

# Report to Council



**Date:** April 16, 2018  
**File:** 0600-10  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Utility Planning Manager  
**Subject:** New Sewer Connection Charge Bylaw 11540

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives for information, the report from the Utility Planning Manager dated April 16, 2018, recommending that Council adopt a new Sewer Connection Charge Bylaw No. 11540;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 11540, being Sewer Connection Charges be forwarded for reading consideration;

AND THAT after adoption of Bylaw No. 11540 Sewer Connection Charge, Bylaw No. 8469 being Sewer Connection Charges, and all amendments, be repealed.

## **Purpose:**

To approve a new Bylaw No. 11540 that includes revisions to both the number of sewer connection areas and the connection fees.

## **Background:**

Sanitary Sewer Connection Areas allow the provision of sanitary sewer service to existing properties within City limits that previously had no service. These properties may currently have septic fields, septic systems, private wastewater facilities or no facilities at all.

The City collects a one-time fee with the purpose of constructing the infrastructure necessary to connect to the existing system. The fee is collected as a unit rate per Equivalent Development Unit (EDU) or Single Family Equivalent (SFE). The unit rates vary by Connection Area depending on capital cost estimates and the number of actual SFE's in each area. The fees for each area have remained the same since 2006. Revenue collected from each area are held by the City and expended where possible for new installations.

The City's role is to facilitate connection to the system, and does not subsidize installations. New development adjacent to each Connection Area may include infrastructure that is beneficial to the connection area. Details of collections and payment are embedded in the Bylaw. Once fees are collected, the City authorizes the final connection to the sewer system. Sanitary sewer utility rates are then collected on a monthly basis thereafter.

The service charges to connect within one of the sewer connection areas are shown on the table below. Maps defining each connection area can be found in the bylaw.

Area No.	Connection Area	Remaining SFE	Estimated Remaining Costs to be Paid or Recovered	Cost per SFE (If Pre-Paid)
16	Rio/Terrace	55	\$569,000	\$10,300
20	Rutland North	Set to the LAS No. 20 Commutation Price		\$2,100
21	Rutland - McKenzie Bench	Set to the LAS No. 21A Commutation Price		\$1,300
22	Central Rutland	567	\$8,269,000	\$14,600
23	Rutland - South West	Set to the LAS No. 23 Commutation Price		\$5,500
25	St Amand/Chamberlain	55	\$656,000	\$11,900
27	Hall Road	400	\$12,738,000	\$31,800
28	Okaview	459	\$7,442,000	\$16,200
31	Boppart	12	\$165,000	\$13,800
32	North End Industrial	1480	\$3,850,000	\$2,600
35	Sexsmith/Appaloosa	55	\$731,000	\$13,300
37-1	Clifton Road - Connector 1	28	\$177,520	\$6,340
37-2	Clifton Road - Connector 2	26	\$100,620	\$3,870
37-3	Clifton Road - Connector 3	10	\$121,800	\$12,180
38	Crawford	480	\$13,018,000	\$27,100

The City does not have the ability to force residents to connect to the City sewer system.

It should be noted that the regulator for onsite sanitary sewer systems is Interior Health.

**Internal Circulation:**

Development Engineering Manager  
Infrastructure Engineering Manager  
Financial Planning Manager  
Communications Manager

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Legal/Statutory Authority:  
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:  
Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:  
Personnel Implications:  
External Agency/Public Comments:  
Communications Comments:  
Alternate Recommendation:

Submitted by:

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**Approved for inclusion:**



A. Newcombe, P. Eng., Divisional Director, Infrastructure

Attachment 1 - New Bylaw 11540- Sanitary Sewer Connection Areas Presentation  
Attachment 2 - BL11540 - Sewer Connection Area Bylaw

cc: Divisional Director, Infrastructure  
Divisional Director, Civic Operations  
Divisional Director, Community Planning and Real Estate  
Divisional Director, Corporate & Protective Services  
Divisional Director, Financial Services