



To: Richmond City Council
From: Councillor Linda Barnes, Chair
Public Works and Transportation Committee
Date: May 22, 2009
File: 03-0930-02-03
Re: **Multi Family Rates for Water and Sewer Services**

The Public Works and Transportation Committee, at its meeting held on Thursday, May 21, 2009, considered the above matter, and recommends as follows:

Committee Recommendation

That:

- (1) Council form a Task Force comprised of 5 citizens representing different ownership and build models of townhouse and apartment water users and 2 Council members, along with staff support, to examine problems experienced by townhouse and apartment properties in taking advantage of the City's water metering programme;***
- (2) the Task Force bring forward recommendations to Council through the Public Works and Transportation Committee by the end of September 2009 on how these types of properties might take advantage of the programme or if metering is not feasible or practical, how to re-structure the water and sewer utility charges to make the rates charged to these types of properties as equitable as possible with other types of metered residential properties in Richmond; and***
- (3) Councillors Linda Barnes and Greg Halsey-Brandt be appointed as the two Council liaisons to the Richmond Multi-Family Water Meter Program Volunteer Work Group.***

Councillor Linda Barnes, Chair
Public Works and Transportation Committee

VARIANCE

Please note that staff recommended Parts (1) and (2) and Committee added Part (3).