

# DISTRICT OF STEWART

## 2013 SEWER CONNECTIONS BYLAW No. 874, 2013

A BYLAW OF THE DISTRICT OF STEWART TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONNECTIONS TO  
THE MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM

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WHEREAS Section 194 (1) (a) of the Community Charter provides Council to impose a fee payable in respect of all or part of a service of the municipality.

AND WHEREAS Council now deems it necessary to amend these connection charges;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Stewart in open meeting assembled hereby enacts as follows:

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as Sewer Connection Bylaw No. 874, 2013

### 1. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, "Building Sewer" means the sewer pipe extending from the property line of the property concerned to the building situated thereon, and joining the sewer connection to the plumbing system at the building.

"COMMON SEWER" means any sewer under the control of the District of Stewart which is intended for the public use.

"COMPLETION OF THE SEWAGE SYSTEM" in the case of an extension of the sewerage system, means the completion of that particular extension of the sewerage system.

"SEWER CONNECTION" means the sewer pipe extending from the common sewer to the property line of the property being serviced or about to be serviced.

"DISTRICT" means District of Stewart, the Council or persons duly authorized to represent the Council in respect of this Bylaw.

"DOEPW" means Director of Engineering & Public Works

2. Every owner of real property which abuts a street or lane or other public right-of-way upon or under which there is laid a common sewer, or is within 10 meters of such common sewer and upon which there is situated a building or structure shall connect or cause to be connected, the said building or structure to the

common sewer in the manner approved by this bylaw.

### 3. APPLICATIONS

3.1 Before a connection is made, the owner of the premises in question or his agent shall apply to the District for a permit to connect this premise to the common sewer in the form of application attached hereto as "Schedule A".

3.2 The said application shall be accompanied by an amount equal to the connection charge which is hereby imposed to defray the cost of laying connection - pipe from the common sewer to the owner's property.

3.3 The said connection charge:

- a. Where the diameter of the owner's building sewer does not exceed 10 centimeters and the length of the pipe is 10 meters or less shall be a minimum charge of \$750.00 or actual cost.
- b. Where the diameter of the owner's building sewer exceeds 10 centimeters, and the length is longer than 10 meters, the minimum charge shall be \$750.00 or actual cost.

3.4 The DOEPW shall accept or reject each application.

3.5 If an application is rejected, the owner shall be so informed and the reasons for the rejection shall be given and the fee deposited under 3.3 of this Section shall forthwith be repaid to the applicant.

3.6 Upon approval of an application, the District shall cause to be laid (unless already laid) a sewer connection extending from the common sewer to the applicant's property line. Thereupon the owner shall connect this building sewer to the sewer connection provided in accordance with the plan of connections prepared by the DOEPW.

3.7 The sewer connection fee deposited in accordance with Section 3.3 above, does not embrace works within the property of the applicant, except as to the inspection of the applicant's building sewer.

3.8 No person, other than the District, its employees, or its contractors shall install or cause to be installed, any part of the sewer connection on public right-of-way, provided for under this Bylaw, or in any way, to break, interfere or tamper with any common sewer of the District of Stewart.

#### 4. USES OF SEWERS

4.1 No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, ground water, roof run-off, sub-surface drainage, cooling water or unpolluted industrial process water to any sewer.

4.2 Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described water or wastes into the common sewer:

- a. Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid or gas;
- b. Any automotive waste, oil, lye, free acid, mud, grit plaster of paris, lime, clay, ash, cinder, sand, tar, or any solid or noxious substance capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the sewerage system;
- c. Any water or waste having a corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, or personnel of the sewage system;
- d. Any water or waste containing toxic or poisonous substances in sufficient quantity to injure or interfere with any sewerage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the sewerage treatment facility;
- e. Any water or waste containing suspended solids of such character and quantity that unusual attention or expense is required to handle such materials at the sewerage treatment facility;
- f. Any noxious or malodorous gas or substance capable of creating a public nuisance.

4.3 In the case of any commercial or industrial premise where there exists a possibility that such noxious wastes as described in Section 4.2 may be harmlessly discharged into the common sewer and the layout and design of the protective devices by means of which the applicant proposes to prevent or neutralize the discharge of the said noxious wastes into the common sewer, a permit to connect to the sewer may be issued by the DOEPW.

#### 5. BUILDING SEWERS

5.1 The minimum diameter of every building sewer and sewer connection shall be 10 centimeters.

5.2 Each lot or premises must be separately and independently connected with the common sewer.

5.3 All building sewers from houses and other buildings shall be installed at the cost of the owner and shall be in conformance with the National Building Code of Canada and the British Columbia Building Code.

5.4 (a) When the owner has completed the installation of his building connection, but before the same has been backfilled, he shall inform the DOEPW that the installation is complete and the DOEPW or his delegated officer shall forthwith make an inspection of the work.

(b) The DOEPW may test the house connection for water tightness. The rate at which water escapes from the building sewer, when calculated under this test, shall not exceed 1 Liter per hour for each 3 meters of building sewer.

(c) The backfilling of the building sewer shall not be commenced until the DOEPW has signified in writing that he is satisfied that the materials and workmanship employed are to his satisfaction and that the pertinent sections of this and other Bylaws have been adhered to.

(d) Materials and workmanship which, in the opinion of DOEPW are defective, or otherwise not in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw, shall be removed and replaced by the owner, at the direction of the DOEPW and the building sewer shall not be backfilled unless and until the said house sewer has been accepted and approved by the DOEPW. Failure to replace materials or workmanship as provided in this Section shall be cause for the District to proceed with the issuance of a notice that the District will have the deficiencies corrected at the expense of the property owner.

5.5 (a) The owner shall take adequate precautions to protect persons from injury and to avoid property damage. Adequate barricades, construction signs, torches, red lanterns and guards as required shall be placed and maintained during progress of the construction work and until it is safe for traffic to use the trenched highway.

(b) Surplus materials, tools, and temporary structures shall be removed by the owner, and all dirt, rubbish and excess earth shall be hauled to a dump provided by the owner and the construction site shall be left clean and to the satisfaction of the DOEPW.

## 6. GENERAL REGULATIONS

6.1 Whenever a connection is made to property where a septic tank was previously in use, the owner shall discontinue using the septic tank and either remove and dispose of all sludge or deposit and dismantle and remove the said tank; fill the tank with fresh earth, gravel or sand or coal ashes; or do as directed by the DOEPW.

6.2 The National Building Code of Canada and the British Columbia Building Code shall apply to all connections made to the District Sewerage System together with the conditions as set forth herein and wherever there may be a conflict between the National Building Code of Canada, the British Columbia Building Code and the conditions set out herein the conditions contained herein shall prevail.

7. OFFENCES

7.1 Any person failing to comply with any of the provisions of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is punishable in accordance with the "Summary Conviction Act".

8. REPEALMENT

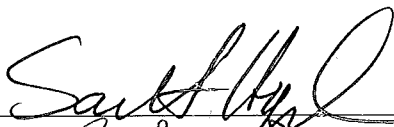
8.1 Bylaw No. 546-1989 and all amending Bylaws are hereby repealed.

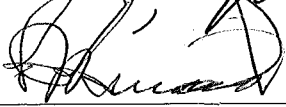
READ A FIRST TIME this 12th day of November, 2013.

READ A SECOND TIME this 12th day of November, 2013.

READ A THIRD TIME this 12th day of November, 2013.

FINALLY CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

  
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Mayor

  
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Corporate Officer

District of Stewart

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**“SCHEDULE A”**

**APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION**

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ being the owners or agent of  
\_\_\_\_\_ who is the owner, of certain premises situated at (civic  
address) \_\_\_\_\_ in the District of Stewart and being

Lots \_\_\_\_\_

Block \_\_\_\_\_

District Lot \_\_\_\_\_

Plan \_\_\_\_\_

Hereby apply for a sewer connection to Lot \_\_\_\_\_, pursuant to the following particulars:

Type of Building \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Rooms or Suites \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Water Closets \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Urinals \_\_\_\_\_

I herewith tender the sum of \$750.00 being the minimum fee for connection to the sewer system. I understand that I will be invoiced and responsible for any amount over the minimum charge.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, B.C., this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Approving Officer \_\_\_\_\_