

**SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT  
BYLAW NO. 485, 2006**

A Bylaw to regulate the extension of and connection to the water system of the Local Service area to be called the "Sandspit Community Water System Local Service Area" and to impose connection fees, for use of said water system

**WHEREAS**, the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District has established a Local Service Area in Sandspit for the purpose of providing a domestic water supply;

**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 Sandspit Community Water System Local Service Area and to regulate same;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Regional Board of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1. In this Bylaw:

(a) "Committee" means the Moresby Island Management Committee (MIMC) as established by Bylaw No. 388, 1999;

(b) "Engineer" means the consulting professional engineer retained by the Regional District from time to time to advise on engineering matters of the water system; or such other persons, professional or otherwise, as may from time to time be duly authorized by resolution of the Regional Board to act in this capacity;

(c) "Regional Board" means the Board of Directors of the SkeenaQueen Charlotte Regional District;

(d) "Utility Man" means person either hired or contracted by the Moresby Island Management Committee to operate the system, inspect and approve connections to the system.

**PART I USE OF SERVICE CONNECTIONS**

**1.1 ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS/DECOMMISSIONING OF WELLS**

No person shall connect or attempt to connect, or to allow to be connected, or allow to remain connected to the water system any property or premises otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw. Each property owner shall provide proof to the MIMC within a period of one year that, under the Ground Water Protection Regulation, confirmation that existing well(s) will continue to be used, but that the well(s) is not connected to the community domestic water system, and that the well(s) is:

- securely capped;
- protected at the wellhead; and
- identified by attaching and maintaining a well identification plate on the well in accordance with the minimum standards in the Ground Water Protection Regulation. Property owners must complete Schedule 2 of the Ground Water Protection Regulation and submit it to the Ministry of Environment.

## 1.2 CONNECTION APPLICATION

Each application for a service connection shall be made to the Moresby Island Management Committee by the owner or his authorized agent in the form prescribed by Schedule A attached and forming part of this Bylaw. Such applicant shall, on making application, pay to the Committee the applicable connection fee prescribed in Schedule B. If the connection is practicable, the Utility man 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 Committee shall so notify the applicant within sixty (60) days and the commission shall refund the charges or fees paid by the applicant.

## 1.3 INDIVIDUAL CONNECTIONS

Each property shall have its own service connection which shall be installed by the Committee. Each building shall have one only service connection except when a separate connection is required for fire protection purposes or when a building expansion, use or zoning change makes the addition of a further connection necessary. 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.

## 1.4 CONNECTION LOCATION

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 improvement or is in conflict with installed underground utilities, the Committee shall designate the location of each service connection to each parcel of land or premises.

## 1.5 SIZE OF SERVICE CONNECTION

The minimum inside diameter of a service connection shall be **three quarter (3/4) inches**. The size of the service connection for any premises shall be approved by the Committee. If the requested service connection then exceeds the available capacity of the waterworks, the Committee may limit the size of the connection.

## 1.6 DEPTH OF BURY

The minimum depth of bury of the service connection below finished ground elevation shall be below the front line unless specifically authorized to the contrary by the Committee

## 1.7 MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE CONNECTION

In the event a defect is suspected in the service connection or water service, the consumer shall immediately notify the Committee and the utility man will, as soon as practicable, 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 service connection the Committee shall repair the defect at no cost to the consumer.

If the defect is determined to be in the water service, the property owner shall effect the necessary repairs within ten (10) days. Should the consumer insist that the defect is in the service connection and not in his water service, he shall deposit with the Committee a sum of money equal to fifty percent (50%) of the cost of a new connection to cover the cost of excavation and backfilling for inspection purposes. In the event the defect is found in the service connection, the Committee shall carry out repairs and return the deposit to the consumer. If there is no fault or defect found in the service connection, the consumer shall forfeit that portion of the deposit in the amount equal to the actual cost of the work, any surplus being returned to the consumer.

## 1.8 EXISTING DUAL CONNECTIONS

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

## PART II WATER SERVICES SYSTEM

### 2.1 PLUMBING

Water services system on private property shall be installed in accordance with the Province of British Columbia Plumbing Code and shall be constructed by and at the expense of the owner, and shall be approved by the Utility man prior to connection being made to the water system at the property line. The Regional District shall install that portion of the water service between the curb stop and property line. Any fittings required to join the Regional District's pipe to the applicant's shall be the applicant's responsibility.

### 2.2 MAINTENANCE

The water service system shall be maintained by the property owner at his sole expense. In the event any defect is suspected in the service connection of system, the consumer shall immediately notify the Committee and the utility man will, as soon as practicable, operate the

curb stop and determine thereby if the defect exists in the water system or in the service connection. If the defect is determined to be located in the water system, the property owner shall effect repairs within ten (10) days.

In order to facilitate repairs to the water system, the Committee will, upon request and at its earliest convenience, during normal working hours, open or close the curb stop at no cost to the property owner. If the property owner requires a curb stop to be operated during hours when the Committee's waterworks personnel are not normally on duty, the owner shall be billed the actual costs involved in calling out crews and operating the valve.

In the event the property owner refuses or neglects to carry out repairs within the specified time, the Committee may, by their workmen or others, have the work done at the expense of the owner, and the Regional District shall recover the cost thereof with interest at a similar rate as that charged for taxes in arrears.

### 2.3 TURN ON AND OFF

When an owner wishes to turn on or turn off his water service at the curb stop, he shall advise the Committee and the utility man will carry out the work at the Committee's convenience. If the turn on or turn off is for purposes other than maintenance or the commissioning of a new service, the fee for such turn on or turn off shall be as provided in Schedule B of the Bylaw.

### 2.4 ABANDONMENT

When any water service is abandoned, the owner or his agent shall notify the Committee and utility man shall cut off the service connection at the junction with the main. The owner shall be liable for the abandonment charge specified in Schedule B of the Bylaw.

### 2.5 ALTERNATE WATER SUPPLY

In the event an owner has an alternate or auxiliary water supply source other than the Regional District service connection, he shall not connect or any way cause to be connected any portion of the alternate water supply distribution system with the distribution system supplied by the service connection.

### 2.6 FIRE PROTECTION CONNECTION

Water connections required solely to supply a fire protection system shall be installed upon application at the rates set out in Schedule B.

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.

### PART III CHARGES FOR SERVICE

#### 1. CONNECTION AND ABANDONMENT FEES

The owner or his agent shall, on making application for a service connection, a turn on or turn off or the abandonment of a service connection, pay to the Committee the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule B attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw.

#### 2. FEE ADDED TO TAXES

Connection, turn on, turn off or abandonment fees not paid on or before the thirty-first day of December in any year shall be deemed to be taxes in arrears in respect of the parcels of land served by the said service connection and such sum shall be recoverable under Section 245 of the Community Charter.

#### 3. FEE WAIVED

Where service connections of a size acceptable to the Engineer for the proposed use were provided and prepaid to any parcel of land existing at the date of this Bylaw, the connection payable by the owner applicant of such parcel pursuant to this Bylaw shall be waived. The

provisions of this clause shall not apply to any parcel of land created by subdivision where such connection fee was not prepaid, nor to the additional cost payable by any owner-applicant for additional service connections, nor for increasing the size of any service connection to conform to the Engineer's requirements.

#### PART IV PENALTIES

#### 4. PENALTIES

Every person *who* violates any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of this bylaw or who neglects or refrains from doing any thing required to be done by any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction hereof and shall be liable to the penalties imposed.

Every person *who* violates this bylaw shall, in addition to any other penalties herein provided, be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), together with costs.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

**RECONSIDERED, PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

B. Pages  
Chair

J. Beil  
Secretary

*I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District cited as the "Sandspit Community Water System Local Service Area" and to impose connection fees, for use of said water Local Service Bylaw ".as adopted by the Board of Directors of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District on the day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.*

Dated at Prince Rupert, B.C. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

Secretary-Treasurer

SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT

SANDSPIT WATERWORKS SYSTEM

SCHEDULE A

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE CONNECTION

Pursuant to Part III of the By-law the following application must be completed in order to be considered for connection to the waterworks system.

NAME OF REGISTERED OWNER:

ADDRESS:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

SIZE OF CONNECTION:

Use the back of this application to draw a sketch indicating where you would like the water line installed.

The applicant should also locate a stake where he wants the water line.

CONNECTION FEE:

ADD ANY ADDITIONAL FEES:  
(IF APPLICABLE)

TOTAL CONNECTION FEE TO BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION

I hereby acknowledge that I will abide by the terms and conditions of "Sandspit Community Water System Local Service Area Bylaw 485, 2006".

SIGNATURE  
RECEIVED BY DATE  
FEE RECEIVED  
CONNECTION DATE



SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT  
BYLAW NO.

SCHEDULE "B"

1. Water Service Connection Fees

Three-quarters (3/4) inch service connection (19mm)

One (1) inch service connection (25mm)

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

2. Water Turn On and Off Fees

Monday to Friday

inclusive on regular working days\$

at all other times\$