

**FINANCE AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: SEWER CONNECTION BYLAW 1961 – RATE CHANGES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council amend the Sewer Connection Bylaw 1961 in order to reflect the rates proposed in this report.

**REPORT**

The Finance and Civic Development Committee, at its meeting held on 2014 November 18, received and adopted the *attached* report seeking Council's approval to revise the rates for the Sewer Connection Bylaw 1961 effective 2015 February 1, and to update wording to improve clarity of the bylaw.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston  
Chair

Councillor C. Jordan  
Vice Chair

Councillor P. McDonell  
Member

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
FINANCE AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2014 November 12

**FROM:** DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

**FILE:** 36000-07  
*Reference: Sewer Connection*

**SUBJECT:** SEWER CONNECTION BYLAW 1961 – RATE CHANGES

**PURPOSE:** To obtain Council approval to revise the rates for this bylaw effective 2015 February 1 and to update wording to improve clarity of the bylaw.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** the Committee recommend Council amend the Sewer Connection Bylaw 1961 in order to reflect the rates proposed in this report:

**REPORT**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. On 2013 October 28 the Director Planning in consultation with Director Engineering put forward a 6% increase for 2014 for the fees contained within The Burnaby Sewer Connection Bylaw 1961. This increase was set to recover the costs of Engineering Department Services and reflect a cost of living increase since the last fee adjustment in 2011. For the effective date of 2015 February 1 it is proposed that rates are increased by 2.5% in line with Building and Planning recommendations.

**FINDINGS**

2. It is proposed that The Burnaby Sewer Connection Bylaw 1961 be updated to reference the “City of Burnaby” in place of “The Corporate of the District of Burnaby”. In order to help readers identify fees within the bylaw and ensure they are maintained. A new Schedule is proposed for inclusion in the bylaw, in which all fees are located in one location.
3. New for 2015 is the proposed inclusion of a fee for Sewer Connection Adjustment Application, for recovery of the minimum cost for sewer operations and survey for a new connection from the City’s system to a property / lot.
4. All other fees (excluding bylaw violation notices) contained within the Burnaby Sewer Connection Bylaw 1961 are increased by the same percentage. Table 1 summarizes the proposed fees increases for the Burnaby Sewer Connection Bylaw 1961.
5. Wordings throughout the bylaw will be updated to improve clarity.

**Table 1 – Proposed Sewer Connection Fee and Charges Schedule:**

Fees and charges	Current rates	Effective 2015 February 1
1. Fees		
a) Service connection adjustment application	\$0	\$380
b) Service connection * **	\$0 Actual	Actual cost Actual cost
2. Permit Fees:		
a) Sanitary Sewer Connection	\$85	\$87
b) Storm Sewer Connection	\$143	\$147
c) Combined Sewer Connection	\$143	\$147
d) Third and each subsequent inspection	\$58	\$59
3. Violation notice contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this by-law	\$500	\$500

\* where the lot existed at the time of sewer installation  
\*\* where the lot did not exist at the time of sewer installation

**RECOMMENDATION**

6. It is recommended that Council amend the Burnaby Sewer Connection Bylaw 1961 for the rates proposed in this report.



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