

District of West Vancouver



## **Sewer and Drainage Utility Fee Bylaw No. 4538, 2007**

Effective Date – January 14, 2008

### **Consolidated for Convenience Only**

This is a consolidation of the bylaws below. The amendment bylaws have been combined with the original bylaw for convenience only. This consolidation is not a legal document. Certified copies of the original bylaws should be consulted for all interpretations and applications of the bylaw on this subject.

<b>Amendment Bylaw</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Bylaw No. 4665, 2010	December 6, 2010
Bylaw No. 4623, 2009	December 18, 2009
Bylaw No. 4588, 2008	December 15, 2008
Bylaw No. 4585, 2008	October 27, 2008

The bylaw numbers in the margin of this consolidation refer to the bylaws that amended the parent bylaw (Sewer and Drainage Utility Fee Bylaw No. 4538, 2007). The number of any amending bylaw that has been repealed is not referred to in this consolidation.

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A bylaw to impose rates and connection fees for the use of the  
Municipal sewerage and drainage system.

WHEREAS pursuant to Part 7 Division (2) of the *Community Charter*  
The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver deems it expedient to provide  
for the imposition of charges for the provision of Municipal Sewer and Drainage  
connections and for use of a sewerage system;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the District of West Vancouver enacts as  
follows:

## **Part 1 Citation**

- 1.1 This bylaw may be cited as Sewer and Drainage Utility Fee Bylaw  
No. 4538, 2007.

## **Part 2 Severability**

- 2.1 If a portion of this bylaw is held invalid by a Court of competent  
jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of  
this bylaw is deemed to have been adopted without the severed section,  
subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or phrase.

## **Part 3 Previous Bylaw Repeal**

- 3.1 Sewer and Drainage Utility Fee Bylaw No.3749, 1992 (adopted on  
June 3, 1992) and the following amendment bylaws are hereby repealed:

<b>Amendment Bylaw</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Bylaw No. 4494	December 18, 2006
Bylaw No. 4458	December 14, 2005
Bylaw No. 4411	December 13, 2004
Bylaw No. 4355	December 15, 2003
Bylaw No. 4319	December 16, 2002

Bylaw No. 4274	December 17, 2001
Bylaw No. 4238	December 18, 2000
Bylaw No. 4198	January 26, 2000
Bylaw No. 4082	December 14, 1997
Bylaw No. 4028	December 16, 1996
Bylaw No. 3968	December 11, 1995
Bylaw No. 3914	December 19, 1994
Bylaw No. 3858	December 20, 1993
Bylaw No. 3816	June 07, 1993
Bylaw No. 3780	December 16, 1992

## Part 4 Definitions

Amendment  
Bylaw No.  
4665, 2010

- 4.1 In the construction and for the purposes of this bylaw the following words shall have the meanings hereinafter assigned to them;

**“Business Day”** shall mean regular business days (Monday to Friday except Statutory Holidays) between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm;

**“Council”** shall mean the Council of The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver;

**“Engineer”** shall mean the Director of Engineering and Transportation appointed by Council, or his/her designated representative;

**“Metered Customer”** shall mean any person connected to the water system and being charged based on a volumetric rate;

**“Treasurer”** shall mean the Director of Finance appointed by Council;

**“Winter Period Usage”** shall mean the volume rate applied (as shown in Schedule A and B of this bylaw) to single family residential customers based on the average consumption of the two winter periods (Quarter 4 of the previous year and Quarter 1 of the current year).

## **Part 5 Part and Section Titles**

### **5.1 Connection Fees**

Any person making an application for the installation, connection, or disconnection of a sewer or drainage service pipe or street main shall pay the fees set out in Schedule "C" attached hereto. The work shall be carried out by the District of West Vancouver.

Any person making an application for the laying of any sewer or drainage pipe other than the standard connection described in Schedule "C" shall, at the time of such application, deposit at the Engineer's office a security amount prior to the commencement of the works. The security amount shall be 150% of the estimated cost of providing such service. The estimated cost shall be the estimated installation cost plus 20% for administration and overhead. Upon receipt of such security amount the Engineer shall, if in his opinion such connection is necessary, as soon as is convenient thereafter provide such sewer or drainage pipe if the installation cost of the work plus 20% of the overhead is greater than the security amount, the applicant shall pay to the District the difference between such amount and the security amount and before a water turn on is effected.

### **5.2 Sewer Utility Fees**

Where the water supply to a property is metered, a quarterly charge, to be called a "metered sewer utility fee" is hereby imposed on the owner of such property for the use of the Municipal Sewer System according to the quantity of water delivered by the Municipal waterworks system as set forth in Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" attached hereto and is due and payable quarterly on the last days of May, August, November and February, in arrears. The rate payable in Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" shall remain in effect until the completion of the demolition of all buildings and structures on the site and a water disconnect has been made. Where a new meter has been installed during any quarter (with the quarters beginning on the first days of January, April, July and October) the metered sewer utility fee for that partial quarter is due at the end of that quarter. The metered sewer utility fee for single family residential properties shall be based on the average winter water consumption for properties of a similar type and usage.

- 5.2.1 The fee due and payable that are shown in Schedule “A” and Schedule “B” shall be subject to a discount of ten (10) percent, provided rates for the current billing are paid in full on or before the close of business on the due date set out on the billing form. If all or a portion of the fee due and payable is received after the due date set out on the billing form then it shall be the amount shown in Schedule “A” and Schedule “B”.
- 5.2.2 Upon the discretion of the Treasurer or the Director of Engineering and Transportation the sewer utility fee may be adjusted as special circumstances exist. Adjustments will be subject to a Sewer Utility Fee Adjustment administration fee in accordance with Schedule “C”.

### 5.3 Collection of Unpaid Utility Fees

Sewer Utility fees payable under the provisions of this bylaw shall be collected in the same manner and with like remedies as ordinary taxes on the land and improvements. Such fees, if not paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year in which such fees were imposed, shall be deemed to be taxes in arrears and be so entered on the Tax Roll by the Treasurer. Sewer utility fees that cannot be entered on to the Tax Roll shall be sent to a collection agency.

### Offence and Penalty

- 5.4 Every person who violates a provision of this bylaw, or who consents, allows or permits an act or thing to be done in violation of a provision of this bylaw, or who neglects to or refrains from doing anything required to be done by a provision of this bylaw, is guilty of an offence and is liable to the penalties imposed under this bylaw, and is guilty of a separate offence each day that a violation continues to exist.
- 5.5 Every person who commits an offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine or to imprisonment, or to both a fine and imprisonment, not exceeding the maximum allowed by the *Offence Act*.

## Schedules

- Schedule A – Sewer Meter Base Rates  
Schedule B – Sewer Meter Volume Rates  
Schedule C – Schedule of Service Charges

READ A FIRST TIME on December 17, 2007

READ A SECOND TIME on December 17, 2007

READ A THIRD TIME on December 17, 2007

ADOPTED by the Council on January 14, 2008

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Mayor

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Municipal Clerk

## Schedule A - Sewer Meter Base Rates

(Amended by Bylaw No. 4665, 2010)

### 1 Sewer Base Charge Per Unit (Quarterly)

	Single Family Residential	Multi Family Residential	Commercial
<b>Sanitary</b>	21.23	21.23	21.23
<b>Drainage Levy</b>	30.58	30.58	30.58
<b>Total</b>	51.80	51.80	51.80
No Water Sewer**	166.59	166.59	166.59

\*\*"No Water Sewer" Customers that are not charged metered water pay a flat rate based on the median SFR monthly bill.

Per section 5.2.1 of "Sewer and Drainage Utility Fee Bylaw No. 4538, 2007" the rates shown in Schedule "A" shall be subject to a discount of ten (10) percent, provided full payment for the current billing is made on or before the close of business on the due date set out on the billing form.

## **Schedule B - Sewer Meter Volume Rates**

(Amended by Bylaw No. 4665, 2010)

### **1 Metered Sewer Volume Rates Based on Quarterly (3 months) Consumption**

<b>*Single Family Residential</b>	<b>Per Cubic Metre</b> \$1.37
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<b>Multi Family Residential</b>	<b>Per Cubic Metre</b> \$1.37
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<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Per Cubic Metre</b> \$1.37
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\*Single Family Residential Volume Rate applied quarterly to average winter period usage.

All other class rates applied to total water usage

For discharge of contaminated groundwater to the sewer system the fee is \$1.37 per cubic metre for groundwater discharged.

Per section 5.2.1 of "Sewer and Drainage Utility Fee Bylaw No. 4538, 2007" the rates shown in Schedule "B" shall be subject to a discount of ten (10) percent, provided full payment for the current billing is made on or before the close of business on the due date set out on the billing form.

## **Schedule C – Schedule of Service Charges**

(Amended by Bylaw No. 4665, 2010)

1	Sewer Leak Administration Fee	10% of Original Sewer Charge up to \$200
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For work other than listed above or where extraordinary conditions prevail such as rock excavation, creek crossings, other utility interference, sidewalks etc. the estimated cost to be actual installation cost plus 20% overhead. Estimated cost plus 50% contingency to be paid in advance as security see Section 5.1 Connection Fees in this Bylaw