

RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAW NO. 3325
19 mm WATER CONNECTION RATE

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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	55
COUNCIL MEETING	1981 11 09

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 81 11 03

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: 19 mm WATER CONNECTION RATE

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a bylaw be brought down to amend Schedule A of Bylaw No. 3325, being the Burnaby Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 1953 as amended by Bylaw No. 7330, being Burnaby Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 1953, amendment Bylaw 1979, to increase the fees from \$400 to \$550 for installation of water connections of a diameter up to and including 19 mm.

SUMMARY:

The proposed flat rate of \$550 would apply to all connections which are 19 mm or less in size. A job-specific rate based on a fixed estimate would continue to be applied for all connections in excess of 19 mm in diameter.

REPORT:

Water connections over 19 mm in size are installed by the Corporation at actual cost to the property owner. Connections of 19 mm and less in size are presently installed at a cost to the owner of \$400; a rate that has been in effect since 1979 May 15. Costs have now risen to the point where we should be charging \$550. If the recommendation to increase the connection fee to \$550 is approved, the new rate would come into effect on the date of passage of the amending Bylaw.

The size of the vast majority of water connections is 19 mm (3/4 inch) or less. It is to the advantage of both the owner and the Corporation for costs to be recovered by charging a flat rate when sizes fall within this range; the alternative is to predetermine a charge for each connection based on a specific estimated cost which would be both costly and time-consuming.

Connections exceeding 19 mm are almost always required by commercial and industrial establishments. The cost in such cases is based on a job specific estimate; because of significant individual cost variations, a flat rate for such work would not be appropriate.

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