

STAFF REPORT

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TO: Karl Buhr, Public Works Manager

FROM: Taj Bindra, Bylaw Enforcement Officer

RE: **Neighbouring Communities: Water-Use Bylaws Fines & Fees**

RECOMMENDATION: that Council receive this report for information.

BACKGROUND: as requested by Council, collateral for deliberation of the fines associated with new Water Bylaw No. 63, is presented in this report, which lists fines associated with water uses in neighbouring communities. Many of the conservation-focused provisions of Water Bylaw 633 are not yet contemplated in other jurisdictions. In general, 633's fines reflect staff's estimate of the internal cost to remediate, or the perceived severity of the harm of, various actions the bylaw deems penalizable, namely:

- 8 Bury, cover or obstruct access to any fixture connected to Water System \$200 (plus removal)
- 10 Use non-compliant materials, sizes or installations, or non-inspection \$500
- 13 Cause or allow a cross-connection \$2000
- 16.a Allow Water Waste or Leakage \$200
- 16.b.i Use Water for power generation \$2000
- 16.b.ii Use Water for once-through cooling, heating or lubrication \$2000
- 16.b.iii, iv Use Water for once-through flow \$1000
- 16.b.v Use of Water other than Owner's own \$200
- 20.b Use unauthorized equipment or fittings with a Hydrant \$200.

ANALYSIS:

1. DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

WATERWORKS REGULATION BYLAW NO. 2279

Section 48 Ticketing

Leaking pipe: \$200

Inaccurate water meter: \$200

Fault or use of water system that causes waste of water: \$200

Remove water meter: \$200

Fail to provide passage to water meter: \$200

Interfere with hydrant or other works: \$500

Use fire hydrant: \$500

Connect to main: \$500

Fail to maintain service pipes or fixtures: \$100

Waste water: \$100

Sell water: \$100

Install works contrary to bylaw: \$200



SCHEDULE B to Bylaw 2279 WATER USER CHARGES

- D. WATER SHUT ON/OFF Single family residences 165
- E. WATER VALVE LOCATE Single family residences \$ 165

2. DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER

WATERWORKS REGULATION BYLAW NO. 5260

Schedule C- Service Charges

- 1 Water Turn On or Water Turn Off (free if at time of Water Service installation) \$150
- 2 After hours call-out charge \$450
- 3 Special Meter Reading Fee \$150
- 4 Detailed Meter Reading Fee – Urgent \$400
- 5 Detailed Meter Reading Fee – Normal \$200
- 6 Service Call Fee \$75/hour
- 7 Water Leaks Administration Fee 10% of original water charge up to \$200
- 8 Termination or Disconnection Actual Costs
- 9 Installation of Meter on new, replacement or modified Water Service Actual Costs 10
- Locate Water Service curb stop \$300 minimum – any locates beyond 4 hours will be charged an additional \$150/hour

Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 4368, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 5274, 2023

Description	Penalty	Early Payment	Late Payment
Failure to Provide Entry	\$300	\$280	\$320
Improper Use of Hydrants	\$500	\$475	\$500
Meter Tampering	\$500	\$475	\$500
Inaccessible Curb Stop or Meter	\$500	\$475	\$500
Watering Other Premises	\$200	\$185	\$215
Using Water for Sprinkling Streets	\$200	\$185	\$215
Selling Water	\$500	\$475	\$500
Interference with Hydrants and other Appurtenances	\$500	\$475	\$500

3. DISTRICT OF SQUAMISH

OUTDOOR WATER-USE BYLAW NO. 2254

Schedule "G"

- Unauthorized cross connection - causing \$500
- Unauthorized cross connection - allowing to remain \$500
- Failure to install Approved Backflow Prevention Assembly \$500
- Install inadequate backflow prevention system \$500
- Failure to provide Backflow Assembly Test Report \$500
- Failure to inspect or test annually \$500
- Failure to comply with notice to test \$500
- Failure to notify District of malfunctioning system \$500
- Continued use of malfunctioning system \$500



Unauthorized connection to fire hydrant \$500
Unauthorized connection to stand pipe \$500
Unauthorized connection to temporary water connection of District \$500
Auxiliary water supply system \$500
Unauthorized use of agricultural irrigation system \$500
Failure to test irrigation system \$500

Respectfully submitted,

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Report Approved By,

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