



City of Prince Rupert

Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 3068, 1998

(With Amendments to March 31, 2004)

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CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

BYLAW NO. 3068

A BYLAW TO REGULATE THE EXTENSION OF AND CONNECTIONS TO THE WATER WORKS OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND TO IMPOSE CONNECTION FEES, USER RATES AND RENTALS FOR USE OF SAID WATER WORKS.

WHEREAS the City has constructed and is operating and maintaining a water works on a self liquidating basis for the benefit of residents of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that all lands or real property within the Municipality which require the service and are capable of being served by the water works should be so served;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary from time to time to extend the said water works to provide service to other residents of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed just that the cost of making such extensions to the said water works should not be permitted to place any undue burden upon the revenues of this system;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the connection of water lines from houses and other buildings with the water distribution system of the City of Prince Rupert and to regulate same;

THEREFORE the Council of City of Prince Rupert in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

PART 1 - DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this bylaw:

“applicant” means an owner or his agent making application for a water service connection and from whom the City may expect to receive revenue on a continuing basis for this service.

“Building Inspector” means the Building Inspector of the City of Prince Rupert and his duly authorized representatives.

“business premises” means any bank, store, office, service outlet or other undertaking whether situated in a commercial zone or not and not otherwise classified in the bylaw.

“capable of connection” means that the parcel of land abuts a street, lane, public right-of-way or easement upon or under which there is a water main having a minimum calculated static pressure of 170 kPa.

“City” means the City of Prince Rupert.

“Collector” means the Collector of the City duly appointed by the Council pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Act .

“consumer” means any person to whom water is supplied by the City.

“Council” means the Municipal Council of the City of Prince Rupert.

“curb stop” means a shut off valve installed by the City on a service connection with a protective housing to the ground surface. The curb stop is located on the main side of the property line.

“distribution system” means all mains and appurtenances thereto including fire hydrants, pumping station, reservoirs, pressure reducing stations, meters and service connections installed within any highway, Municipal right-of-way or easement or Municipal property.

“due date” means the last day on which the account may be paid without the penalty being applied.

“dwelling unit” means one or more rooms constituting a unit of living accommodation used or intended to be used for living and sleeping purposes and containing a sink and cooking facilities.

“Engineer” means the Director of Engineering Services of the City or any person appointed by the Council to serve in the capacity and will be referred to herein as the Engineer, and his duly authorized representatives.

“employee” includes management personnel and any person who is regularly employed for more than 20 hours per week, on average, in a one year period.

“Fire Chief” means the Fire Chief of the City and his duly authorized representative.

“fire hydrant” means a device equipped with special threaded connections installed by the City within a highway, Municipal right-of-way, easement or on Municipal property connected to a water main to supply water for fire protection purposes.

“main” means a pipe including valves, fittings and other appurtenances other than a service connection, pumping station, treatment plant or reservoir in the water distribution system.

“**meter**” means a device used to measure and indicate the volume of water passing through the device and shall include remote reading accessories.

“**meter accounts**” means those accounts billed monthly and of which the water consumption is measured through a device commonly known as a water meter.

“**Municipal Act**” means the “*Municipal Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 323”, as amended.

“**owner**” shall have the meaning assigned to it by Section 5 of the Municipal Act .

“**person**” means and includes natural persons of either sex, associations, co-partnerships, firms and corporations, whether acting by themselves or by a servant, agent or employee.

“**service connection**” means a pipe and the necessary valves and protective boxes, connections and any other material necessary to and actually used to connect the water main to a curb stop.

“**water service**” means a pipe including all valves, connections, taps and meters connecting a curb stop to a house or building and includes the tail nut of the curb stop.

“**water works**” means the entire waterworks system of the City of Prince Rupert including the distribution system, reservoirs, intakes and water treatment plant.

Wherever the singular or masculine is used in the Bylaw the name shall be deemed to include the plural or the feminine or the body politic or corporate, and also their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

PART 2 - USE OF WATERWORKS SYSTEM

2.1 Tampering With The Waterworks

- 2.1.1 No person shall make any connection to the waterworks or in any way tamper with, operate, remove, or make any alteration to any hydrant, meter, curb stop, valve, pumping station, reservoir, chamber or other fixture or appurtenance connected with the waterworks without first obtaining written permission from the Engineer. Such permission will only be provided under special circumstances.
- 2.1.2 No person shall, without lawful excuse break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, mar or tamper with any part of the waterworks.

2.2 Liability

2.2.1 It is a condition of the supply of water that;

- a) In the event that the supply of water to any consumer shall fail, whether from natural causes or accident or from any other causes whatsoever, the City shall not be liable for damage by reason of such failure.
- b) The City shall not be liable for any injury or damage to any person or property arising or occurring from the use of water from the waterworks.
- c) The City does not guarantee that water supplied by it is free of any impurity that would affect a manufacturing process.

2.3 Termination Of Water Supply

2.3.1 The Engineer may order the termination of the water supply to any consumer on ten (10) days written notice for violation of any of the provisions of this Bylaw, for failure to maintain the water service pipes in good condition without any leaks, for the non-payment of rates or rents when due or for refusing to provide for the proper installation of a water meter or backflow preventer. Notwithstanding the above, the Engineer may order the immediate shut off of supply if it is deemed that continuation of supply will result in a significant water loss or in a potential hazard to the public.

2.4 Water Use Restriction

2.4.1 In the event of a water supply shortage, due to any reason whatsoever, the Engineer may issue a notice prohibition, restricting or limiting the use of water by any or all of the consumers. Such notice shall be sufficiently given if delivered in writing, broadcast by the local radio or television station or advertised in two consecutive issues of a newspaper. Any person who refuses or fails to abide by such prohibition, restriction or limitation contained in the notice shall be deemed to have contravened this Bylaw.

PART 3 WATER SERVICES

3.1 B.C. Plumbing Code

3.1.1 Water services on private property shall be installed in accordance with the B.C. Plumbing Code and shall be constructed by and at the expense of the owner. They shall be approved by the Engineer prior to tie-in to the water service at the property line. The City shall install that portion of the water service between the curb stop and property line. Supply of any fittings required to join the City's pipe to the applicant's service shall be the applicant's responsibility.

3.2 Maintenance Of Water Service

- 3.2.1 The water service shall be maintained by the property owner at his sole expense. In the event any defect is suspected in the service connection or water service, the Consumer shall immediately notify the City and the Engineer will, as soon as practical, operate the curb stop and determine thereby if the defect exists in the water service or in the service connection. If the defect is determined to be located in the water service, the property owner shall effect repairs within ten (10) days. The owner shall, at all times, maintain the curb stop in an accessible condition. Where the curb stop has not been made accessible, the costs for access shall be borne by the owner.
- 3.2.2 In order to facilitate repairs to the water service, the City will upon request and at its earliest convenience open or close the curb stop for the fees set out in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.
- 3.2.3 In the event the property owner refuses or neglects to carry out repairs within the specified time, the Engineer may, by his workmen or others, have the work done at the expense of the owner, and the City shall charge the owner the cost thereof.

3.3 Turn On And Turn Off

- 3.3.1 When an owner wishes to turn on or turn off his water service at the curb stop, he shall apply to the City and the City will carry out the work at the City's convenience. The fees will be those set down in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.

3.4 Abandonment

- 3.4.1 When any water service is abandoned, the owner or his agent shall notify the Engineer and shall be required to pay the abandonment fee prescribed in Schedule "A".

3.5 Frozen Service

- 3.5.1 Pursuant to Section 3.2 if it is determined that the defect is a frozen water service, it is the owner's responsibility to thaw the pipe. The City will not thaw any private water service. This will be entirely the responsibility of the owner. The owner shall be fully responsible for damage or repairs caused by his thawing method. If the owner's lack of action in thawing his water service results in the service connection becoming frozen, the owner shall pay for the cost of thawing the service connection Schedule "A".

3.6 Backflow Prevention

- 3.6.1 The Engineer may require an approved backflow prevention device to be installed by the consumer where it is deemed that any possible health hazard or nuisance may exist in the event of any backflow or back pressure. Unless otherwise approved by

the Engineer, the backflow prevention device shall be a reduced pressure backflow preventer. The consumer shall arrange for these backflow prevention devices to be inspected and certified annually by a qualified inspector. Backflow prevention devices shall be required for the following types of facilities:

- a) Facilities with more than one service connection or an alternate source of water.
- b) High-rise Buildings
- c) Canneries, Packing Houses, and Reduction Plants
- d) Chemical Plants
- e) Civil works
- f) Cold Storage Facilities
- g) Film Developing Labs
- h) Hospitals, Medical Buildings, Morgues, Mortuaries, Nursing Homes, and Medical Clinics.
- i) Facilities with irrigation or sprinkler systems
- j) Laundries
- k) Metal Manufacturing, Cleaning, Processing and Fabricating Plants
- l) Petroleum and Gas Fuel Sales, Storage and Handling Facilities
- m) Plating Plants and Facilities
- n) Power Plants
- o) Facilities utilizing radioactive materials
- p) Facilities closed to public inspection
- q) Sand, Gravel, Concrete, and Asphalt Plants
- r) Schools and Colleges
- s) Sewage Facilities
- t) Waterfront Facilities
- u) Any other facility deemed by the Engineer to pose a potential hazard to the water supply

3.6.2 Failure to have a backflow prevention device inspected and certified annually by a qualified inspector is an offence under this Bylaw.

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3.6.3 In case of default by the owner to comply with Section 3.6.1, the City through its employees, contractors and others may enter onto the property, or the premises and effect the certified annual inspection and certification of the reduced pressure backflow preventer at the expense of the owner or occupier

3.7 Fire Protection Connection

- 3.7.1 Water connections required solely to supply a fire protection system shall be installed upon application at the rates set out in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.
- 3.7.2 A fire protection system shall consist of an automatic sprinkler system, fire main loop with hydrant or connected hose standpipes located inside or outside of the building, fire protection monitors, or any other equipment used solely for emergency fire protection and suppression and approved by the Fire Chief.
- 3.7.3 Upon application, and provided that the fire protection connection is used solely for fire protection and suppression, the Engineer may permit the service to be unmetered.

PART 4 - SERVICE CONNECTIONS

4.1 Illegal Connections

- 4.1.1 No person shall connect or attempt to connect, or allow to be connected, or allow to remain connected to the waterworks any property or premises otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw.

4.2 Connection Application

- 4.2.1 Each application for service connection shall be made to the City by the owner or his authorized agent in the form prescribed by the Engineer. Payment of the applicable connection fee prescribed in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw shall be made with the application except when an applicant has obtained a credit rating acceptable to the City, as represented by the Financial Administrator, and in such case the applicant will be given thirty days to pay the fee after the service connection has been made.
- 4.2.2 If the connection is practicable, the Engineer shall, within ninety (90) days, weather permitting, provide and install a service connection to the applicant's property. If such connection is not practicable, the Engineer shall so notify the applicant within sixty (60) days and the City shall refund any charges or fees paid by the applicant.

4.3 Individual Connections

- 4.3.1 Each property shall have its own service connection which shall be installed by the City or its authorized representatives.
- 4.3.2 Where two or more buildings exist on one parcel of land and where such parcel of land can be subdivided, each building shall have a separate service connection.

4.3.3 Individual water services shall not be cross-connected.

4.4 Size Of Service Connection

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4.4.1 The minimum inside diameter of a service connection shall be one (1) inch (25mm.). The size of the service connection for any premises shall be approved by the Engineer. If the requested service connection exceeds the then available capacity of the waterworks, the Engineer may limit the size of the connection. All materials and workmanship in the supply and installation of the service connection shall be in accordance with the "City of Prince Rupert Specifications and Standard Drawings for Public Works Construction".

4.5 Connection Location

4.5.1 Where possible the service connection will be located at the location requested by the applicant. In the event the applicant's preferred location is not practicable due to the existence of installed surface improvements or is in conflict with installed underground utilities, the Engineer shall designate the location of each service connection to each parcel of land or premises.

4.6 Depth Of Bury

4.6.1 The minimum depth of bury of the service connection below finished ground elevation shall be 0.9 metres unless specifically authorized to the contrary by the Engineer.

4.7 Compulsory Service Connections

4.7.1 Where street surface improvements by way of paving are scheduled for installation by the City during a current budget year, the Engineer shall order a service connection to be installed to any property abutting such street and served by the waterworks regardless of whether or not any improvement is constructed on the property and a connection fee as provided in Schedule "A" shall then be levied against the property and shall be recovered as provided for in Part 7 of this Bylaw.

4.8 Existing Dual Connections

4.8.1 Where two buildings are presently serviced from an existing single service connection, a second connection may be installed on application provided the City receives the full amount for the second connection as prescribed in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.

4.9 Maintenance Of Service Connection

4.9.1 In the event a defect is suspected in the service connection or water service, the consumer shall immediately notify the City and the Engineer will, as soon as

practicable, operate the curb stop and determine thereby if the defect is determined to be located in the service connection, the City shall repair the defect at no cost to the consumer.

- 4.9.2 If the defect is determined to be in the water service, the property owner shall effect the necessary repairs within (10) days. Should the consumer insist that the defect is in the service connection and not in the water service, the City shall carry out repairs. If there is no fault or defect found in the service connection, the consumer shall pay for the cost of the repairs undertaken by the City.

PART 5 - METERS

5.1 Installation Of Meters

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- 5.1.1 All commercial, industrial, and institutional consumers, and multiple family dwellings of four or more dwelling units, shall install a water meter and strainer complete with a locking type of bypass and isolation valves in a location easily accessible to authorized City Employees for inspection and reading of the meter. Where the service is to a single building, the meter may be located in the building as close as possible to the entrance point of the water service into the building and before any take off points. If the water service is to a distribution system not solely for fire protection purposes, the meter shall be located upstream of any distribution point and as close as possible to the property line. If no building or structure exists at the location where the meter is to be installed, the property owner shall be responsible for constructing and maintaining the meter vault in accordance with the standards issued by the Engineer. Dwelling units utilized for commercial purposes shall be metered, and there shall be only one meter per building

5.2 Meter Size And Supply

- 5.2.1 The Engineer shall determine the size of meter required and the City shall supply the meter, remote reading equipment if required, and strainer to the owner or his agent for installation. The owner shall pay a monthly rental fee for the use of the meter in accordance with the rates set out in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw. The City shall be responsible for maintenance, repair and replacement costs for the meter unless repairs or replacement are required because of the owner's neglect.

5.3 Access To Meter

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- 5.3.1 The consumer shall supply access to the water meter for the purpose of reading the meter and for maintenance during the City's normal working hours. Failure to provide this access for meter reading shall result in an extra charge per call after the first call each month as specified in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw. The Engineer may

require that the meter be located so that access is restricted to authorized City employees.

- 5.3.2 In the event convenient access cannot be supplied, the City shall, by its workmen or others, install suitable remote reading equipment at the expense of the owner.

5.4 Operation Of Bypass

- 5.4.1 No person shall in any way tamper with, operate or remove the water meter or sealed bypass valves after installation without first obtaining the written permission of the Engineer.

PART 6 – EXTENSIONS TO WATERWORKS

6.1 Extension Application

- 6.1.1 All applications for distribution system extensions shall be made in writing to the Engineer by the owner or owners of the property to be served by such system extension.

6.2 Extension By Council Resolution

- 6.2.1 The Council of the City of Prince Rupert may designate waterworks extensions for any budget planning unit covering one or more.

6.3 Extension Other Than By Council Resolution

- 6.3.1 In the event an applicant wishes to proceed with a distribution system extension which has not been designated by Council, the Engineer may, with the approval of Council, proceed with the extension provided that the applicant shall pay to the City in advance the total cost of construction as estimated by the Engineer. The cost to the applicant of the distribution system extension shall be the actual cost to the City of construction. The service connection costs for each parcel of land owned by the applicant or applicants to be serviced by such extension, shall be as set out in Schedule “A” to this Bylaw and shall be added to and paid with such construction costs.
- 6.3.2 In the event the waterworks extended above serves property for which no application for extension has been received, the “Excess or Extended Services and Latecomers Payments” provisions of Section 939 of the Municipal Act shall apply.

6.4 Extension Limits

- 6.4.1 Where a water distribution system is extended by other than Council Resolution, the minimum inside diameter shall be 150 mm and shall extend from the most convenient existing water main having sufficient surplus capacity to supply the additional water demand resulting from the said extensions, to a point opposite the furthest boundary of the last parcel of land to be served on the extension.

6.5 Costing For Oversize Extensions

- 6.5.1 Where any water distribution system is extended other than by Council Resolution and where the City may desire to install a water main of greater capacity than is required to provide service to the lands for which application for an extension has been made, and if such excess capacity will be available to permit further extension beyond the boundaries of the land to be immediately served thereby, the "Excess or Extended Services and Latecomers Payments" provisions of Section 939 of the Municipal Act shall apply.

PART 7 - CHARGES FOR SERVICE

7.1 Connection And Abandonment Fees

- 7.1.1 The owner or his agent shall, on making application at City Hall for a service connection, a turn on, turn off, or the abandonment of a service connection, pay to the City the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw. Such services will be provided after payment is received or in the case of a service connection, arrangements have been made in accordance with Section 4.2.1.

7.2 Additional/Larger Service Connection Charges

- 7.2.1 The cost for additional service connections, or for increasing the size of any service connection to conform to the Engineer's requirements and the related inspection fees, shall be payable by the applicant.

7.3 User Rate

- 7.3.1 The owner or occupier of real property shall pay in addition to all other rates, charges, and fees for the use of the water works, the amounts specified in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.
- 7.3.2 The user rates as specified shall be applied on the date the water turn on or turn off is made and in the case of unmetered accounts the rate charged for the first and the final billing period shall be prorated to the nearest full month of services.

7.4 Water Meters

- 7.4.1 Where a water meter is installed, the owner or occupier shall pay in addition to the monthly water meter rental fee, a rate based on the metered volume of water as prescribed in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.

7.5 Fire Hydrants

- 7.5.1 Where the Engineer has, on receipt of an application authorized the use of a hydrant, the applicant shall pay the rate specified in Schedule "A" of the Bylaw.

7.6 Maintenance Of Private Fire Hydrant

- 7.6.1 The City may, upon request of the owner, carry out routine maintenance of fire hydrants located on private property, conforming to City standards, outside of buildings, and used solely for fire protection and suppression purposes to the same standard as the City applies to its own hydrants, for the fee set out in Schedule "A".

7.7 Discontinuation Of User Rate

- 7.7.1 During any period of time a person arranges to have the water service to a dwelling discontinued under this Bylaw, the person is not subject to any charge of such service provided he notifies the municipality in writing that:
- a) He will not require such service for any period of time not less than three consecutive months equal to one complete billing quarter. Quarters starting January, April, July, and October.
 - b) He will arrange for the Building Inspector to verify that the dwelling is empty. The charge for this is in accordance with the general "Inspection Fees" under Bylaw 2420, 1982, Fee Schedule "A", and any amendments thereto.
 - c) He will sign an agreement with the Finance Department regarding the discontinuation of services to the dwelling and it is his responsibility to notify the City if the dwelling is to be occupied at any time in the future.

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- 7.7.2 Should the City become aware that the dwelling has been occupied without notification, or in a case where the water service was shut off and the City becomes aware that the water service has been turned back on without the City's authorization, the City shall back charge the owner to the date of discontinuation of the User Rate and charge the ten (10%) percent late payment penalty.

7.8 Outstanding Fees and Charges Added To Taxes

- 7.8.1 Any fees or charges for works, repairs, services and user rates, including charges for works or repairs undertaken by the City due to failure by the property owner or occupier to carry out the necessary works or repairs, not paid on or before the thirty-

first (31) 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 Municipal Act.

7.9 Customer Service

- 7.9.1 The Engineer and his designates will seek to ensure customer service and satisfaction in the provision of water services to the local consumer. It will be the Engineer's right and obligation to take such action as is deemed equitable and necessary in terms of service delivery, customer charges, and the long term interest of the utility.

PART 8 - INSPECTION

8.1 Right Of Entry

- 8.1.1 The owner of every parcel of land and the occupier of every premises shall at all reasonable times allow, suffer and permit the Engineer, Building Inspector, Meter Reader or authorized Employee to enter into or upon lands and Premises for the purpose of inspecting the premises and water piping system, meter location, meter connection and bypass facilities in order to ascertain whether or not the provisions of the Bylaw are being obeyed.

8.2 Inspection

- 8.2.1 Water service pipes on private property shall have passed inspection by the Building Inspector prior to connection being made at the property line.

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- 8.2.2 No part of any water service pipes, or the service connection, can be covered prior to inspection of the pipes and the connection by the Building Inspector.

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- 8.2.3 The Building Inspector may withhold an occupancy permit until water service pipes have been inspected and connected.

PART 9 – OFFENCES AND ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Offences And Penalties

- 9.1.1 Every person who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who causes, suffers, or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who neglects or refrains from doing anything

required to be done by any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who fails to comply with any order, direction or notice given under this Bylaw, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) or to imprisonment for not more than six (6) months and the cost of prosecution.

- 9.1.2 Where an offence under this Bylaw is of a continuing nature, each day that the offence continues or is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offence.
- 9.1.3 Nothing in this section affects any other right or remedy of the City in respect of any violation of any provision of this Bylaw.

9.2 Reference to Other Bylaws Or Enactments

- 9.2.1 Reference to any Bylaw or enactment is a reference to that Bylaw or enactment as consolidated, revised, amended, re-enacted or replaced, unless otherwise expressly provided.

9.3 Severability

- 9.3.1 If any section, subsection, clause, subclause, phrase or any other part, of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid, void or ineffective by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the part in question is to be severed from the rest of this Bylaw and that does not affect the validity of the remainder of this Bylaw, which is to be interpreted and applied as if this Bylaw had been enacted without the severed part.

9.4 Notice Given

- 9.4.1 Any notice in writing required, in this Bylaw, to be given by the Engineer shall be sufficiently given if sent to the owner by mail, left with the owner, or deposited in the owner's mailbox at his residence or place of business.

9.5 Adoption

- 9.5.1 This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon its final passage and adoption, except Schedule "A" which shall come into force on January 1, 1999.
- 9.5.2 Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 2970, 1995 is hereby repealed except Schedules "A" and "B" which are repealed on the effective date of the substitute Schedules in this Bylaw.
- 9.5.3 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "**Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 3068, 1998.**"

READ THE FIRST TIME THIS 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1998 A.D.

READ THE SECOND TIME THIS 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1998 A.D.

READ THE THIRD TIME THIS 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1998 A.D.

ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1998 A.D.

MAYOR

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR

This Bylaw has been consolidated for convenience and includes amendments from:

Bylaw No. 3098, 2000 - Adopted May 11, 2000

Bylaw No. 3172, 2004 - Adopted March 31, 2004

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

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SCHEDULE "A"

WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES FEES AND CHARGES

1. Water Service Connection Fees

One (1) inch service connection (25mm) \$ 1,325.00

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 \$ 1,500.00

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) \$ 2,200.00

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 \$ 2,350.00

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. \$ 110.00

4. Water Turn On and Off Fees

For temporary water turn on/off for working on the water service

During Regular working hours and regular working days. \$ 00.00

At all other times \$140.00

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

During Regular working hours and regular working days.	\$ 25.00 for on or off
At all other times	\$140.00

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 Dollars (\$220.00) 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 Seventy Five Dollars (\$175.00) for the first day plus fifty (\$55.00) 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 Two Hundred and Seventy Five (\$275.00) dollars 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>	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>
		Effective April 1 st 2004	Effective January 1 st 2005	Effective January 1 st 2006
Barber Shop or Beauty Parlours	Operated by proprietor only	\$35.40	\$35.80	\$36.60
	Each additional operator	\$5.20	\$5.30	\$5.40
Beer Parlours, Licensed Premises Or Cabarets		\$95.50	\$96.60	\$98.70

<u>TYPE OF CONSUMER</u>		<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>
		Effective April 1 st 2004	Effective January 1 st 2005	Effective January 1 st 2006
Church or Religious Meeting Places		\$18.30	\$18.50	\$18.90
Dentists, Physicians or Surgeons	Having one practitioner	\$35.40	\$35.80	\$36.60
	Each additional practitioner	\$11.70	\$11.80	\$12.10
Dry Cleaners		\$35.40	\$35.80	\$36.60
Dwelling (each suite)		\$21.25	\$21.50	\$22.00
Hotels, Motels or Auto Courts		\$75.90	\$76.70	\$78.40
Halls	Public halls or church halls where separate from building of worship	\$35.40	\$35.80	\$36.60
Offices, Business Establishments or Banks	Business and professional offices or stores not otherwise classified – having not over 9 employees including management	\$35.40	\$35.80	\$36.60
	- having 10 employees including management	\$43.10	\$43.60	\$44.60
Photography	Studio or premises devoted wholly or in part to the development, Printing and handling of amateur or professional photography	\$35.40	\$35.80	\$36.60
Pool Room or Bowling Alleys	- with snack bar	\$49.40	\$49.90	\$51.00
	- without snack bar	\$35.40	\$35.80	\$36.60

<u>TYPE OF CONSUMER</u>		<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>
		Effective April 1 st 2004	Effective January 1 st 2005	Effective January 1 st 2006
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	\$18.50	\$18.70	\$19.10
	- with toilet or bath or both per suite	\$21.20	\$21.40	\$21.90
	- single housekeeping rooms with or without kitchenette without toilet	\$13.60	\$13.80	\$14.10
	- single housekeeping rooms with or without kitchenette with toilet	\$16.10	\$16.30	\$16.70
Rooms, Rooming or Boarding Houses	- up to four rooms	\$35.40	\$35.80	\$36.60
	- each additional room over four	\$7.80	\$7.90	\$8.10
Restaurants, Cafes, Coffee Shops, Drive-ins, Private Clubs or Take-out Food Establishments (Unlicensed)		\$64.20	\$64.90	\$66.30
Day Care Centers, Nurseries or Veterinary Hospitals		\$43.10	\$43.60	\$44.60

<u>TYPE OF CONSUMER</u>	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u> Effective April 1 st 2004	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u> Effective January 1 st 2005	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u> Effective January 1 st 2006
Warehouses, Workshops, Small Industrial Buildings or Commercial Undertakings not otherwise classified Multiple-bay warehouse with 3 or more bays (vacant or not – per bay)	\$35.40	\$35.80	\$36.60

10. Water Meter Rentals

up to	19mm	\$ 4.00	Per Month
	25mm	\$ 6.00	Per Month
	38mm	\$ 10.00	Per Month
	50mm	\$ 12.00	Per Month
	75mm	\$ 37.00	Per Month
	100mm	\$ 55.50	Per Month
	150mm	\$ 93.50	Per Month
	200mm	\$ 115.50	Per Month
	250mm	\$ 137.50	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> (Cubic Metre)	<u>Cost In Excess of Lower Volume (Per Cubic Metre)</u>		
	<u>Effective</u> <u>April 1st</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>January 1st</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>January 1st</u> <u>2006</u>

0 to 2,800	\$0.40	\$0.42	\$0.45
Over 2,800	\$0.29	\$0.31	\$0.33

Note that the minimum amount charged to any metered customer shall be \$24.75 per month, plus meter rental in all cases except hotels which shall be \$41.00 per month plus meter rental and restaurants and beer parlours which shall be \$35.00 per month plus meter rental.

12. Meter Reading Charges

Each call after the first one of each month if access has not been provided \$16.50 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 on the same Schedule as municipal taxes. Instalment 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.

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.

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

14. Late Payment Penalty

The accounts for all user rates, water meter rental fees and metered rates are subject to a penalty of ten percent (10%) applied to the current charges if the account is not paid on, or before the due date.