

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: December 5, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Candice Gartry, Director, Financial Services

SUBJECT: Water Services Bylaw, 2015, No. 2117, Amendment No. 11, Bylaw, 2022, No. 2448

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive the December 5, 2022, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled “Water Services Bylaw, 2015, No. 2117, Amendment No. 11, Bylaw, 2022, No. 2448” for Council’s endorsement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 194 of the *Community Charter* authorizes Council, by bylaw, to establish municipal fees for services, for the use of municipal property or to exercise the authority to regulate, prohibit or impose requirements.

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INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

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The following fees were increased beyond an inflation rate of 2% to better align with the actual cost of providing the service:

Item	Previous Fee	Proposed Fee
Application to Confirm Serviceability – Single Family and Duplex	386.00	450.00
5/8” to 1” meter Connection Fee	6,500.00	8,000.00
Notes:		
* When customers request connections, if fees paid previously are less than what is stated in this bylaw, the difference of the fees collected and the current fee will be required to be paid before installation of the connection.		

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* If the cost of providing and laying the connection exceeds the fee collected for the service, such additional costs will be invoiced to the property owner. <i>(These clauses ensure that the developer pay the full costs of the water connections)</i>		

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Annually reviewing the Water Services Bylaw and adjusting, removing or adding fees where needed ensures that the city's fees and charges are appropriate and remain in line with the cost of providing the services. The impact of the proposed fees will be incorporated into adjustments to revenues in the 2023 budget process.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS

The Engineering and Municipal Operations Department provided input for the fees proposed in this Water Services Bylaw, 2015, No. 2117, Amendment No. 11, Bylaw, 2022, No. 2448.

OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES

The following options are available for Council's consideration:

1. Not endorse the proposed Water Services Bylaw, 2015, No. 2117, Amendment No. 11, Bylaw, 2022, No. 2448, which would result in the city's fees falling below the cost of providing the services.

CONCLUSION

Annually, city staff review the Water Services Bylaw to ensure that fees charged are appropriate, necessary and recover the cost of providing the services. For 2023 the fees were generally increased by inflation and others were adjusted to align with the cost of providing or delivering the service. The proposed changes have been incorporated into the Water Services Bylaw for the Council's consideration.

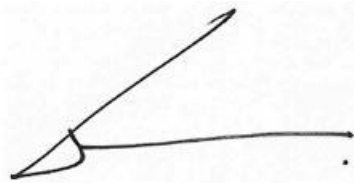
Respectfully submitted,



Candice Gartry
Director, Financial Services

Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

I concur with the recommendation of this corporate report.



Guillermo Ferrero
Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: Water Services Bylaw, 2015, No. 2117, Amendment No. 11, Bylaw, 2022,
No. 2448