

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

BYLAW NO. 3220, 2006

A BYLAW TO AMEND THE FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW FOR CITY SERVICES AND INFORMATION

WHEREAS the Community Charter, SBC 2003, Chapter 26, through section 7, defines the purpose of the municipality as including the fostering of the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the community and through section 194, authorizes municipalities, by bylaw, to impose fees and charges for the provision of various municipal services and/or information;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary and desirable to exercise the authority provided by the Community Charter to cover costs of providing various services and information;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Prince Rupert, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as the "**Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 3220, 2006.**"
2. The "Fees and Charges Amendments Bylaw No. 3172, 2004" is hereby amended by replacing Schedules "O" and "P" with the new Schedules attached to this Bylaw, also referred to as Schedules "O" and "P".
3. This bylaw shall come into effect on the date of its final adoption.
4. Wherever this Bylaw sets out fees and charges with respect to other City bylaws and such other bylaws contain similar fees and charges, this Bylaw is deemed to prevail.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME THIS 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2006.

THIRD READING RESCINDED ON THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006.

AMENDED AND READ A THIRD TIME ON THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006.

FINALLY ADOPTED THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2006.

MAYOR

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR

SCHEDULE “O” to BYLAW 3220

REPLACES SCHEDULE “O” in BYLAW 3172

SCHEDULE “A”

WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES FEES AND CHARGES

1. Water Service Connection Fees

One (1) inch service connection (25mm) \$ 1,667.00

Service connection larger than one (1) inch (25mm) shall be at the cost of the applicant for all materials, labour, and other charges with minimum fee of \$ 1,667.00

2. Special Water Service Connection Fees

The water service connection fees for properties within the area known and described as Prince Rupert Industrial Park (Subdivision of Part of Block 2, District Lot 251, Coast District, Range 5, Plan 1456) shall be as follows:

One (1) inch service connection (25mm) \$ 2,612.00

Service connection larger than one (1) inch (25mm) shall be at the cost of the applicant for all materials, labour, and other charges with a minimum fee of \$ 2,612.00

3. Inspection Fees

In addition to the connection fees, a separate inspection fee will be levied for each connection. This fee shall be charged for all new hookups whenever a connection takes place. \$ 122.00

4. Water Turn On and Off Fees

For temporary water turn on/off where utility Services will be discontinued

During Regular working hours and regular working days.	\$ 27.80 for on or off
At all other times	\$155.60

5. Abandonment Fees

Pursuant to subsection 3.4.1, the fee for disconnecting an abandoned service connection at the property line shall be Two Hundred and Seventy-eight Dollars (\$278.00) regardless of the size of connection.

6. Hydrants

Pursuant to subsection 7.5.1, the rate for the use of a fire hydrant shall be One Hundred and Ninety Five Dollars (\$195.00) for the first day plus eighty-three dollars (\$83.00) for each additional day

7. Fire Hydrant Maintenance

Pursuant to subsection 7.6.1, the annual fee for routine maintenance of private fire hydrants shall be Three hundred and Forty dollars (\$340.00) for each hydrant.

8. Meter Test Charges

The City conducts regular testing of meters. However, the owner may request additional testing of their meter. If the test shows that the meter is performing in accordance with standard tolerances, the cost of this testing will be charged to the owner.

9. User Rates

<u>TYPE OF CONSUMER</u>		<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u> Effective January 1 st 2007
Barber Shop or Beauty Parlours	Operated by proprietor only	\$42.10
	Each additional operator	\$6.20
Beer Parlours, Licensed Premises Or Cabarets		\$113.50
Church or Religious Meeting Places		\$21.74
Dentists, Physicians	Having one practitioner	\$42.10

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or Surgeons	Each additional practitioner	\$13.90
Dry Cleaners		\$42.10
Dwelling (each suite)		\$25.30
Hotels, Motels or Auto Courts		\$90.20
Halls	Public halls or church halls where separate from building of worship	\$42.10
Offices, Business Establishments or Banks	Business and professional offices or stores not otherwise classified – having not over 9 employees including management	\$42.10
	- having 10 employees including management	\$51.30
Photography	Studio or premises devoted wholly or in part to the development, Printing and handling of amateur or professional photography	\$42.10
Pool Room or Bowling Alleys	- with snack bar	\$58.65
	- without snack bar	\$42.10
Apartment Houses	For the purpose of this clause “Apartment House” Shall mean any building containing more than 2 self contained living units or suites.	
	- without toilet or bath per suite	\$21.95
	- with toilet or bath or both per suite	\$25.20
	- single housekeeping rooms with or without kitchenette without toilet	\$16.20
	- single housekeeping rooms with or without kitchenette with toilet	\$19.20
Rooms, Rooming	- up to four rooms	\$42.10

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or Boarding Houses	- each additional room over four	\$9.30
Restaurants, Cafes, Coffee Shops, Drive-ins, Private Clubs or Take-out Food Establishments (Unlicensed)		\$76.25
Day Care Centers, Nurseries or Veterinary Hospitals		\$51.30
Warehouses, Workshops, Small Industrial Buildings or Commercial Undertakings not otherwise classified Multiple-bay warehouse with 3 or more bays (vacant or not – per bay)		\$42.10

10. Water Meter Rentals

up to	19mm	\$ 4.60	Per Month
	25mm	\$ 6.90	Per Month
	38mm	\$ 11.50	Per Month
	50mm	\$ 13.80	Per Month
	75mm	\$ 42.50	Per Month
	100mm	\$ 63.85	Per Month
	150mm	\$ 107.55	Per Month
	200mm	\$ 132.85	Per Month
	250mm	\$ 158.15	Per Month

Where meters fail to function or are being repaired the consumer shall be charged on an estimate made by the Engineer based on a similar period during which the meter was in working order.

When service has been discontinued in a commercial or industrial building the owner will arrange to have the meter removed or rental and minimum charges will continue to be charged for rental of this meter.

11. Metered Rates

<u>Monthly Consumption</u> <u>(Cubic Metre)</u>	<u>Cost In Excess of Lower Volume (Per</u> <u>Cubic Metre)</u> Effective January 1st 2007
0 to 2,800	\$0.52
Over 2,800	\$0.38

Note that the minimum amount charged to any metered customer shall be \$28.00 per month, plus meter rental in all cases except hotels which shall be \$47.00 per month plus meter rental and restaurants and beer parlours which shall be \$40.00 per month plus meter rental.

12. Meter Reading Charges

Each call after the first one of each month if access has not been provided \$22.50 per call

13. Billing Procedures

Residential Accounts under Schedule “A”, Section 9 (Dwelling) meaning self contained dwelling units shall be paid on an annual basis. Installment payments can be made for any amount at any time. Interest shall be paid on these payments at the discretion of the Financial Administrator.

Commercial Accounts under Schedule “A”, Section 9 shall be rendered monthly or quarterly unless otherwise required and all rates and charges provided herein shall be due and payable by all users at the office of the City Collector on or before the last business day of the current month or quarter for which the billing is made.

“Quarter” means the relevant 3 month period ending on the last day of March, June, September and December of any year.

Accounts paid in full by the date due on the Billing Statement may be entitled to receive a 10% reduction. Any payments received after the date due are not eligible for the discount.

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Community Charter* any amounts imposed under this schedule remaining unpaid on the thirty first day of December of the year in which the rate was charged shall be deemed to be taxes in arrears in respect of the land upon which the premises of the user are situated and shall be placed on the tax roll for collection in the following year. Furthermore, all unpaid accounts may be subject to a 10% late fee.

Non receipt of the utility bill will not be recognized as a valid excuse for failure to pay the rates when due.

SCHEDULE "P" to BYLAW 3220

REPLACES SCHEDULE "P" in BYLAW 3172

SCHEDULE "A"

SANITARY SEWERS, STORM SEWERS, AND COMBINED

SEWERS FEES AND CHARGES

1. The fees for connection of sewer service shall be as follows:

Up to and including 100 mm diameter service \$1,500.00

Over 100 mm diameter service at the cost of the applicant for all materials, labour and other charges with a minimum fee of \$1,500.00

Prince Rupert Industrial Park (Subdivision of part of Block 2, District Lot 251, Coast Range 5, Plan 1456)

150 mm diameter sewer service \$3,900.00

Larger than 150 mm shall be at the cost of the applicant for all materials, labour and other charges with a minimum fee of \$3,900.00

An inspection fee of \$122.25

will be added to the above charges for each service connection.

If both storm sewer and sanitary sewer connections are inspected at the same time and in the same trench, then the additional \$100. fee for storm sewer hookup inspection will be waived.

2. Users shall pay the following rates and charges for each month or portion of a month they remain users, however no single user shall pay a monthly charge of less than \$9.00 in any case:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>APPLICABLE TO:</u>	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>
A	- Laundry - Health Spa - Bottling Plant	Effective January 1 st 2007 \$332.00

MONTHLY CHARGE

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>APPLICABLE TO:</u>	Effective January 1st 2007
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Beer Parlour- Café or Restaurant with Liquor Licence- Laundromat- Industrial or Commercial Warehouse	\$166.00
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Licensed lounge, cabaret or theatre	\$112.95
D	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Business Premises with more than 20 employees	\$92.95
E	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Café or Restaurant without Liquor Licence- Coffee Shop, Drive-in or Take Out Food Establishment- Automobile Car Wash- Amusement Centre with Lounge or Snack Bar- Business Premises – more than 9 and up to and including 20 employees	\$66.50
F	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dentist, Physician, Surgeon or Veterinarian – more than one practitioner- Barber or Beauty Salon – more than one operator	\$53.00
G	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Private Club- Dentist, Physician, Surgeon or Veterinarian – one Practitioner only- Dry Cleaner- Service Station – without Commercial Car Wash- Bakery- Warehouse, Workshop or Light Industrial Premises- Amusement Centre – without Lounge or Snack Bar- Barber or Beauty Parlour with one operator only- Animal Shelter- Museum	\$33.25
H	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Church- Day Care Centre or Nursery- Church Hall – where separate from Church Building- Business Premises – more than four and up to	\$19.80

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and including 9 employees

I	- each self-contained dwelling unit, including those within multiple dwellings or apartment blocks	\$22.30
	- Trailer Court – for each trailer	
J	- Office and Business Premises with two to 4 employees	\$15.20
K	- Rooming or Boarding House–Each House-keeping unit	
	- Hotel, Motel or Auto Court – for each rental unit with kitchen facilities	\$13.45
	- School – for each 35 students or portion thereof of as at September 20 th enrolment	
L	- Business Premises – one employee only	\$10.00
M	- Rooming or Boarding House – Each Sleeping Room	
	- Hotel, Motel or Auto Court – for each rental unit without kitchen facilities	\$6.65
	- Hospital – for every 2 patient beds	

3. **Residential Accounts** under Schedule “A”, Section 2 I, meaning self-contained dwelling units shall be paid on an annual basis. Installment payments can be made for any amount at any time.

4. **Commercial Accounts** under Schedule “A”, Section 2 shall be rendered monthly or quarterly unless otherwise required and all rates and charges provided herein shall be due and payable by all users at the office of the City Collector on or before the last business day of the current month or quarter for which the billing is made.

“Quarter means the relevant 3 month period ending on the last day of March, June, September and December of any year.

5. Where sewer waste is filtered by means of a septic tank(s) approved by the City, the user charges set out in Section 2 will be reduced by 50%.

6. Extra Treatment Charges will be as follows:

Charge for treating one (1) pound of B.O.D. above permitted limits	\$1.75
Charge for treating one (1) pound of suspended solids above permitted limits	\$1.25
Charge for treating one (1) pound of grease discharged	\$2.75

7. **Abandonment Fees**

With reference to Section 1.1.1, the fee for disconnecting and capping off an abandoned sanitary or storm sewer service shall be three hundred and ninety (\$390.00) dollars for each service regardless of the size of the connection.

8. **Clean-out Installation Charges**

With reference to Section 1.1.1, the cost of installation of a sewer clean-out is two hundred and eighty (\$280.00) dollars.

9. **Billing & Early Payment Reward**

Accounts paid in full by the date due on the Billing Statement may be entitled to receive a 10% reduction. Any payments received after the date due are not eligible for the discount.

Non receipt of the utility bill will not be recognized as a valid excuse for failure to pay the rates when due.

10. **Unpaid Fees and Charges**

Any amounts imposed under this Schedule remaining unpaid on the thirty first day of December in any year shall be deemed to be taxes in arrears in respect of the parcels of land concerned and such sums shall be recovered with interest, in the same manner as ordinary municipal taxes upon land in accordance with the applicable provisions of the *Community Charter*. Furthermore, these accounts may also be subject to a late fee of 10%.