



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Public Works and Transportation Committee **Date:** May 18, 2016
From: John Irving, P.Eng. MPA **File:** 12-8060-20-009570/Vol 01
 Director, Engineering
Re: **Amendment to Waterworks and Water Rates Bylaw No. 5637**

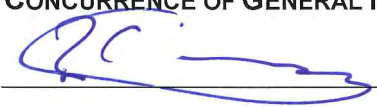

Staff Recommendation

That Waterworks and Water Rates Bylaw No. 5637, Amendment Bylaw No. 9570, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.



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REPORT CONCURRENCE		
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Staff Report

Origin

Waterworks and Water Rates Bylaw No. 5637 (“Water Bylaw”) governs the use of and access to the City’s water distribution system. Updates to the bylaw are periodically required to address new and emerging issues.

This report outlines a recommended change to the Water Bylaw, as proposed with Amendment Bylaw No. 9570 (Attachment 1).

Analysis

The Water Bylaw has provisions to allow water service connection work to be constructed by the City at a fixed fee. The fixed fees, which vary with connection size, are applicable to connections up to eight inches in diameter.

The fixed fees provide full cost recovery for a typical installation, but do not account for installations that require additional work, such as deep excavation, dewatering and extensive restoration. Small service connections (less than four inches) are relatively straightforward and typically do not require additional work; however, large service connections (four inches and above) often involve additional work and higher costs. As a result, the fixed fees do not allow the City to fully recover the cost of installation for large service connections.

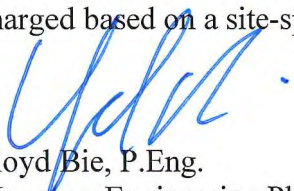
In order to improve cost recovery and for property owners to pay a fee that is more accurate and relevant to their property, Staff recommend that the installation of service connections four inches and above be charged based on a site-specific firm price estimate, as proposed with Amendment Bylaw No. 9570 (Attachment 1).

Financial Impact


None.

Conclusion

Amendment Bylaw No. 9570 proposes changes to Waterworks and Water Rates Bylaw No. 5637 in order to improve cost recovery for large service connection work. Staff recommend that the Water Bylaw be amended for service connection installations four inches and above to be charged based on a site-specific firm price estimate.



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Att. 1: Waterworks and Water Rates Bylaw No. 5637, Amendment Bylaw No. 9570



City of Richmond

Bylaw 9570

Waterworks and Water Rates Bylaw No. 5637 Amendment Bylaw No. 9570

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. The **Waterworks and Water Rates Bylaw No. 5637**, as amended, is further amended:
 - (a) by deleting Schedule D in its entirety and substituting Schedule A attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
2. This Bylaw is cited as **“Waterworks And Water Rates Bylaw No. 5637, Amendment Bylaw No. 9570”**.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

CITY OF RICHMOND
APPROVED for content by originating dept.
<i>JS</i>
APPROVED for legality by Solicitor
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MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

SCHEDULE A to AMENDMENT BYLAW No. 9570

SCHEDULE "D" to BYLAW 5637

1. WATER CONNECTION CHARGE

One-Family, Two-Family, Multi-Family, Industrial, Commercial Water Connection Size	Connection Charge	
	Tie In Charge	Price Per Metre of Service Pipe
25mm (1") diameter	\$2,550	\$175.00
40mm (1 ½") diameter	\$3,500	\$175.00
50mm (2") diameter	\$3,650	\$175.00
100mm (4") diameter or larger	in accordance with Section 38	in accordance with Section 38

2. DESIGN PLAN PREPARED BY CITY

Design plan prepared by City for one-family dwelling or two-family dwelling	\$1,000 each
Design plan for all other buildings	\$2,000

3. WATER METER INSTALLATION FEE

Install water meter [s. 3A(a)]	\$1,000 each
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