




# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

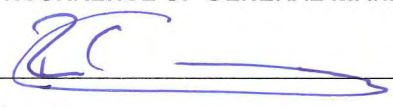

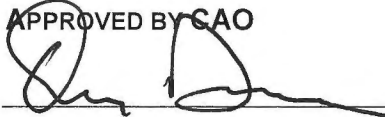
**To:** Public Works and Transportation Committee      **Date:** September 3, 2015  
**From:** Tom Stewart, ASCT.  
 Director, Public Works      **File:** 10-6045-00/Vol 01  
**Re:** **Drainage, Dyke and Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw No. 7551, Amendment  
 Bylaw No. 9219**

### Staff Recommendation

That Drainage, Dyke and Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw No. 7551, Amendment Bylaw No. 9219, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

  
 Tom Stewart, ASCT.  
 Director, Public Works  
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## Staff Report

### Origin

The City's existing Drainage, Dyke and Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw 7551 lacks provisions to allow staff to enter private property to conduct inspection and maintenance of City drainage and sanitary sewer systems. Even though these systems are located on City rights-of-way within private property, staff require Council's authority to enter onto private property in order to access, inspect and maintain these systems. This report, therefore, seeks Council's approval for the necessary amendments to Bylaw 7551 to allow access onto private property, when required.

### Analysis

Inspection and maintenance of the City's drainage and sanitary sewer infrastructure is critical to ensuring the systems are functioning properly on an on-going basis. Regular maintenance is particularly important to help avoid flooding incidences on City and private property during heavy storms as well as helping to avoid blockages and potential breaks in the sanitary sewer system. City inspection and maintenance activities are not only beneficial in avoiding costly repairs to the City systems if adequate maintenance is not done, but is also beneficial to residents in helping to avoid flooding to their properties and/or sanitary sewer breaks or service disruptions impacting their properties.

In most cases, staff receive the cooperation of residents to provide access to their property for inspection and maintenance activities. However, there can be occasions where the public may be reluctant and can refuse access. This can lead to unnecessary damage and costly repairs to the City sanitary sewer and drainage infrastructure and potential future service failures impacting the property owner/s. Staff are seeking appropriate authority through amendments to Bylaw 7551 to allow access to private property in order to:

1. Ensure the provisions of the bylaw are being adhered to in relation to the requirements of property owners to connect to these City systems.
2. Conduct inspections and maintenance of the City sanitary sewer and drainage systems.
3. Undertake necessary repairs to the City's sanitary sewer and drainage systems.

Language is also proposed that would prevent a property owner from restricting access by City representatives for the above activities.

### Financial Impact

None.

### Conclusion

This report seeks administrative amendments to Drainage, Dyke and Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw No. 7551 to permit access to private property for the purposes of conducting inspections and any required maintenance activities to the City's sanitary sewer and drainage systems on City rights of-way. By ensuring City staff can access these systems by entering onto private

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property, necessary infrastructure maintenance activities can be undertaken, thereby avoiding potential future property damage from flooding and/or sewer blockages.

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Att. 1: Drainage, Dyke and Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw No. 7551, Amendment Bylaw 9219



**Drainage, Dyke and Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw No. 7551,  
Amendment Bylaw No. 9219**

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. The Drainage, Dyke and Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw No. 7551, as amended, is further amended:

- (a) by adding section 1.4 as follows:

**“1.4 Inspection and Maintenance**

- 1.4.1 Subject to section 16 of the *Community Charter*, an employee of, or other person authorized by, the **City** may access, enter into or upon private property to:

- (a) inspect and determine compliance with the provisions of this bylaw;
      - (b) inspect and investigate the **City’s sanitary sewer system and drainage system**, including **inspection chambers, manholes**, fixtures and any other works or infrastructure associated with the **City’s sanitary sewer system and drainage system**; and
      - (c) repair, replace and maintain the **City’s sanitary sewer system and drainage system**, at the discretion of the **General Manager of Engineering & Public Works**.

- 1.4.2 No person shall prevent or obstruct, or attempt to prevent or obstruct, access or entry permitted pursuant section 1.4.1 of this bylaw.”

2. This Bylaw is cited as **“Drainage, Dyke and Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw No. 7551, Amendment Bylaw No. 9219”**.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

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MAYOR

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CORPORATE OFFICER