

# VILLAGE OF SAYWARD

## BYLAW NO. 351

### SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS AND TREATMENT OF NON-DOMESTIC WASTE

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WHEREAS it is deemed desirable and expedient that sanitary sewer connections be laid from the sanitary sewer system mains to parcels of land upon which building or structures are situated;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable and expedient that owners shall be compelled to connect their buildings and structures to such sanitary sewer connections, and shall pay the charges hereinafter set out for such sanitary sewer connections;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to have non-domestic waste treated before it is discharged into the sewer system;

THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Sayward, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Village of Sayward Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw No. 351”.
2. In this Bylaw, the following words shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:
  - a) “Buildings or structures” shall mean and include any buildings or structures used wholly or in part for human habitation, or in which human beings are employed in respect of any trade, business or calling;
  - b) “Contaminant” means any substance, whether gaseous, liquid or solid, whether dissolved or suspended, or any wastewater quality parameter that, when present above a certain concentration in wastewater:
    - i) injures or is capable of injuring the health or safety of a person;
    - ii) injures or is capable of injuring property or any life form;
    - iii) interferes or is capable of interfering with the proper operation of a sewer or sewer facility
    - iv) causes or is capable of causing material physical discomfort to a person;  
or
    - v) damages or is capable of damaging the environment
  - c) “Domestic Sewage” means the sanitary waste produced on a residential property
  - d) “Domestic Waste” means sanitary waste or the water-carried wastes from drinking, culinary purposes, washing, bathing, laundering or food processing which is produced on a residential property and is discharged directly or indirectly into a sewer connected to a sewage facility operated by the Village.

- e) “Non-domestic waste” means all waste except domestic waste, sanitary waste, stormwater and uncontaminated water.
- f)” “Sanitary waste” means waste than contains human feces, urine, blood or body fluids originating from sanitary conveniences or other sources.
- f) “Sewer facility” means works owned or otherwise under the control of the Village that gathers, treats, transports, stores, utilizes or discharges waste.
- g) “Sewer” means all pipes, conduits, drains, and other equipment and facilities owned or otherwise under the control of the Village for collecting, pumping, and transporting wastewater either to a sewer facility or other wise and includes all pipes, conduits, drains, and other equipment and facilities which connect with those of the Village.
- h) “Standard Methods” means the latest edition of “Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater” jointly prepared and published from time to time by the American Public Health Association, American Water Works Association and the Water Pollution Control Federation and that have been approved by the Province of British Columbia.
- i) “Stormwater” means water resulting from natural precipitation from the atmosphere and which is transported in, or intended to be transported in a storm sewer, or a watercourse.
- j) “Uncontaminated Water” means any water that does not contain contaminants.
- k) “Village” means the Village of Sayward.
- l) “Waste” means any substance whether gaseous, liquid, or solid, that is or is intended to be discharged or discarded, directly or indirectly to a sewer or sewer facility
- m) “Wastewater” means the composite of water and water-carried waste from residential, commercial, industrial or institutional premises or any other source.
- n) “Water” includes sea water, surface water, ground water and ice.

#### Sampling

- 3. The Village may require that a person who is discharging waste into a sewer to undertake at that person’s expense, sampling and analysis of the waste discharged.
- 4. All sampling and analysis required by the Village shall be carried out in accordance with methods and procedures specified in Standard Methods or in a manner specified by the Village.
- 5. Samples which have been collected, as a result of a requirement of the Village shall be analyzed by an independent agency or by a laboratory authorized by the Village.

Pre-Treatment

6. The Village may require any person discharging any non-domestic waste into a sewer to pre-treat such waste to bring it up to domestic waste standards acceptable to the Village, prior to discharging the waste into a sewer.

Connections

7. Sanitary sewer connections shall be installed from the sanitary sewer mains to real properties upon which buildings or structures are situated at the time the sanitary sewer mains to service the said real properties are being constructed or at some other time if directed by resolution of Council.
8. There is imposed upon the owners of real properties to which sanitary sewer connections are laid, the following charge for each connection (“the connection charge”):

For a 100 millimeter (4 inch) diameter pipe connection, the charge shall be on a cost-plus fee basis with a minimum charge of \$300.00.

9. The connection charge, or a deposit in the amount of 125% of the estimated cost of a connection, shall be paid at the time application is made for a sanitary sewer connection.
10. Every owner of real property which has a building or structure situated thereon shall connect each such building or structure to the sanitary sewer connection identified in Section 7 of this Bylaw, no later than 365 calendar days after the date upon which sanitary sewer service became available to the said real property. In the event of such owner failing to make the necessary connection by the prescribed date, the Village of Sayward may have the work done at the expense of such owner and such expense shall be a charge against the real property.
11. Every owner of real property which is served by a sanitary sewer main and who erects a building or structure on his property shall, unless a sanitary sewer connection has already been laid, make application to the office of the Village of Sayward, for a sanitary sewer connection prior to receiving a building permit and shall pay in advance the appropriate connection charge as set out in Sections 8 and 9 of this Bylaw. The property owner shall connect such building or structure to the sanitary sewer connection and in the event of such owner failing to make the necessary connection, the Village of Sayward may have the work done at the expense of such owner and the expense shall be a charge against the real property.
12. An owner of real property which is to be served by a sanitary sewer main and upon which no building or structure is situated, may make application to the office of the Village of Sayward for a sanitary sewer connection to be laid to the said property at the time of constructing the sewer main, and upon payment in advance of the appropriate connection charge, as set out in Sections 8 and 9 of this Bylaw, shall be entitled to receive such sanitary sewer connection.
13. Where more than one building or structure is erected on any lot or parcel of land, or where the building or structure is other than a single family dwelling, the Village shall prescribe the size and number of sanitary sewer connections required to adequately serve such building or structure.

14. All connections to the sanitary sewer shall be made in accordance with the regulations contained in the Province of British Columbia Plumbing Code.
15. Within thirty (30) days of completion of a sanitary sewer connection an existing septic tank on the premises, lot, or parcel shall be completely pumped out and filled with sand or gravel to the satisfaction of the Village. The septic tank pumpage shall be disposed of in an approved manner. In the event of such owner failing to have the existing septic tank decommissioned as outlined in this section, the Village of Sayward may have the work done at the expense of such owner and the expense shall be a charge against the real property.
16. No person or persons shall connect to the sanitary sewer, any storm drain for the purpose of disposing of stormwater, surface water from a roof, footings, yards, or street, nor shall any substance or matter other than domestic waste be admitted to the sanitary sewer system.
17. Any person or persons found guilty of an infraction of Section 16 of this Bylaw shall be given written notice to disconnect any or all illegal connections to the sanitary sewer within 30 days, otherwise the Village of Sayward will disconnect at the cost of the owner of the property, and such cost, when incurred, shall become a charge against the real property.
18. "Village of Sayward South Sector Sanitary Sewer System Connection Charges Bylaw No. 213, 1990" and "Village of Sayward Sanitary Sewer System Connection Charges Bylaw No. 219, 1991" are hereby repealed.
19. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any Court of competent jurisdiction, the decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

READ a first, second and third time by the Municipal Council this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2005.

ADOPTED by the Municipal Council of the Village of Sayward this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 351  
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Chief Administrative Officer  
Village of Sayward