

Early in 1975, in March, Burnaby Electrical By-Law 1974 was amended to change the fee schedule, and at that time an arithmetical error occurred in the fee established for an Annual Electrical Permit set out in Section 28 of Appendix A.

Prior to March 1975, Section 28 of Appendix A read as follows:

- (28) Annual Permit:
- (a) For a Commercial or Industrial Annual Permit,
    - (i) per kva. of service capacity..... .06  
adjusted to the nearest dollar; or
    - (ii) minimum fee..... 25.00
    - (iii) maximum fee..... 900.00  
whichever is greater.
  - (b) For an Educational Facility Annual Permit, each classroom, shop, laboratory, board office..... .15

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In November 1975, the By-Law was again amended to maintain fee schedules in relation to operating costs, and the error was carried forward. The current By-Law contains in Section 28, Appendix A, fees as follows:

(28) Annual Permit:

- (a) For a Commercial or Industrial Annual Permit,
- (i) per kva. of service capacity ..... .15  
adjusted to the nearest dollar; or
  - (ii) minimum fee..... 29.00
  - (iii) maximum fee..... 1,040.00  
whichever is greater.
- (b) For an Educational Facility Annual Permit, each classroom, shop, laboratory, board office..... .25

The reason this error was not detected earlier is that Annual Electrical Permits are issued in the month of January. Hence, the March 1975 amendment was made after the permits had been issued for the year 1975 at the former rates, and reference to this particular section of the appendix was not needed, nor was it made again until January 1976. Unfortunately, when the November 1975 amendment was made, proof reading did not pick up the error.

The March 1975 increase was in the order of 8% and the November 1975 increase of 7%. It will be seen that the current rates of \$0.15 per kva. of service capacity, and \$0.25 per classroom, shop, laboratory, board office in an Educational Facility are incorrect and abnormally high. In fact, when we undertook processing of annual permits this month for 1976 at current schedule rates, we faced a customer boycott and at the moment applications for Annual Electrical Permits are being held in the department.

In conclusion, we would mention that the Annual Electrical Permit is a most useful feature of the By-Law and Fee Schedule; subscribed to voluntarily by all the large energy consuming businesses in the municipality--refineries, large industrial and commercial plants, the Burnaby School Board--some 16 in all. By a simple arithmetic error the present rates are unreasonably high and in no way appropriate to the inspection service provided.

It is recommended, therefore, that Section 28, Appendix A, of Burnaby Electrical By-Law 1974, and amendments, be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

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(28) Annual Permit:

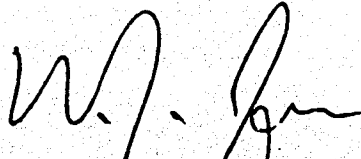
(a) For a Commercial or Industrial Annual Permit,

- (i) per kva. of service capacity..... 0.07  
adjusted to the nearest dollar, or
- (ii) minimum fee..... 29.00
- (iii) maximum fee..... 1,040.00

(b) For an Educational Facility Annual Permit, each classroom, shop, laboratory, board office..... .18

With apology for the inconvenience caused,

Respectfully submitted,



M.J. Jones,  
CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR.

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c.c. S. Nirmal, Supervisor,  
Electrical Inspections.

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR.